

Brompton-on-Swale Village Newsletter - Winter 2019



Parish News

Firstly, may I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

This year's festive period has already begun with our very own light switch on. In its second year we hope it will bring that Xmas feeling to the Village. Our thanks must go to Aaron and the Village Society who have been working on this for the past few months raising sponsorship, sorting equipment and very importantly making sure everything is in place to allow the event to take place.

As always, the Village Society is looking for volunteers so if you are interested in helping out please do get in touch.

The last few months have been busy for the Council. We have supported the Festival of Remembrance which was held at Catterick Leisure Centre on Saturday 9th December. This was a fantastic event which was well attended and featured music, poetry and a remembrance service. Our very own Brompton on Swale Ladies Choir performing who were brilliant! I'd also like to thank Cllr Woodley for attending the Brompton on Swale Remembrance service on the Sunday and laying our wreath at the memorial.

We have also been continuing the work on refurbishing the telephone box. We are still hoping to transform the structure into a cycling hub which will contain tools and contact details for local support and advice. Currently funding has been secured from the NYCC Stronger Communities team from their Inspire Grant and we have got past the first stage of the bidding process with British Cycling.

We also have a couple of sensitive requests to make.

It has been brought to our attention that essential maintenance work must be done at the Cemetery in Bridge Road, specifically to allow our contractor to keep the Cemetery safe and well maintained. In order to achieve this, we need to do some sensitive landscaping to allow access to grass cutting machinery. The aim is to reduce the impact of maintenance in terms of time and disruption in the Cemetery but more importantly ensure it is safe to do so. Clearly this is a very emotional and sensitive issue for families with loved ones in the cemetery and rather than just going ahead with the work we would like to talk to each individual family, wherever possible, about the impact any work we need to undertake has on them. We are therefore asking if you could contact us to discuss the issue. Please contact the Parish Clerk in the usual manner, by phone 07849 048581 or email bosparishclerk@talktalk.net.

The second sensitive request is regarding parking within the village. A number of residents have mentioned that getting around the village is becoming harder due to the number of cars parked on pavements. Particularly if both side of the road have been blocked. We do have a number of dropped kerbs and access points for those pushing prams and wheelchairs but these can mean a much longer journey, and in some cases if vehicles are in certain places access isn't available. This means we are pushing vulnerable people onto our roads which is very dangerous. Therefore, please can we ask that you consider the pavement users as well as road users when parking.

Finally, because of the general election our next Parish Council Meeting has been postponed until January 9th 2020 in the Brompton-on-Swale Community Sports Hall. Start time is 7.00pm. We do have a vacancy on the council so if you would like to become involved please get in touch and we can discuss what being a Parish Councillor

David Sharp Chairman of the Parish Council

Review of the Year 2019

The re-named Brompton-on-Swale Golf Society began its society events on 12th and 13th May 2019 at the Castle Cave and Country Club near Hull. The two-day Spring Salver event was well supported and all players enjoyed the course and the hotels facilities and have chosen to return for this year's Autumn Salver event.

Day 1 winner 36 points Colin Heaney
 Day 2 winner 35 points Mark Frankland

Spring Salver winner with a combined score of 67 was **Andy Percival**

Brompton-on-Swale Golf Society Players – Spring Salver 2019

The society's second event – Challenge Shield was played at Belton Woods Golf & Country Club, Grantham on 28th and 29th May 2019.

Day 1 winner 40 points Steve Mead
 Day 2 winner 35 points David Smith



Challenge Shield winner with a combined score of 70 points was **Steve Mead**

The Third and final two-day event – Autumn Salver saw the society return to Castle Cave Golf & Country Club on 19th and 20th October.

Day 1 winner 47 points Andy Percival
 Day 2 winner 40 points Mark Sodaman

Autumn Salver winner with a combined score of 82 points was **Andy Percival**.

The Society's final event for this year is the 3 Club Challenge which is played over 18 holes. This took place on Saturday 23 November at Richmond Golf Club.

The Society Captain, Paul Birch wishes to thank the Brompton-on-Swale Parish Council for their support of the provision of the three main trophies which will be played for on an annual basis.

Should any new golfers wish to come along to next year's events please contact Paul Birch on 07748 777334 or Colin Heaney on 07711 008692 for further information.

Riverbank News

In the last newsletter I mentioned that my recorded bird sightings on the river had been lower than usual during the late summer-early autumn period. That trend has continued with a particularly dramatic drop in sightings of what is normally our most common bird, the mallard and significant declines in other species such as goosander, grey heron, black-headed gull and dipper. Ironically the only major species which has come close to matching last year's numbers is the little egret which didn't appear on the parish stretch of river until 2014 but is now our most commonly sighted water bird. The big question is obviously what has caused the apparent drop in bird numbers? Is it just affecting this part of the Swale or is it part of a bigger problem? The fact that a range of species is involved is worrying but before jumping to conclusions we will have to see whether next year will follow the present downward trend or show a welcome improvement.

Frank Broughton

Brompton on Swale Ladies Choir

Our choir is currently busy rehearsing for a number of Christmas concerts in December. Your support would be very welcome at any of the events below:

Wednesday 4 December - Hipswell Church

Wednesday 11 December - Methodist Chapel, Scorton

Wednesday 18 December - Carol Service, St.Pauls Church, Brompton on Swale

All of the above start at 7.30 pm.

After the Christmas break we will be commencing Spring rehearsals on Wednesday 22 January at 7.30pm in St.Pauls Church. New members are always welcome.

Indoor Bowling Club

Indoor Bowlers are now well into their Winter routine of Tuesday and Thursday afternoon sessions and would welcome any new players on either or both of these days. There will be an interruption to bowling after 17th December until 7th January, 2020.

League matches are now at about the halfway point of the season with both teams enjoying friendly competition and excellent post-match suppers and social interaction with their opponents.

The initial batch of Wednesday evening taster sessions resulted in a small core of regular attenders but only one new player. Further dates, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January, 2020 have been booked to extend the opportunity for more new players to get involved and make use of the Community Hall facilities.



Village Society – Community Sports Hall News

The Village Society would like to say Thank You to everyone who came to see the switching on of the Brompton-on-Swale Christmas lights.

We would like to say thank you to all of the sponsors who helped to make this event possible. So, thank you to Halls Autos, Boston Electrical, Richmond Print, Holidays at Home, Acomb Construction, Hudspeth Flooring, W.Metcalf and Sons, Premier Traffic Management, BOS Tyres, Lockkeys Fish and Chips, Brompton-on-Swale Post Office and The Crown. If we have missed anyone - our apologies and thank you for your support. Thank you also to the 'Elf' in the village who volunteered to help on the night and to Father Christmas. For coming along at this busy time of year.

One big thank you must be given to Aaron Auton who worked tirelessly with Bernie Todd to ensure the event went smoothly.

If you have anything you would like to see organised, or better still organise something yourself at the field or in the hall then please get in touch villagesociety@hotmail.co.uk

Village Society meetings are usually held on the first Sunday of each month, 7.30 pm at the Community Sports Hall, Brompton-on-Swale, Honeypot Road, DL10 7HT. If you would like to come along to support the committee even if you only have the odd hour to spare you would be most welcome.



200 Club Winners

October 2019 - 1st 105, 2nd 144, 3rd 107 November 2019 – 1st 111, 2nd 50, 3rd 115
December 2019 – 1st 83, 2nd 114, 3rd 47

What's happening in the Parish of Easby, Skeeby, Brompton-on-Swale and Bolton-on-Swale

Wednesday 18th December - Come along to St Paul's Church @7.30 and sing Carols along with Brompton on Swale Ladies Choir; festive refreshments of mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

Christmas Eve Crib Service @ 4.00 pm in St Paul's Church, dress up as a character or animal from the Nativity

Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion - St Paul's Church @ 11.00 pm

The next General Knowledge Quiz to be held in St. Paul's Church will be on Friday, 17th January, 2020

THE COMPUTER HUB CAFÉ

Every Wednesday 9.30am – 12.00pm in the church of St Paul, Brompton on Swale.

We can all enjoy delicious home baked cakes and fabulous hot drinks. This is a great Community space in the church of St Paul, Brompton on Swale



Chairman	Mr D Sharp	8 Bronte Close, Brompton-on-Swale
Vice-Chairman	Mr A Guest	7 Grange Road, Brompton-on-Swale
Councillors	Mr D Dempsey	1 Shakespear Close, Brompton-on-Swale
	Mrs H Frankland	44 Bridge Road, Brompton-on-Swale
	Mrs C Birch	19 Brompton Court, Brompton-on-Swale
	Mr B Woodley	2 Johnson Close, Brompton-on-Swale
County Councillor	Mr C Les	Forest Lodge, Motel Leeming, Bedale
District Councillors	Mr Ian Threlfall	The Old Barn, Uckerby, Scorton
	Mr L Rowe	West End, Richmond Road, Bromrton-on-Swale
	Mr P Spencer	23 Bridge Road, Brompton-on-Swale
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Next Parish Council Meeting: Thursday, 9th January 2020 at the Community Sports Hall, Honey-pot Road, Brompton-on-Swale



**Merry Christmas
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Year**