



# Brompton on Swale Village Newsletter

Summer 2008

Welcome to the Summer 2008 edition of the Village Newsletter designed to keep you informed of activities and events in the Village. A downloadable version is also available from the web site ([www.brompton-on-swale.org.uk](http://www.brompton-on-swale.org.uk)). This is your Village Newsletter and although it is put together and printed by the Parish Council, this should not deter anyone from contributing to it. So, if you belong to a club or an organisation you want to tell the rest of the Village about, have something you would like to say that is of interest to all, please send your "copy" to the Parish Clerk (contact details given at the end). The Newsletter publication dates are the first week of March, June, September and December, so articles need to be received approximately 2 weeks before that time. Digital photographs are also welcome - so do get writing and snapping!

## Parish News

As summer approaches let us all hope that we enjoy more sunshine and warmth than last year and in particular spells of dry weather. I am sure that the Village Society, in particular, will be hoping that it stays fine for 15 June, the date they have chosen for the Annual Duck Race after the frustrations of last year.

Already a number of people have been taking the opportunity to enjoy the pleasures of the riverside. We do ask that those of you who take refreshments to the riverside take your rubbish away. A number of people who have visited the area have commented adversely on the litter and how it detracts from the area. Some one has to clear the litter away - usually volunteers - so please help by removing any used cans, wrappers and bottles etc. Visitors have also commented adversely on the incidence of dog dirt on pavements, pathways and even the old railway line. All dog owners have a responsibility to clear any mess their dog leaves and we would all be delighted to see a reduction of mess left on the pavements.

Following the revision of Arriva's services between Darlington, Richmond and Catterick Garrison, North Yorkshire County Council has been paying for replacement services for the old Service 34 that connected Catterick Village with Scorton, Middleton Tyas and Darlington. Part of the replacement service has been a two hourly service X34 between Richmond, Brompton, Catterick Village Scorton and Darlington. I am sure that this new service will be appreciated by many as it

restores many links and provides a new through service to Darlington. Unfortunately it has only been introduced as an experiment for a three-month period. There will be a meeting between local Parish Councils and North Yorkshire at the start of June to discuss future service provision and it is hoped that we will be able to secure some long-term improvements to the village's bus services.

Our local Community Police representative attended the Parish Council AGM early in May and again advised us all to be vigilant as a result of a number of thefts that had occurred in the village asking that we report any suspicious or unusual movements (on 0845 6060247). Again he reminded us that the Police will help anyone in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and they are planning to hold a special meeting about this and other security matters in the Community Sports Hall in the near future.

At the AGM, Yvonne Brookes stood down from the Parish Council following an increase in her equestrian commitments. Yvonne had been a Parish Councillor for some eight years and her contribution has been greatly appreciated in particular on the Richmondshire Local Sports Association and in preparation of the Iron Bridge project bid. We are pleased to welcome David Dempsey, a resident of Augustus Gardens who has been co-opted in her place.

We are also pleased to welcome our new vicar, Reverend Lesley Cheetham who took up her duties

at the end of April, and hope that she will enjoy a long and happy stay in the Parish.

The project at the Jetties has now been completed and we are hoping that North Yorkshire will restore the lay-by fence before too long to further improve the area. We have also done some tidying up the of edgings around the grass verges at the Church, which it is hoped will prevent any further damage to the grass. Much of the current work on the Iron Bridge project is preparation alongside Sustrans, North Yorkshire and other groups looking at ways of linking the Bridge to longer distance footpaths and cycle ways on both sides of the river so as to gain maximum benefits from opening up the bridge.

The Village Society will be arranging a number of events during the summer that I hope will prove popular. If you feel you would like to get involved in helping with some of these events I am sure the Village Society would greatly appreciate your assistance.

*Andrew Guest*

## Bridge The Gap!

There will be a meeting of the Steering Group before the end of the month to discuss the next steps in taking forward the bridge project and associated new brideway routes. An army work party from the Royal Dragoons has also been booked to come to us in late June to start clearing scrub from the southern approach to the bridge. *Frank Broughton*



## Jetties Project

As many of you will have seen an oak seat and a notice board have now been installed on the Parish-owned common land between the lay-by at the west end of the village and the riverbank. The native species of trees and shrubs we planted last winter are doing well and will soon help to transform what was a litter strewn area of wasteland into a very pleasant place to sit and enjoy the views across the river. There is a wheelchair friendly path giving easy disabled access to the seat. Our next task is to persuade the County Council to replace the tatty and badly damaged fence next to the lay-by that at present is something of an eyesore and detracts from the appearance of the whole area. *Frank Broughton*

## Yorkshire Countrywoman's Association



The Yorkshire Countrywoman's Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year and our branch in Brompton on Swale is in its 24<sup>th</sup> year.

The Association is thriving and achieves the

aim of friendship through interesting talks, demonstrations and outings.

As part of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations a thanksgiving service was held in York Minister, and a wonderful lunch in the Voltigeur Suite at York racecourse. In June there will be a day out on the Wensleydale Railway.

We continue to meet at 7.30 pm in St Paul's Church Hall on the second Tuesday of each month except January and August when we have outside visits. Our annual subscription is £6 and £1 for each meeting attended. In the months ahead we have a talk by Peter Barron, editor of the Northern Echo, a presentation (talk and slides) on Romania, and another on Royal Palaces. In August we visit the Black Sheep Brewery in Masham. New members are always welcome - for more information call Pat Baker on 01748 818101.

## Riverbank

The yearly battle against the spread of Japanese Knotweed along the riverside common has started. I sprayed the new growth using glyphosate (Roundup) last week under licence from the Environment Agency. Spraying has controlled the spread of this highly invasive plant but not eliminated it. It's very unlikely we will get rid of the Knotweed entirely because of other infestations both upstream and downstream of the Parish Council's land.

A national research programme has been under way for several years aiming to develop safe biological controls, ie by introducing a bug or plant disease that is specific to Knotweed and will attack this without harming other plant species. This work obviously has to be very careful and thorough as there are numerous past examples of introductions designed to control a pest plant or animal that have caused more environmental damage than the original problem. Nevertheless



a safe biological method seems to be the only realistic prospect of achieving long-term control of Japanese Knotweed.

*Frank Broughton*

## Cricket Club

The new season got under way very early this year with a home match against Dales on April 19. To our credit we were the only club in the B Division to stage a match that day but unfortunately it ended in defeat by 41 runs. Despite a win against Cliffe the following week the team has struggled losing the following four matches - that against Spennymoor by the agonisingly close margin of 1 run - and is currently sitting just above the relegation places. Batting performances have been patchy and on three occasions the team has been bowled out for less than 100.

We were pleased to welcome back Kevin Atkinson after his year in New Zealand and he has already contributed a couple of 50's with supporting innings from Mark Frankland. We also welcomed Michael Ingram as a new member and he took 5 wickets in the defeat of Cliffe.

We are very grateful to Ropers Leisure, Barry Staveley (plumbers) Yorkshire Game Lowes Recovery and Michael Adams of Honey Pot Gardens who have all kindly sponsored games.

Remember if you are interested in joining us as a playing member contact Helen Frankland Secretary (811050) or Andy Guest (812162). We will be pleased to welcome you. *Andrew Guest*

## Joint Amateur Boxing Scheme

**(JABS)**

Marne  
the venue  
Amateur



Barracks is  
for the Joint  
Boxing

Scheme; this is a new Boxing club that has been provided for the youth of Richmondshire. Last year a street survey was carried out by PCSO Judith Allan and PC Carol Schofield to ask the youth what kind of projects they would like in their area. The survey was targeted at 11- 17 year olds of mixed gender. They had an overwhelming response with the majority asking for a boxing club.

Eight months down the road and the scheme is up and running as a joint venture in partnership with North Yorkshire Police Safer Neighbourhood

Team, Richmondshire Community Safety Partnership (RCSP), Members of the Army, and Modern Housing Solutions, along with this a number of small local businesses have donated funds for equipment.

The project is providing a non-threatening, safe and constructive environment, working towards reducing levels of crime, anti-social behaviour, whilst supporting the physical and mental well being of the youth within our community. The scheme will promote healthy lifestyles, team building, thus enhancing dedication, self-respect and self- confidence.

The club has 5 coaches, Alan Robinson, Brian Robinson, Andy Robinson, Nikki Robinson, Bill Doughty, and Debbie who carries out the warm up sessions with boxersize. There are now 30 members in the club, both male and female between the ages of 11 to 18 years old. Training Sessions are 2 hours every Tuesday and Thursday which include boxersize, circuits, shadow boxing, bag work, spar sessions and much more .....

Any enquiries for JABS please contact:  
Judith Allan on 07505738064.

## Knix Shetland Pony Stud

The Shetland Pony Grand National has been allocated Olympia qualifiers in the North including North Yorkshire County Show on June 15 at South Otteringham, Stanhope Show and Cumberland County. We want to raise more cash than last year for Great Ormond Street Hospital so come along and support your local team from Brompton on Swale who will be representing North Yorkshire.

*The picture below is of Lauren Taylor of Scorton on Mighty Mark with Champion Jockey A P McCoy.*





## Community Sports Hall News

**National Blood Donor Sessions:** will be held in the Community Sports Hall on Sunday 1 and 29 June. Our thanks go to the person from the Village who recommended our facility as an alternative location for this worthwhile occasion. Do something amazing today - Give Blood.

**Support Groups:** We would like more people who are willing to give their support at fund-raising events or on an ad hoc basis to guarantee the current level of service continues. If you'd like to join our support group and feel you can spare some time then please tel: **07974 550 704 (Community Sports Hall Mobile No.)**.

**200 Club:** The Annual Prize draw took place at the March meeting of the Village Society. The winners were:

<u>Grand Prize Draw</u>	Mar 08	<u>Monthly Draw</u>	Apr 08
G. Nichol	£100	Mrs Whitesmith	£40
S. Neasham	£ 40	Mrs Webber	£20
J. Dempsey	£ 20	P. Morrice	£15
Mr Ludlow	£ 10	Mrs Beaumont	£10

For just £12 a year (£1/month) you can have a ticket in the monthly draw to win one of four cash prizes of £40, £20, £15 and £10. There are still tickets available for the 200 Club, if you'd like a ticket please telephone: **818545**

**Duck Race:** This has been scheduled for **Sunday June 15** (Fathers Day) at 11a.m. and will take place on the rivers bend behind St Paul's Drive. Hopefully this year we will send 700 ducks down the river and the lucky winner will get **£100**. Look out for details around the Village of where to buy the winning tickets. They are on sale from the Village Shop, The Crown, B-o-S Caravan Park, Busy Bees Pre-School, Cricket Club and all Committee Members (Tracey Clark, Mark Frankland, Veronica and Mel Spowart, Ira Coates and Roy Mathers).

**Car Boot Sale:** This fundraising event managed to raise £93.25. Thanks to all who braved the elements to buy and sell their goods.

**Web Site:** [www.bromptonsportshall.btik.com](http://www.bromptonsportshall.btik.com). Please keep checking the web site for information on which groups use the hall, 200 club winners and forthcoming events. If you would like any information about the Hall, to make a booking or perhaps start up your own class, then please telephone: **07974 550 704**.

*Tracey Clark Chairperson*

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