

Brompton-on-Swale Village Newsletter Autumn 2018

Parish News

I was very pleased to receive a number of responses to the request in the last Newsletter for suggestions of topics that could be covered and included in future editions. One item that was raised was the need for more information on the functioning of the Parish Council and I am pleased to include an article outlining the role the Parish Council performs.



Good news! The money received as a result of the collection of blue tokens at Tesco at Catterick Garrison has provided us with sufficient funds to purchase and install a second defibrillator. The intention is to install it on Richmond Road and we are currently in discussions to locate it on the outside of The Crown where it will be readily accessible to many persons - although we hope it won't be needed often.

A number of people have commented on the slightly off-centre position of the Parish Notice Board in the middle of the village. Currently it is on the bank next to the telephone kiosk and we intend to move it. Jo at the Post Office has kindly agreed to it being re-sited to the area in front of the shop where I am sure it will be more prominent and accessible. The notice board at Augustus Gardens will remain in its present position although we hope to cut back some of the vegetation that obscures it.

Some of you may have received letters from Surveyors asking your views following the completion of the A1 Motorway. The letter is a follow up to a preliminary letter issued prior to the start of the extensive road works. However, whether you enlisted for support from the Surveyors or not there is still the opportunity to make comments to Highways England and our MP about the apparently increased noise levels following the completion of the works. I know the MP has responded to the points raised with him and is pursuing them with Highways England so the more people who raise their complaints with him the stronger the case he can make for Highways England to take some remedial action.

Brompton on Swale Ladies Choir will again be performing at The Royal Albert Hall in London in November at a concert organised in support of Cancer Research UK. They performed two years ago and have been invited back which is a real honour for them. It must be a wonderful experience to sing in such a place and the pinnacle of any singer's life, whether amateur or professional and our best wishes go to them for another great performance. It is astonishing as well that our small village can be represented on a national stage.

Whilst on the subject of Societies and Clubs please remember that we are always interested in hearing news about activities of the clubs in the village. Communication is always difficult and this Newsletter is a further way of putting your message across. I have been contacted by a resident who has a strong interest in Model Railways and meets with a friend in The Crown on a regular basis. They would be interested to hear from anyone else with a similar interest so if you are interested in meeting with them go to The Crown at 5 p.m. on a Tuesday evening and ask for Alan or Dave.

Indiscriminately and inconsiderately parked cars are still the source of complaints and are causing problems in the village. As with almost all villages in the country many of our roads were not designed to accommodate the number of cars that are owned these days. We do not want to go to the extremes of putting down yellow lines or markings that prohibit parking because that could have the unintended consequence of causing inconveniences to those who are not the cause of the problem. However, with the benefits of the opportunity to park almost anywhere comes the responsibility to park in such a way as not to obstruct other traffic, pedestrians on footpaths, access to and from neighbours' driveways and reducing visibility at road junctions. Making full use of our own driveways and parking areas would ease the problems in some cases but please bear the needs of others in mind to minimise the problems that arise. Thank you.

Andrew Guest Chairman of the Parish Council

Riverbank News

One noticeable feature of our riverside this summer has been a big reduction in the amount of Himalayan Balsam (pictured) along the riverbank common land. Whether this is due to our continuing efforts at pulling up the plant, the very dry late spring/early summer or a combination of the two I'm not sure but it's good to see the big infestations of recent years are no longer evident, at least on the parish land. Time will tell whether this is a one-off or part of a longer trend.



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, many of our migrant bird species have been seen in much smaller numbers this year. This was particularly evident in our colonies of sand martins but swallows and swifts also seem to have been scarcer this year. However, our resident river birds seem to be doing rather better with frequent recent sightings of dipper and kingfisher. Let's hope the migrants fare better next year, the view of sand martins swooping and jinking above the river as they feed is one of the highlights of a summer walk along the riverbank.

Frank Broughton

Brompton-on-Swale Ladies Choir

We are soon starting our rehearsals for Christmas after our summer break. It is a busy period for the choir with 2 local concerts in September, Xmas rehearsals and of course rehearsals for the Royal Albert Hall to which we have been invited yet again to participate in the Festival of Brass and Voices in aid of Cancer Research UK in November.

The local concerts are:

Wednesday 12 September - "At Home" concert in St Pauls Church, BOS

Wednesday 26 September - Concert at St Joseph and St Francis Xavier Church in Newbiggin Richmond.

Light refreshments will be served at both concerts which start at 7.30pm and tickets will be available on the door.

The choir rehearses a wide range of music every Wednesday evening in St Pauls Church, BOS at 7.45pm to 9.30pm and anyone with an interest in singing in a friendly local environment would be very welcome. No audition necessary, just come along. Further information can be obtained by ringing 01748 822191.

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

After weeks and weeks of glorious sunshine the day of the Summer outing dawns – wet and windy. Undaunted by this, members met at the Wensleydale Creamery for coffee. Firstly, there was a demonstration on cheesemaking followed by a tour of the factory and then lunch. Secondly a short trip to the Dales Museum and then home.

There is a lot more to come during the year. The meeting on 11 September is due to be held at The Green Frog Garden Centre, Ellerton, where ideas can be picked up for next years' spring planting. The next big event on 18th October is the annual coffee morning in the Town Hall, Richmond. Again, this year will be the ever-popular Victorian Theme. There will be home baking on sale, which is usually the first to sell out, many gifts and handicraft stalls and the tombola and a raffle.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk by email bosparishclerk@talktalk.net or 07849 048581, who will pass your details to the YCA.

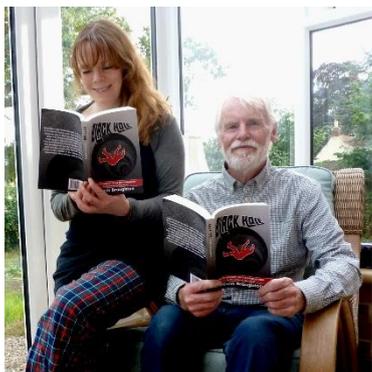
Yvonne Hall

Quoits

Another seasons consistently solid performance has seen *The Crown* Quoits Team sitting fourth in the Lower Dales Quoits League A Division with 2 matches remaining with 7 wins and 7 losses and the likelihood that we will finish with 8 and 8 once all matches are complete. Memorable matches include a sound defeat of Snape at home, particularly enjoyable after our loss away to them on what can only be described as shocking pitches, slightly making up for our whitewash loss away at Thrintoft who are top with what appears an unassailable lead. The team also did very well in the Allan Bowen Handicap Shield where we reached the Semi Final only to go down to a strong Willow Tree B side where we were unable to capitalise on 'home' advantage. The weather this summer has contributed to enjoyable Wednesday evenings matches and our congratulations must go to Dan Miller for another excellent year of 'ringers' and to Graham Glass for his overall top performance throughout the season. Our thanks also to him for maintaining our pitches in excellent condition and to Joe and Morag and their team at *The Crown* for all the support that they continue to give to the team without which we would be unable to contribute to maintaining this ancient game.

Phill Ingledew, Team Captain

A THRILLER WITH AN EXTRA TWIST



Frank Broughton, a long-time contributor to Parish News whose daughter Susie suffers from Systemic LUPUS, has just published “Black Hole” his second detective thriller. Set in South America during the 1980’s it’s a sequel to his first book “Red Week.” All proceeds from sales of both books will be donated to the medical charity LUPUS UK. Frank says “I’ve been involved in raising funds for LUPUS research since Susie was diagnosed as a LUPUS sufferer more than ten years back and this offers people a new and hopefully enjoyable way to donate to a tremendously worthwhile cause.”

Susie Broughton, who is a talented graphic artist, has designed the cover of “Black Hole” which draws on Frank’s experience of living in South America. The story includes not just the usual ingredients of crime and sudden death but political intrigue, police corruption and an unlikely romance.

“Most detective heroes seem to be unbelievably tough and incorruptible. My lead character Inspector Cruz is flawed but hopefully human enough to gain the reader’s sympathy.”

Black Hole is available from the Amazon Kindle website either as a paperback (price £7.47) or as an e-book (£3.68) or paperback copies can be purchased direct from Frank at 5, Grange Road (tel. 01748-811507).

The Parish Council and What It Does

The Parish Council consists of eight members who are either elected or co-opted. It falls into the third tier of Local Government behind County Councils and Unitary Authorities and secondly District Councils. Brompton on Swale Parish Council represents residents’ views to Richmondshire District Council and to North Yorkshire County Council who are responsible for providing services such as planning, street lighting, waste collection and environmental (RDC) and education, highways and transport (North Yorkshire) amongst others. Brompton on Swale Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery and the Riverside along with other Common Land within the village and recently took responsibility for the upkeep of grass verges and many of the grassed open areas within the village. The Sports Field is leased from RDC and maintained by the Parish Council although it is managed by the Village Society. Parish Councils are statutory consultees on planning applications (It is a legal obligation to ask for our opinion on any planning application relevant to the Parish).

Brompton on Swale Parish Council meets approximately every six or seven weeks and notification of the dates of the meetings is included on the Parish web site and the notice boards next to the telephone kiosk on Richmond Road and at the entrance to Augustus Gardens. The meetings are held in the Community Sports Hall and invariably our County Councillor and District Councillor are in attendance. We have built up a good rapport with them which has assisted us in presenting our views on proposals by their Councils and in gaining support for our own projects. Minutes of past meetings and the Agenda for the forthcoming meeting are also displayed and members of the public are welcome to attend and raise points.

The Parish Council has a relatively small budget – around £15000 per year – which is raised by a precept on the Council Tax and can and does apply for grants to assist with special projects such as the installation of the defibrillator at the Sports Hall. We employ a Clerk but I stress that Parish Councillors do not receive any remuneration and take on the role purely voluntarily.

I hope this brief outline makes clearer the responsibilities and functions of the Parish Council and that some of you will be motivated to come along to some of the meetings to get a better understanding of what we do and how we function and even put yourself forward for co-option to the Council if you want to play a fuller role in the running of the village.

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Parish Council Meetings for 2018

Meetings take place at the Community Sports Hall, Honeypot Road, Brompton-on-Swale at 1900hrs.

Thursday 18 October

Thursday 6 December (Meetings for 2019 will be agreed on 6 December)

**Brompton-on-Swale Sheltered
Housing – St Edmonds Close
Community Centre**

ON SEPTEMBER 28TH WE ARE HOLDING A
MCMILLIAN COFFEE MORNING AT THE
CENTRE, ST EDMONDS CLOSE 10.30 AM
TO 12.00 PM- ALL WELCOME TO COME
AND JOIN US

Community Sports Hall News

Duck Race Winners - July 2018

1 st Prize £100.00	Duck number 314 Brown
2 nd Prize £50.00	Duck number 227 Lemon
3 rd Prize £25.00	Duck Number 478 Lowry



THE PARISH OF EASBY, SKEEBY, BROMPTON ON SWALE AND BOLTON ON SWALE

God and Popcorn - Thursday 13th September – first session 5pm – 6.30pm– The Old School House, 69 Richmond Road, Brompton on Swale, DL10 7HF – 01748 81061. A weekly Group for young people aged 11-18 to have fun, make friends, share popcorn and talk about questions of life and faith. £1.50 per week.

St Paul's 180th Birthday Fete Sunday 23rd September 1- 4pm. Bottle and chocolate raffle, chocolate fountain, a selection of family games to buy, delicious cakes, a BBQ, with the opportunity to participate in the building of a time capsule which will be opened when St Paul's celebrates its 200th birthday.

Vintage Church – St Agatha's – Skeebby - 1st October and 4th November. We invite you to join us for a leisurely afternoon with the best of traditional worship, hymns, songs and music from days gone by.

Café Church Harvest Festival – Sunday 7th October 10.30am St Paul's. A new and innovative way to enjoy a harvest festival! Lots of opportunities to catch up with friends, celebrate the harvest season, bring and share food to enjoy together as we thank God for the harvest.

Bonfire Pie and Pea supper Easby - 5th November 6.30 start. Please contact the parish office, 01748 810613, before the end of October if you are coming to help ensure we have enough food for everyone. No fireworks please, only sparklers, bring your chairs and blankets to enjoy a lovely evening.

Remembrance Sunday 11th November. Celebrate 100 years since the end of WW1 - 10am St Paul's church, Brompton on Swale, making our way down to the cenotaph for the 11am act of Remembrance.

Every week

Hub Café - Come along and enjoy delicious home-made cake, tea and coffee and a time to chat and catch up with friends every Wednesday 9.30 – 12 St Paul's church. You can also come along to learn computer skills, social media, email etc., for free!

Open Pantry.... Each of our churches has a stock of food, toiletries and cleaning products for those who are in financial need. Should you wish to contribute to the Open Pantry, please leave any donations in St Paul's church.

St Paul's church - Is open every day between 9 and dusk, please do feel free to use this space for a time of quiet reflection or a time to meet with your friends, tea and coffee are always available.