

Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration



Of the original committee Sue Leech, Carol Rycraft, Eunice Spence and Jane Tate are still serving, with Kay Goss, Mark Lea-James and Richard Hoy having helped along the way. In September 2019 we were pleased to welcome Jenny White to the committee.

Sue is the Chair and most of you will know her from her days of pestering you for tombola prizes, buying raffle tickets or generally asking you to help with something.

Carol is the secretary who records minutes of our meetings and also works very hard to produce our newsletters every month.

Eunice and Jane are wonderfully supportive committee members and when it comes to events, Carol, Eunice and Jane make sure everything looks wonderful and goes smoothly. We also have to thank other halves, Mark Spence, Roger Lester and Clive Leech who help set up and put away. Roger is also our very efficient Treasurer



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HISTORY OF THE BROUGHTON SOCIAL GROUP

The Broughton Social Group was set up in May 2014 following an appeal by members of the Gardening Club for a "younger" group to take over running social activities for the village.

During our first committee meeting we decided that our main aim was to provide a wide range of activities that could be enjoyed by all ages within the village. We wanted to make sure that everyone knew what was going on so a monthly newsletter was proposed. In addition, we thought a village directory would be useful, listing all the clubs and facilities available to Broughton residents (particularly for new residents). Local businesses were approached and funding was covered by their kind donations.

We have raised additional funds by having Christmas raffles where we have been around the whole village selling raffle tickets and these have been very well supported. Unfortunately, not this year due to COVID-19 restrictions.



Half of the money collected is spent on a hamper and other prizes and the rest put by to help with future events.

We have a main prize of a hamper and several smaller prizes, all beautifully wrapped by Eunice.



In August that first year we held a picnic at Broughton Castle courtesy of Martin Fiennes who very kindly allowed us to get the boats out and paddle around the moat.



We also had various social evenings at St Mary's House, including a Cheese and Wine Party, Quiz night, Macmillan Coffee morning and Christmas Crafts morning. Since then, we had, until the pandemic, tried to arrange something every month. This has ranged from walks to Wroxton and Swalcliffe, treasure hunts, talks by an astronomy group, Ronnie Johnson and Dave Hands and various social events in St Mary's House.



Our Race Evenings have proved popular and during these we have raised a total of nearly £450, between Dogs for Good, RNLI and Katherine House Hospice. Children's events have included, a baking afternoon, craft afternoon and Christmas crafts.



On 12th June 2016 the social group, in conjunction with the Parish Council, put on a "Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration". This was a national day of celebration and nearly the whole village turned up, young and old.

Lots of villagers helped by making cakes, donating tombola prizes and buying raffle tickets. There was a Bouncy Castle and face painting for the children. A great time was had by all and Martin Fiennes came along to help out.

There are two lovely photos of all the people who attended, framed in St Mary's House. Thanks to Nathan Allan for taking lots of photos so we have a lovely record of the day.

Other well attended events have been a Village Tea Party in August 2017, Picnic at the Castle, July 2018 and Summer BBQ, July 2019.