

BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



Village Lights, Senior Citizen's Centre

.... communicating with residents

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Welcome to Bramham Parish Council's Annual Newsletter. It is one of the ways in which the Council communicates with residents and it also provides a valuable source of information about what goes on in Bramham.

During preparation of the Newsletter, Bramham clubs and community groups were contacted and asked to provide an update on their activities. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who replied with a contribution.

With an eye on sustainability, the Newsletter has for the first time been published online only.

However, if you or anyone you know would like a printed copy, please contact the Clerk at: clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.
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BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Hello all,

Welcome to the Annual Report which includes information and updates on what has been happening in our community over the last twelve months.

It's been a very difficult year for all of us, however it does look like we are now turning the corner and can once again look forward to some brighter times when we can get together not only with our loved ones, but also as a community.

There have been a number of changes on your Parish Council throughout the year. I only joined the council during the early part of last year and was subsequently elected as chair at the AGM, and have enjoyed a different start to what I might have expected with the Zoom meetings, which have now become part of all aspects of life.

I would like to thank all the current serving Councillors who have given up time during the year, volunteering to pick up tasks and working for the community as a volunteer.

I would also like to thank those Councillors who have left during the year, and the many volunteers who have contributed and the support from the community at the monthly meetings.

Finally I would like to thank all the other volunteer groups within the community for the outstanding contribution they make for the village as a whole, and for the money they have raised for all the great causes.

These are some of the highlights of 2020

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTRE : The plans for the redevelopment of the building have been submitted and are now approved. This will allow us to create a multipurpose building for use by the wider community in the heart of the village. The building will include a full kitchen, toilet and a small meeting space. We hope that many groups will be able to make use of the space at the heart of the village, both inside and outside the building.

We submitted a Community Fund bid to partially fund a new bridge across the beck, which was successful, thank you to the Community Fund. This will improve the accessibility to the Wildlife Area and allow a wider range of residents to access this space, connecting the two areas together.

WILDLIFE AREA : We are currently discussing with Bramham Park their kind offer to gift the land to your Parish Council. A Tree Survey and Condition Report has now been submitted to Bramham Park. Further discussions are taking place with Leeds City Council regarding this work. We submitted a Community Fund bid to pay for some of the tree works, which was successful, so again thank you to the Community Fund. Once this is all resolved we will look forward to working with other groups within the village to develop this area, along with the access bridge and the new

garden for the Senior Citizen Centre.

WEBSITE : The new website has now gone live and will be developed further during the course of the year. We hope this will allow better access to information and we would be grateful for feedback.

HIGHWAYS / SPEEDING / PARKING : There has been lots of activity over the last six months, with the first SID installed near the school and a second agreed with the support of Clifford PC which will be installed in the coming months. We have also submitted a bid to the Community Fund to support the purchase of a mobile SID that would then be used in various areas of the village that cause concern to reinforce awareness. We are purchasing some bin stickers which will be distributed to various households promoting speed awareness. Work will continue through the year to increase awareness and hopefully improve safety for all of the community

WAR MEMORIAL : I am sure you will all agree that the work carried out last year has made such a big difference to the War Memorial, and is something that the Village can be proud of, respectfully reflecting the purpose it was intended for. Thank you for all those who were involved in the project.

ASSETS AND AMENITIES : The Pavilion has remained closed for most of the year due to the Covid-19 restrictions and no bookings have been taken until we have had clarity on the way forward and the potential re-opening. We hope to have this very soon and that we can all be able to use this great asset of the village.

It was agreed to set up an Events Working Group with the hope that some activities can be organised later in the year.

FINANCE : Information regarding the financial position can be found on the Parish Council Website. In summary the position of the Council is very good, with a high level of reserves which we hope to utilise on a number of projects throughout the year to enhance the village, to be further discussed in future meetings.

Richard Bramma

Chair

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

There has been a place of worship in the village of Bramham since 915 and the present church building was begun in 1150. The oval Churchyard is Anglo Saxon and the only example in West Yorkshire which has been beautifully maintained over the past years. Bramham Village is situated immediately east of the A1 trunk road approximately three miles south of Wetherby, and is mentioned in the Domesday Survey as the Manor of Bramham. The oldest part of the church was built in around 1150 with additions in the 13th century, and underwent substantial restoration in 1853.

All Saints' is part of the Benefice of Bramham, in the Diocese of York. St. Mary's CP School is less than three miles away on Clifford Road, Boston Spa and we share a number of resources with other churches in the benefice.

OUR CHURCH SERVICES

All mentioned on the back page of the Parish Magazine. During the Covid 19 Pandemic services are online screened from a different church in the Benefice each week at 10.00am. In January 2021 we began a Phone Church Service which is at 11.00am on Sunday.

COMPLETED CHURCH PROJECTS. The Andrews Organ of 1895 was completely restored in 2019 and is now in great order.

The Percy Cross was successfully moved to the north side of the churchyard in 2019. The Cross had been on the Toulston Road and in danger of further damage. The signage has not been completed yet but we wish to liaise with the Parish Council and have matching signs throughout the village.

The building is in reasonable order at the moment but with an ancient building unexpected works can suddenly appear which puts a financial strain on the Church resources.

The next important task is the restoration of the Bells. We have an enthusiastic group of Bellringers who team up with other Ringers from neighbouring Towers and will ring for special events at the Church.

CHURCHYARD GUIDE

A copy of our churchyard leaflet is available to download from the Parish Council website.

In recent years we have had a small team of dedicated volunteers to cut the churchyard grass. In 2021 we have to make a plan for the future maintenance of the churchyard to encourage the wildlife areas and maintain the tidy areas around the modern graves. We plan to divide the churchyard up into manageable areas and encourage people to volunteer to take care of the Churchyard.

PARISH MAGAZINE

The magazine is delivered free of charge to every household in the Parish and is available to read online. All old copies of the Magazine are in the Bramham archive.

OPEN DOOR SCHEME

Subscriptions due in September £10 per person per number and the Draw is made 4 times a year with a prize of £100. The proceeds are to assist in a very small way to pay for the general everyday expenses of the church. The Open Door Scheme Application Form is available on the Parish Council website & copied below.

Anne Palmer

OPEN DOOR SCHEME REPLY SLIP £10 per person per number

Please make cheques payable to All Saints' Church VCC

Names.....

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Address.....

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Postcode.....

Telephone Number.....

Email.....

Please return to Anne Palmer, Old Coach House, Vicarage Lane, Bramham, Wetherby
LS23 6QG
Telephone 01937 842850

email annepalmeryorkshire@gmail.com

BACS DETAILS:	Sort Code 40 46 21
	Account Number 01051369
	Reference YOUR SURNAME/OD
The Amount:	£10 per person
Account Name:	All Saints' Church VCC

If you pay by BACS please send me an email with the date of payment
etc., Thank you.

BRAMHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

The Parish Magazine is delivered free to every household in the Parish, 750 copies each month. Our thanks go to our loyal Advertisers, many of whom have been supporting the Magazine for years, and although these advertising fees do not cover the full cost of the production of the magazine the shortfall is met by the Parish Council and we are very thankful to them.

Jillian Lawson has a splendid team of people who deliver the magazines. Paul Marshall organises the advertising. Writes Printers assist me every month by sorting out the last minutes snags and I am extremely grateful to Paula at Writes for all her help, patience and good humour!

We welcome articles from all organisations in the village and we hope residents find the magazine useful. The Parish Magazine can be viewed on-line on the Parish Council website via ISSUU.

Anne Palmer

BADMINTON GROUP

The Badminton ladies group have played in the Village Hall for more than 30 years and would welcome anyone fancying a game!

We meet on a Monday evening, from 6.30-7.30pm in Bramham Village Hall. Please contact Margaret by email madgemorgan5@gmail.com if you are interested in getting involved.

BG

BRAMHAM COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

2020 Year Review

Due to the Covid pandemic from March onwards last year we were unable to carry out most of our planned fund-raising and community events. We did, however, manage to host several 'remote' events as follows :

1. Easter windows
2. Scarecrow Trail for VE Day
3. Community Garden improvements
4. Christmas windows
5. Christmas Tree in All Saints Church
6. Christmas Lights with switch on via Facebook Live

We also took over the bar at the Village Hall in December 2019 with a view to running it to raise funds for BCAG. Unfortunately due to the pandemic we then had to sell off most of the stock in return for donations. We look forward to taking this on this year as and when events are able to be held there.

We had several kind donations throughout the year including coffee capsules, vegetables, plants, eggs and pumpkins all sold to raise more funds.

We have decided to suspend our plans for the Gala this year but will be setting the date for 2022 in due course. However, we do hope to be able to go ahead with the Christmas Fayre on Saturday/Sunday November 20th/21st.

We are currently asking for designs which will be selected and used in the fabrication of our own 12 village Christmas Lights for this year.

Work on the Community Jubilee Garden is ongoing and any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

BCAG

BRAMHAM COMMUNITY FUND

When the Leeds Festival transferred to Bramham Park in 2003, the promoter, Festival Republic, agreed to supply a number of free tickets annually for residents of the village to attend the event. These tickets (typically 500) are allocated to those bona-fide residents who make a defined contribution to the Bramham Community Fund. In addition, from time to time the promoter has made additional contributions from their Guest tickets scheme. To date this scheme has generated over £400,000 for the benefit of Bramham. The Bramham Park site also covers parts of Thorner and Barwick & Scholes and these parishes operate similar schemes for their residents.

The objective of the Fund is to provide financial support to community projects that must benefit the residents of Bramham. The Fund does not support commercial organisations or private individuals and is mandated to support new projects rather than subsidise ongoing activities. The Fund also supports a shuttle bus between the village and the festival and the ticket administration costs.

Every March, a committee under the chairmanship of Nick and Rachel Lane Fox meets to consider applications for grants from community organisations and makes recommendations for grants which have to be confirmed by Festival Republic. An article is placed in the Parish Magazine, usually in December, announcing that applications must be made before 14 February in any year, giving details of the application process.

Recently grants were made towards the following:

Bramham Benefice	Digitisation of records in the churchyard	£5000
Bramham Parish Council	Bridge to Wildlife Area	£4000
All Saints' Church	Replacement ride-on lawnmower	£3500
Bramham Parish Council	Tree work in the Wildlife Area	£3000
1 st Clifford Scouts	Outdoor equipment	£1120
Folly Allotments Assoc	Stabilisation and repointing of boundary wall	£ 640
Bramham Village Hall	Covid-safe storage for Mums & Tots group	£ 600

Bramham Village Hall	Christmas lunch/hamper for elderly and isolated residents	£ 300
Bramham schoolchildren (Eco-monitors)	Contribution to cost of "green" projects	£1000
Community Action Group	Enhancements to Jubilee Community Garden	£ 900
1 st Clifford Scouts	Replacement marquee	£1866

Note: As the Leeds Festival in 2020 was cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic after the allocation of tickets, the committee has ringfenced those donations and they will not be allocated to grants until a festival has taken place.

Colin Pool
Secretary to the Fund

BRAMHAM & COLLINGHAM BELLRINGERS

Sadly since the advent of Covid 19, the bells of All Saints Bramham have fallen silent. Under normal circumstances we meet and ring every Tuesday night at 7.30 for an hour or so mainly at Bramham occasionally at St Oswald's in Collingham but the virus restrictions have made this impossible.

However we have taken the opportunity to do some maintenance work on the bells and renovated the Ellecombe chimes but the planned decoration of the ringing chamber has been put on hold.

We are always short of ringers and would welcome anyone to come and have a go when we are allowed to go back. Full training will always be given to beginners.

All enquires to Jeremy Kendall: 01937 843520

BRAMHAM DRAMA GROUP

To all our friends and supporters we were very very disappointed when Panto had to be cancelled. Christmas was not the same, no shouting or singing or acting the fool. Never fear we will return.

Prior to lockdown Junior Drama were going to stage St Bernards Goze To The Dogz and were ready to start rehearsals. I know everyone will understand how very very upsetting this was for them. Therefore we are aiming for them to stage our first show, this is of course reliant on present restrictions being lifted. So watch out for our return in the Parish Magazine.

Look Out 2021 here we come.

Pat Rimington

BRAMHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

Bramham Football Club are a Charter Standard Football Club based at the games field on Freely Lane. We are currently running a team in the York Sunday Morning League Division 1. Details of home fixtures will be relayed on the Parish Council website.

The management of the club has a local player policy, with the majority of players coming from Bramham and the local villages and area. We are always on the lookout for new players, and also anyone interested in wishing to join the committee.

All players new and old are welcome, and should you have any enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me on 07809 561199.

Yours in sport
Dave

BRAMHAM HISTORICAL ASSET CONSERVATION GROUP

Along with many other organisations, the Asset Conservation Group is suffering from the lack of face-to-face meetings with members and outside participants. The Percy Cross project in particular needs guidance on signage from the Diocese of York before it can be considered completed.

Still on Church matters, members of the group are assisting Church officers with the Churchyard mapping and grave database project and their progress is being made as face-to-face time isn't as crucial. The Churchyard has been laser scanned and volunteers are transcribing the names of the buried from the burial registers which date back to 1568.

Once the names and burial register images are uploaded to the database we can commence with the photographing of the memorials and linking said memorials to the names of the buried.

Neil Ferres

BRAMHAM IN BLOOM

Lynne Marshall Chair 2015-2021: Update 2020

Bramham in Bloom is an Environment Group formed in 2005 as part of a Village Plan to improve and enhance areas within the village specifically mentioned by the residents. In the beginning a Wildlife Area was opened near to the Senior Citizen's Centre, the bottle bank was upgraded, new flower beds, hayracks and planters appeared in the first few years. All the committee chaired by Ernest Nichols and volunteers were very passionate about Bramham and making it a very attractive and pleasant place in which to live.

As we progressed we entered Yorkshire in Bloom whereby RHS judges would judge the village against specific criteria. I joined the committee consisting of Gill Young Meryl Nichols and Ernest Nichols in 2014.

Bramham in Bloom received the highest award a Gold Rose Award in 2014. In the following year due to impending retirements I was asked if I would like to become Chair.

My response was if I could gather a committee together I would willingly become chair.

In 2015 Ernest and Meryl Nichols and Gill Young retired so the new committee and myself became Bramham in Bloom. Since then the committee Alison French secretary, Kate Pirie and Rochelle Page have been a very positive and supportive committee. Keith Howland and Ann Ward joined a few years later. Thank you all along with many volunteers and very generous sponsors.

Taking part in Yorkshire in Bloom has provided a structure for our Bramham in Bloom yearly Action Plan. The criteria for Yorkshire in Bloom are divided into three sections:

1. Horticulture. 2. Environment. 3. Community.

1. Horticulture

Spring. Planting ordered from the Arium Cineraria Begonia [red]

Autumn. Polyanthus red and yellow and yellow and red tulips underplanting. Bulbs tete a tetes, narcissi donated to various groups to plant. Snowdrops.

2. Environment

Lyndon Road Rockery. Gill Young Rockery and bench sponsored by Wetherby Lions Gill left money from her funeral collection, Bramham in Bloom.

Allotment Bramham Project.

Wildlife Area / Bird Board /Hollybush Charity Project laying trails/ Beaver Bird Boxes/Bug Hotel Brownies/Milnthorpe beds.

3. Community

School garden/ Weekly gardening Club/Sponsor Beavers Raised bed/ Senior Citizen Garden maintenance. Surplus veg to St Georges Crypt. Medical Bed ...Plants in Medicine plus Information Board. School Plant a Wellie Design a B in B poster....Prizes donated by RHS Judge. Open Gardens and Allotments. Harvest Festival in Village Hall. Christmas Tree Festival in church.

Bramham in Bloom has received 6 Gold Rose Awards during the years 2014/2019.

Each year the ladies of the Pavilion Committee have entertained the judges to a fabulous afternoon tea once the judging was complete!!! Due to the pandemic Yorkshire in Bloom cancelled all judging in 2020.

The Awards are awarded to the whole village for all their hard work in each year. In addition, we are very grateful for all the generous sponsor donations.

1. 2020 proved to be a very spontaneous year and plans had to be set aside. No plants were available from The Arium as it was closed. We tried to keep the village tidy and bought plants when and where we could. The Beck Baskets were planted up by Riverside Nurseries Linton as were the baskets at the junction of Tenter Hill and Bowcliffe Road. The Parish Council had renovated the Cenotaph and new planters and plants were purchased by Bramham in Bloom.
2. Our aim was to keep the village tidy. Wetherby Road Corner will be developed when the Utilities have been completed. Thank you to The Red Lion who provided a beautiful colourful display of wall and hanging baskets which kept their plants full of colour all summer despite Covid-19.
3. Let's hope for a bright and beautiful 2021.

Lynne Marshall
Chair Bramham in Bloom Jan 2021

BRAMHAM NSPCC

The NSPCC is the UK's leading charity, campaigning and working in child protection. It was founded in 1884 and is the only UK children's charity with statutory powers that enables it to take action to safeguard children at risk of all kinds of abuse.

'Everything we do protects children today and prevents abuse tomorrow to transform society for every childhood'.

There has been a fundraising group in Bramham for more than 30 years. Our objectives are to publicise and maintain the profile of this national charity, whilst raising valuable funds. Over the past 15 years our local community have helped to raise over £50,000. We aim to hold at least two fundraising events every year supported by smaller events.

The committee is currently a small group of nine ladies who met a few times a year and who are very fortunate to be able to call on the much valued help of their husbands and long standing volunteers. We are always delighted to welcome new members who are interested in supporting the NSPCC and willing to give a little of their time.

We hold fundraising events such as Quiz nights, After Dinner speakers, Jazz evenings and regularly participate in the Village Gala. We would welcome any suggestions to broaden our appeal to the community of Bramham.

We had some great events planned for 2021, which unfortunately are looking doubtful due to COVID restrictions, but watch this space and we'll keep you posted.

If you require any more information or would like to help in any way please contact Margaret Morgan on 01937844688 or at madgemorgan5@gmail.com

'Every child is worth fighting for'

BRAMHAM READERS' GROUP

Despite being restricted by the lockdown, the Readers' Group has travelled far in imagination; Moscow, Paris, Washington, and the wilds of Dartmoor have been some of the destinations.

Meetings have continued online and, on one occasion, outside. The readers' Group will continue to enjoy reading and discussing books of all genres online or in person.

Contacts: Jillian Lawson 844858 or Marion Hogg 844191

BRAMHAM RUNNERS

We have been pleased throughout 2020 to have kept our little running club members motivated albeit in a different way to the regular club runs we have all enjoyed over the past 10 years since we set off on our first run together.

In order to keep us connected during times, when our ability to meet up was restricted, we set up a WhatsApp group for runners to share our exercise antics to help us stay motivated. Over the

first 12 weeks of lockdown 1 we completed 7871 miles (between 15 adults and 4 children), averaging 655 miles each week, running, cycling, scootering and swimming our way around the local area.

It was with a heavy heart we cancelled the Bramham 5 and 10k Annual event. It was due to take place in July and 11 members virtually completed the 10k course on what would have been race day (separately and so socially distanced) starting and finishing at The Pavilion.

On Remembrance Sunday a route was set to run past the Remembrance Day memorials in Bramham, Clifford and Boston Spa and the club enjoyed running the route on what was a cold misty November morning.

Tadcaster swimming pool is also a facility that many members of the club enjoy and a fundraiser was set up where six teams completed laps of Bramham village. This event enabled the running club to give a small donation to the pool to help towards the loss of income the pool is currently enduring.

Our group of runners still go out (on socially distanced runs) on our regular run club days (Tuesday, Friday and Sunday) – not always at the same times, but we use the WhatsApp group to encourage members to keep on running.

If anyone would like to join this virtual run club please get in touch with Morag Robertson (07984 339907) or Alison Mackie (07725 641000) and we can add you to the WhatsApp group. Whilst we are unable to meet in more than two's the group acts as a focal point and then when we can we can start meeting up again hopefully very soon.

We are still hopeful that the 2021 Bramham 5k and 10k race will happen but it is all subject to confirmation so watch this space!

Bramham Runners

FOLLY ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION

There is no doubt that our allotments have been a sanctuary for the last ten months, giving a source of exercise, a sense of purpose and wellbeing. An important village amenity, the thirty-one plots have provided villagers, their families and friends with a refuge, taking us to a different world as soon as the field gate is opened.

The consensus is that, in general, it has been a good growing year despite alarming drought conditions in early Spring, the driest year in our part of the country since 1862! Our water butts were rapidly depleted but with so many restrictions placed on normal life in place the allotments never looked better.

The allotment funds rely a great deal on our participation in village events such as the Gala so, unfortunately, much of our regular maintenance and projects have had to be curtailed and a close eye kept on finances.

Now with Spring once again imminent we look forward to renewing our relationship with the land, positive in the knowledge that our green spaces are of immense importance.

FAA

PAVILION AND PLAYING FIELD

This year has been a difficult time for everyone and the Pavilion has been closed to most people for much of the year. 2021 is still very uncertain and we will continue to monitor Government advice before we safely reopen for new bookings. Until that time we will not be accepting new bookings. However, be assured that the Pavilion will reopen when permitted to do so, for you to book your events and parties within the Village.

Prior to the March 2020 lockdown we were able to register the BPC Pavilion as a food business and are delighted to let potential hirers know that we gained a 5* food rating when we were inspected.

The Council arranged to sympathetically restore the War Memorial in the village square which reflects the respect all residents have for those who gave their lives from this village.

The Field and Playground has been a lifeline for many people in the village, providing a safe space to exercise and play and we are pleased that, except for a period during the initial lockdown, we have managed to keep the playground open throughout this pandemic with extra guidance and advice for users. We also welcomed Zumba and Keep Fit to the field when indoor exercising was forbidden and 5* ran many more weekday sessions throughout. A booking system and small charge was introduced for the hire of the field for those providing chargeable events to prevent overbooking and consequent parking problems to residents on Freely Lane.

Bramham Pavilion and the playing field are just two of the assets that Bramham Parish Council manages within the village and others include the Senior Citizen Centre, Wildlife area, benches (which will be refurbished during 2021), Speed Indicator Devices, Adult Gym Equipment, and the Children's Playground. To manage these assets, the BPC has set up an "Assets and Amenities Committee" which oversees the day to day running and maintenance; full membership of the Committee and its Terms of Reference can be found on the BPC website.

BPC Assets & Amenities Committee.

SING BRAMHAM

Welcome to Sing Bramham. The group was formed four years ago.

Together over the years we have met up each week to sing popular songs from musicals, songs we have chosen and at Christmas carols to sing at All Saints' Church Carol Service. We have really enjoyed singing at various care homes including the Cuttings Harrogate, Wetherby Manor and Carols around the Christmas tree in Bramham when we celebrated the official switching on of the Village lights.

Unfortunately 2020 was very quiet because of the pandemic. We began practising in January for the V.E. Day celebrations singing all the well-loved familiar war songs. It was good fun choosing our favourites. Vera Lynne rang out in the rafters of the church, however in March we had to cease rehearsals.

As soon as we are able we will resume singing so we will be welcoming new singers and all previous members to tune up!

We would love to hear from anyone who loves to sing together in a very cheery group. No experience needed except a happy disposition and a love of singing! Please look out in the Parish Magazine for details later in the year. It is open for men and women of mixed singing ranges and ages.

Also, if you know of a pianist who might like to play for us please let us know.

Contact Lynne Marshall 844767 or Anne Palmer 842850.

TENTER HILL ALLOTMENTS



It's official you know – allotments are good for you and your mental health – tending your own patch boosts wellbeing and connects you with others a recent study found.

Allotments are a great hobby with lots of exercise and you even get to eat all your own healthy grown fruit and veg.

If it is something you have been considering then why not come and visit the Tenterhill Allotment site and take a look at the some of the project work that has been taking place on the site over the last 18 months. The site has seen a complete overhaul, a massive site clearance was undertaken and new security fencing erected, we have also developed one of the smaller unused plots at the site entrance into a communal area with a freshly refurbished and newly painted porta-cabin that is usable (once we can of course) for social events or a chance for a chat over a cup of tea/coffee with other plot holders on site.

As an allotment association we are also joining the National Allotment Society (NAS) this year which also allows members access to a number of benefits including Allotments Liability Insurance, personal gardening advice and retail offers.

The Tenterhill Allotment Association are always keen to have new members join us, so if you would like to know more then please contact the committee via email at:

tenterhill.allotments@gmail.com

THE ARK PRE-SCHOOL GROUP

The Bramham Ark:

Afternoon of play, activities and refreshments for babies, toddlers, parents and carers. The play session is followed by singing and a bible story and playtime with toys. We also have a beautiful wooden ark that the children can put their animal teddies into. The children have made their own passports which are stamped each time they come. Refreshments are served during the session and it's a lovely relaxed atmosphere with parents, grandparents and carers enjoying a chat while the children play.

We have a great group of helpers who work on a rota, but if anyone else wishes to help they are always welcome.

Unfortunately activities are currently suspended due to Covid restrictions. Please contact The Parish Office once the pandemic is over.

VILLAGE HALL

In view of COVID 19 in many ways this has been a very quiet year for the Village Hall. However much work has been done by the Committee to ensure that the hall is Covid protected. We are attempting to accommodate as many as possible of the requests for hire whilst adhering to government legislation and guidelines. My thanks to our booking secretary Claire Lister for all the hard work she has done in this respect.

The committee has seen a number of changes of personnel this year due to departures from the village, illness and other commitments. However I am pleased to say that we have now formed a strong team to carry on the management of the hall. Our team now consists of Claire Lister (treasurer), Val Whitbread (secretary) (Claire and Val also share the role of booking secretary going forward), Pete Dunn (Vice Chairman), Jillian Lawson, Chris Gibson, Linda Matthews and Yvonne Gibson and myself Stewart Gibson (Chairman).

We have introduced an online booking system which makes life simpler for our hirers or alternatively contact 07398244634 for any specific hire queries. For any other general enquiries please contact bramhamvh@outlook.com.

Unfortunately, the Annual Christmas Lunch was unable to take place this year because of COVID. However thanks to the ingenuity of our Vice Chairman Pete Dunn together with the help of local organisations and many Bramham residents, too numerous to mention, we were able to deliver thirty attractive hampers containing a wide variety of food and other items. The hampers were well received by all recipients whom we hope experienced something of the spirit of a Bramham Christmas in these difficult times.

Stay well everyone.

Stewart Gibson
Chairman
Bramham Village Hall Management Committee.

VILLAGE HALL MUMS & TOTS GROUP

2020 was a difficult year for all of us, especially so for the Mums and Tots group. Needless to say all our helpers are missing the children, their parents and/or Carers. The Village Hall is a very quiet place now apart from the occasional tunes and singing coming from the toys in the toy cupboard! Which were stacked away back in March when we had to close.

The First Lockdown came and then the school holidays were upon us. We managed to come up with a Playscheme with a difference. The children quickly adapted to the Covid situation. We were well supported at the 3 sessions and lucky with the weather.

Because the Christmas Fayre had to be cancelled in November, we found ourselves with no Santa's grotto or table top sale as in previous years. So the table top sale was set up in my garage instead, adorned with a single set of Christmas lights. We had a steady stream of people who came to support us, in spite of the social distancing and face mask wearing that we have all become accustomed to. This was a boost to our mums and tots fundraising – Thankyou to all who supported us.

We hope that with the roll out of the vaccine, that things will eventually get back to normal and that the sound of children's voices will once again be heard at our Mums and Tots Sessions.

Linda Matthews

WiSE - WETHERBY IN SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY

WiSE is again stepping up its key services to support people in Wetherby and Harewood, regardless of their age, during the third pandemic lockdown. Wetherby's leading older persons charity is urging residents to remember they are not alone as it springs into action to support those who are shielding, vulnerable or needing help. The charity, which will act as an operational hub alongside local authorities, is working with local volunteers to help deliver food and medicine, plus carry out other important tasks to help vulnerable people cut off from the outside world.

WiSE's Chief Operating Officer Mark Dobson, said: "We're proud of the role we played during the initial stages of the pandemic to support people of all ages in Wetherby and surrounding villages and are now stepping up to do the same thing again. This time there is a huge emphasis on supporting those who are vulnerable or shielding, working alongside along local authority partners and Voluntary Action Leeds."

"The big thing we really, really want people to understand is that no one is alone– and nor should they be. We urge anyone who needs support to telephone the support helpline and we will match them to one of our volunteers who can help."

To access support, which is available for any age groups, call 0113 376 0330.

About WiSE: Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) is a registered charity organisation part funded by Leeds City Council. Its aim is to improve quality of life for the over 60s by providing community-based activities, information, help and support.

WiSE aims to enable older people to live at home whilst reducing social isolation.

WiSE also aims to support those who care for the elderly in our community.

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE – BRAMHAM CRIME REPORT 2020

The Parish Council would like to thank PCSO Chris Beetham for supplying the following report.

Crime Figures – Bramham 2020

Arson - 0

Assault - 2

Burglary – 8 (4 x Domestic House, 4 x Business/Commercial), 4 less than the previous year.

Criminal Damage - 5

Interference with MV - 1

Theft from MV - 0

Theft Non-Specific - 5

Theft of Pedal Cycle - 1

Total: 22

Operational Matters:

Road Traffic collisions – 3

Arrests: None of note.

Follow up re visits have been made to all Victims of Residential Burglary.

Action has also been taken against Drug dealing in the area.

Leeds Festival cancelled.

Speed monitoring in the area.

High Visibility patrols in the area were conducted via vehicle, bicycle and foot by local officers.

Officers covering the area

Ward Officers:

PC 633 Goringe

PCSOs:

PCSO 212 Duffy

PCSO 931 Beetham

PCSO 939 Crossland

YORKSHIRE COUNTRYWOMEN'S ASSOCIATION – Bramham Branch

The Bramham Branch has now disbanded. For further information about the YCA please contact the YCA at 207 Tadcaster Road, York YO24 1UD. Tel. 01904 451 581.

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