

Bramham Parish News



Lunchtime in Barrydale see pages 18-21 for the story
and photos from this school in South Africa

April 2022

Issue 231

© Copyright All Saints' Church Bramham

Church Officers for All Saints' Bramham

Rev'd Nick Morgan	Priest in Charge St Mary's Vicarage, 1 St Mary's Vale, Boston Spa	849471
	Email revnjmorgan@gmail.com	Mobile 07387 728009
Rev'd Trisha Anslow...	Curate, 4 Pine Trees, Boston Spa	844789
Group Office.....	(Office open Monday-9.30—12.30. Tues—Thurs please phone Or contact by email parishoffice. bramhambenefice@outlook.com)	844402 Friday closed.
Churchwardens.....	Chips Browning, Moor Cottage, York Road, Long Marston	01904 737345
	Jillian Lawson, 21 Lyndon Avenue, Bramham LS23 6RG.....	844858
Deputy Churchwarden	Anne Palmer, Old Coach House, Bramham, LS23 6QG.....	842850
	Magazine Editor bramham.magazine@gmail.com	
Treasurer.....	Joanne Wilkinson, 41 Firbeck Road, jowilkinson04Gmail.co	339512
Secretary.....	Roger Freeman, Campden House, Aberford Road, Bramham	
VCC Members.....	Andy Beaumont, Yvonne Gibson, Kate Lofthouse, Dolly Mullen, Maryann Pritchard	
Organist.....	Simon Noble, 1 Barley Hill, Crescent, Garforth...	0113 2867998
Scastrian and Church Flowers.....	Dolly Mullen, 9 Bradford Close, Bramham	918725
Deanery Synod.....	Michael Ingram	
THE ARK	Jillian Lawson	

WHO'S WHO in Bramham

Village Hall Committee	Chairman: Stewart Gibson 075 105 666 93	Hall Bookings...	07398 244634
Drama Group	Chairman: Andrea Barnard.....		07854 434464
Football Club...	Dave Jacklyn.....		07809 561199
Guides.....	contact Clifford Guides...Karen Ward		
Brownies...	Jane Dalton & Joanna Bayton-Smith		07733 117031
Group Scout Leader...	Ruth Middleton.....		07786 525 593
Scouts.....	Jason Turner (Skip).....		07917 230981
Beavers...	Danny Hizzet.....		07554 663304
Cubs.....	Dan Warren.....		07528 358 946
Bramham Primary School	Executive Head Teacher Mrs Sarah Richards		843682
	Chair of Governors Sue Morgan	Administrator Louise Humphreys	
Bramham Parish Council...	Bramham Pavilion: clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk or Bookings online at www.bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bramham Parish Council:	Clerk: Nancy Fairbairn clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Chair:	Mike Corrigan mike.corrigan@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Councillors :	Helena Buck helena.buck@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
	Pam Corrigan pam.corrigan@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
	Dan Gilpin dan.gilpin@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
	James Ingham james.ingham@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
	Scott Jones s.jones@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
	Trish Prest trish.prest@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
	Linda Richards linda.richards@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk		
Bell Ringers	Vicky Innocent		07951 575734
Bramham in Bloom...	Lynne Marshall		844767
Community Action Group....	Philippa Dalton ...		07921 387751
Readers Group...	Jillian Lawson 844858 and Marion Hogg		844191
Sing Bramham	Lynne Marshall		844767
Bramham Shop & Post Office.	Lynne Williams....		842275
Folly Allotments Association	Mike Corrigan, Chair...		845843
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	Paul Marshall ...		844767
Royal British Legion	Anthony Wakeham		0113 289 2164
Mums & Tots Group	Linda Matthews		541899
Leeds Festival Ticket Committee	bramhamresidentstickets@gmail.com		



HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!

The name of this month is derived from the Greek word for 'opening'. So let's wish for a new opening of colourful Spring, new kindness and love around the world, opening our hearts for people caught up in conflict.

Bramham in Bloom has begun to 'open' the development of our new garden at Farfield Corner with great help from Alec Colgan and his magic digging machines.

Fortunately the sun shone long enough for us to witness the garden taking shape. Two new benches will be situated in a horseshoe design facing each other surrounded by grasses, hardy perennials and small bushy shrubs all of which will be easily sustainable and needing low maintenance. This is our forward action plan for the next three months. All volunteers will be welcomed to come and help during activity times by contacting me on 844767 or by email. Sponsorship has been achieved for the benches and the Community Fund has donated funds for other expensive items. Alec is donating his time, machinery and various building items. Our grateful thanks to him.

It is such a delight to walk and drive around the village watching all the snowdrops and daffodils blooming everywhere particularly in the two new Bottle Bank gardens. Thank you Tess, Keith and Jacqui for brightening up that space. In the future when we have some new activity days at the w/ends and during the holidays it would be an opportunity for families to take part. Unfortunately at the moment the Wildlife Area is closed as the Environment Agency have deemed the bridge not suitable as an access to this area. The situation may change in the future depending on the development of the Senior Citizen Centre and garden.

Any additional information can be obtained from myself Lynne Marshall or any member of the committee.

Lynne email lynne1999wynrush@gmail.com

M. RHODES

(Timber Contractors & Tree Surgeons)

ESTABLISHED 1953

TREE CARE SPECIALISTS (Residential & Commercial)

Crown lifting/reductions, dead wooding,
Pruning to balance, large & small hedges-
trimmed/reduced/layed
felling & stump grinding

Storm damaged & dangerous trees.

Consulting & Free Advice on T.P.O./
Planning Applications/
Felling Licences & Forest Management.
Woodlands & individual trees purchased
(standing or felled).

Suppliers of Quality Hardwood Logs
(Standard Logs or cut to specification)

*All employees are fully insured
for enquiries:*

please do not hesitate to contact

MICHAEL RHODES

on any of the following numbers

Tel: 01937 843392/541769

Mobile: 07778 542468

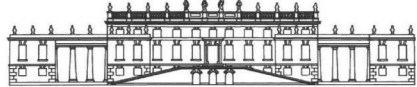
Enjoy a Freshly Maid home...

- Weekly, daily or one off cleaning services
- Fully trained & insured teams
- Non toxic Ecover products

Call NOW on 01937 520356

BRAMHAM PARK

18th Century Formal Landscape
Garden and Grounds



Opening Times

Monday to Friday, 9am – 4:30pm

Adults £8 • Children 8–17 £5 • Under 8's Free

*Closed at weekends, over Bramham Horse Trials,
Leeds Festival and during large events*

The House is open for pre-booked groups
of ten or more people

Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm all year

For further information call the
Estate Office on 01937 846000
or check our website:

www.bramhampark.co.uk

BRAMHAM PRIVATE HIRE

07939 136978

A family business offering a friendly reliable
service based in Bramham and serving
Wetherby and surrounding districts

**Climate Controlled Vehicle with
Satellite Navigation**

We serve all the **Airports** and offer
Coastal and longer runs at a very
Competitive £1.30p per mile

**7 days a week
364 days a year
(excludes Boxing Day)**



Airports : Coast : Shops

Schools : Pubs : Stations

The Village Chippy

MOBILE

*Thursday night's "Fish & Chips" night
in BRAMHAM...*

Lyndon Road Lay-by **4.30pm** until 6.00pm
Red Lion Pub, The Square **6.15pm** until 8.00pm



Listen out for our tunes... "You shall have a fishy when the boat comes in"



Tel: 07475 106830

Traditionally cooked.. Yorkshire "Haddock & Chips"

Available for private functions, parties and events

thevillagechippy@googlemail.com



BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

www.thisisbramham.co.uk

**Welcome to the March update from
your Parish Council**

Parish Councillor Vacancy: There remains a vacancy on the Parish Council but Council has decided to defer the decision to re-advertise the vacancy until the April meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member of Council please contact clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk for information about the eligibility criteria and person specification.

PACT: Meeting held at 6.30pm 1 March at the Methodist Church, Bank Street, Wetherby LS22 6LP. See note on page
The number of crimes across the Ward remained low and were comparable with levels recorded during previous months. Bramham was fortunate in maintaining a lack of reported incidents.
The Police have been out patrolling with speed gun devices and apprehended one driver in Bramham breaking the speed limit. While speeding is a general problem across the Ward, the Police consider that most offenders are local rather than visitors passing through from outlying areas.

Golfing ban on the Playing Field:

Whilst litter-picking the playing field recently three golf balls were found around the perimeter in the rough grass, significantly one within the children's playground. There are of course a number of reasons why they might have been there but discussion with others who visit the field would indicate that this is not the first time balls have been found; indeed residents have also been observed using the playing field as a practice driving range! Whilst the risk of fatal injury is very small the risk of a life-changing injury is far greater and because of their size the balls can be a hazard to dogs walking on and around the field.

Bramham Parish Council does not permit the use of the field as a practice golf range and as there are a few who appear to believe it does information notices will be posted as soon as possible; in the interim the Council would ask all those who have been involved with the practice to find an alternative venue.

WITH OVER 50 YEARS EXPERIENCE - THE 1ST CHOICE

Sandersons

* Residential Removals * Container Storage * Shipping * Office Removals

Tockwith 01423 358934



Chimney Sweep

Fully Insured

Certificates issued

Nest removal

Stove servicing/repair

www.colthesweep.co.uk

07422 365 700

J WALSH

Personal Training

1 to 1 Training

Buddy Classes

Bramham Pavilion

Freely Lane

Changing Facilities

Showers available

Open 6.00am until Late

Tel: 07853 257852

Email:

j.walshtraining@outlook.com



NEIL GARDNER

**Cabinet Maker and Antique Restorer
& French Polisher**

Bespoke items can be made

07900 413623 or 01423 358508

www.antiques-restorer.co.uk

PAYNE'S
PLUMBING & HEATING



Established 1879

Tel: 01937 833355/832513

Mobile 07981 772085

email: dr.Lloyd@Tiscali.co.uk

Approved Gas Installers

Bathroom - Design & Installation

Central heating - Design & installation

Members of APHC Competent Person Scheme

All plumbing and heating service and repair work

St Joseph Street, Tadcaster LS24 9HA

ABBOTTS

OF

WETHERBY

PAINTING & DECORATING

INTERIOR - EXTERIOR - DOMESTIC - COMMERCIAL

07815 011 392

abbottsofwetherby@gmail.com

[f @abbottsofwetherby](https://www.facebook.com/abbottsofwetherby)

The New Marquee:

The Council wishes to thank the Community Fund for their support in the funding of the marquee which will initially be used at the Jubilee Garden Party, then later in the year at the Gala and later still at the Bramham Produce Show. It is envisaged that this facility can be used on the playing field by a variety of the village groups once the logistics of its erection and striking have been worked through.

Traffic Management Working group:

The data from the fixed SID has been published on the BPC website and shows that during the months of January and February 2022 there has been no overall change in the speeds and the number of violations. At the beginning of April the mobile SID will once again appear in the village whilst the three newly ordered fixed units (Bowcliffe Road, Midpoint Clifford Road and Wetherby Road) are awaited. Lyndon Road, Aberford Road and the High Street will be targeted with the mobile unit. It is worthwhile us all remembering that the majority of violations are by residents themselves. Leeds City Council Highways have once again been reminded of their commitments at the junction of Lyndon Road and Clifford Road, Bowcliffe Road and Paradise Way and the four way junction which includes Toulston lane, Aberford Road, Vicarage Lane and Windmill Road.

Bramham Village Community Celebration:

The Tea/Garden Party to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee will be on Sunday 5th June 1pm -6pm in the Pavilion, the marquee and on the field. At a meeting with village group representatives the Church group and FOBS have said they will arrange something to complement and add to the Celebration with further details to follow. The Drama group has yet to decide on how it will be involved. BCAG is involved in the Beacon on Thursday 2nd June and has offered to help with the catering on the 5th.

We have arranged a licence for a bar and thanks to the Community Fund we now have a Marquee and a means of shelter should the weather be unfavourable; we hope that as many of you as possible will get together with friends to celebrate this unique occasion.

If there is anyone who would like to come but is unable to walk up the hill to the field, please contact either Mike or Pam Corrigan (details in the front of the magazine) and we will arrange transport for you.

Continued on page 9.....

**Special
Offers
Instore**

finefettlecycles

- We have in stock Saracen, Dawes, Claud Butler Bikes and Altura and Ronhill Sports Apparel
- Great range of bicycles, cycle accessories, maps, books and clothing
- All makes and models of bicycles serviced & repaired
- Cytech Qualified Mechanic

3A The Boyle, Barwick-in-Elmet, Leeds LS15 4JH
www.finefettlecycles.co.uk
 Telephone 0113 393 5688

To find us: From Barwick main street.
 Go between the maypole and The Gascoigne pub.
 Turn right past the chip shop & we're on the left.

keeping your wheels in motion

ALL EVENTS CATERED FOR
 PRIVATE DINING
 HOME COOKERY CLASSES

MARC (SPARROW) MOTTERSHEAD
 07940 438620 • mottersheadmarc@yahoo.co.uk

**CLIFFORD MOOR FARM
 PETS HOTEL**

20 years experience in pet care – share in that experience

All pets incl. Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs etc
 Family run - Vet recommended
 All heated + individual outdoor runs
 Dogs twice daily field walks

DOGGY DAY CARE AVAILABLE
 A collection & drop off service can be arranged
 Full, Part, DIY and Holiday Livery

Tel: 01937 844929 or email: info@cliffordmoorfarm.co.uk

KIRBY BUILDERS MERCHANTS

YOUR LOCAL INDEPENDENT MERCHANT

For all your building & landscaping requirements

We now sell hardwood logs,
 briquettes & kindling

Tel: 01937 843493

Inglebank, High Street, Boston Spa
www.kirbybuildersmerchants.co.uk

**PROPERTY
 MAINTENANCE**

Interior and Exterior
 Design Solutions

- Bathrooms
- Tiling
- Coving / Plastering
- Decoration
- Solid / Laminate Flooring

- Decking
- Fencing
- Paving
- Brick Work
- Garden Buildings

Tel: 0113 287 4298
Mobile: 07740 798068

Website - www.4dpm.co.uk
 Email - info.4dpm@gmail.com

First Unique
 Services.co.uk

SECURITY & ELECTRICAL

All Aspects Of Electrical Work Undertaken

- EXTRA SOCKETS TO FULL REWIRES
- REPAIRS MAINTENANCE AND FAULTFINDING
- DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL
- CCTV, INTRUDER ALARMS & SECURITY LIGHTING
- GARDEN LIGHTING EFFECTS
- WIRED AND WIRELESS INTERNET CONNECTIONS
- STRUCTURED NETWORK DATA CABLING
- REMOTE TELEVISION POINTS/FLAT SCREEN INSTALLATION
- EXTRA TELEPHONE POINTS

Fully qualified to the very latest 17th edition regulations
 Part P, City and Guilds & COMPEX 7/8

T 0800 999 3873 (fuse)

M 07772 183296

E kev@fuseservices.co.uk

Afternoon tea will be served as near to 1953 prices as we can manage but sadly the bar will be 2022 prices!

Mike Corrigan

On behalf of Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council

Contact: Nancy Fairbairn, Bramham Parish Clerk,

E-mail: clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk,

Website: www.bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

PACT (Police and Communities Together) meetings where any issues or concerns can be discussed with members of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The next meeting will be

Leeds Festival Residents' tickets Scheme

There has recently been some discussion, particularly on Social Media, regarding the pricing of residents' tickets for the Leeds Festival.

The ticket price this year is £65. This price is determined by the promoter, Festival Republic and applies to Bramham and other villages involved in the scheme. Such a ticket gives access to the Festival throughout its duration. In addition, it provides the use of a shuttle bus to and from the site and access to Guest Area facilities. This gives a Bramham resident a minimum 75% discount against the amount paid by the general public.

The money collected goes into the Bramham Community Fund for projects for the benefit of the village. Since the scheme's inception in 2003, the fund has supported a diverse number of projects and community groups across the village. Perhaps more significantly, the discounts enjoyed by Bramham residents over the same period approaches £3 million.

These tickets are generously given to the village at the discretion of Festival Republic. There is no right to them, and Festival Republic could just withdraw the scheme at any time, thus depriving residents of both the discounts and the grants from the Community Fund. Perhaps these factors should be taken into consideration when criticising the ticket prices.

Colin Pool

Bramham Community Fund

B&B - Holiday Cottages

3 local cottages ... B&B in Boston Spa

Tel: 01937 845592 - David & Anne
www.fourgables.co.uk



Living with:  Low back pain
 Neck pain
 Headaches
 Sciatica

Help is at hand! Wetherby Chiropractic offers high quality treatment tailored to your needs.

Call 01937 585 416
for further information or to make an appointment



ANDREW MORGAN Opticians

A friendly professional practice offering:

- ◆ Private & NHS Eye examinations
- ◆ A wide range of spectacle frames & lenses to suit all ages and budgets
- ◆ All types of contact lenses and after care
- ◆ Home visits for the housebound

170 High Street, Boston Spa
01937 849933



GARDENING SERVICES

Annual Maintenance Contracts
Free Survey & Quotes

Marc: 07940 438620 | Sam: 07715 384582
mottersheadmarc@yahoo.co.uk

BROOK BABES

Brook Babes has a graduate lead team and an Early Years Professional supporting staff and parents to ensure the best possible outcome for children

We offer continuity of care from babies to 12 years, leaving parents safe in the knowledge that their child is in the best possible care

Opening from 7.30 am – 6.00 pm - 51 weeks a year
with no additional charges for those unavoidable delays

We provide three well balanced home cooked meals a day
and special dietary requirements are catered for.

Whitwood House
148b High Street
Boston Spa LS23 6BW
01937 842198

*For further information please
don't hesitate to contact
Jane on:*

Streamside Cottage
6 New Road
Bramham LS23 6QS
01937 849474



Jubilee Celebrations on the Playing field.

Sunday June 5th.

Please mark the date in your Diary.

The Parish Council and other groups are arranging a Jubilee Tea/Garden Party for Sunday, June 5th on the playing field between 1pm and 6pm. Thanks to the generosity of the Community Fund there will be a Marquee and we will be serving individual teas (finger sandwiches and cakes) from the Pavilion as near to 1953 prices as we can manage, drinks [coffee, tea, alcoholic and other beverages] will be 2022 prices!

We have arranged a licence for the bar and with the other village groups it will be a truly Village “do”.

Please come along with your families and friends to enjoy what should be a fun afternoon .

Lent 2022

Christians Together in Boston Spa and surrounding villages will be holding 5 Bible Study sessions during Lent 5th of April 7.30 to 9pm at Clifford Methodist Church



A chance to explore and discuss the Bible in a friendly and informal setting

Everyone is welcome whether you are familiar with Bible or not.

Contact the Parish Office 844402 for further details

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY



WWW.TH-WEDDINGPHOTOGRAPHY.CO.UK

t:01423 527622 m: 07770 476416

P COLLIER Electrical

DOMESTIC • COMMERCIAL • ALARM INSTALLATION

DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL WORK UNDERTAKEN

REWIRING • LIGHTING • ALARMS • CCTV
AUTOMATIC GATES • DOOR ENTRY

Tel: 01937 843427

Mobile: 07786 866304



Lou's Thread
Interiors

Bespoke interior design and make up service,
all handmade by Louise

Curtains, blinds and all soft furnishings

Fabric, wallpaper, poles and tracks

Visit the showroom at;

1 Sycamore Barn, Angram, York, YO23 3PA

Mobile: 07896 423080

Showroom: 01904 737573

Email: louisehannington@lousthread.co.uk

www.lousthread.co.uk

PETER NORMAN

Plumbing & Heating Limited
Established 1993

01937 843935



In association



PILATES

Classes at Bramham Village Hall

Tuesday 7 pm and 8.15 pm

Wednesday 6 pm

Friday 9.15am (term time only)

Suitable for all levels • Beginners Welcome

Fiona Harris 07906 937352

fionacharris44@gmail.com

OPEN DOOR FUND

£10 FOR THE YEAR AND
4 CHANCES TO WIN £100

PROCEEDS FOR THE CHURCH
GENERAL FUND

Contact Anne Palmer 842850

Private Tutor

Available for English, Maths or
general improvement in skills.

Dyslexia Specialist

Lynn Hathaway

075 445 01478

lynnhathaway14@yahoo.com

THE GARAGE BRAMHAM
All makes
supplied **BIG** or **small**
See us on the Internet

www.bramhamgarage.co.uk

Tel: 01937 845546/541251

email: bramhamgarage@aol.com

**From the Book of Remembrance for
All Saints' Bramham**

*On these days of the month of April
please pray for the repose of the souls
of:-*

- 2nd Violet Horne 2009
- 3rd Clarence Ware 2007
Edward Todd 2013
Doris Scotney 2011
- 5th Alfred Neubauer 3013
- 6th Arthur Tindall 2007
- 7th Stanley Thompson 2010
James Butler 2017
- 11th Gillian Young 2016
- 12th Florence (Cis) Bigland 1983
Margaret Westerman 2010
Jean Abram 2016
- 13th Annie Reynolds 2004
Norman Hebborn 2020
- 14th Peggy Norreys 1984
Faith Elaine Leslie Westwood
- 15th Alan Hebborn 2007
Stanley Thompson 2010
Edna Inman 2014
- 17th Anne James 1973
Norah Sanderson 2010
Robert Arthur Gibson 2017
- 19th Andrew Gordan Lewis 1971
- 20th Stephen Douglas Elliott 1990
Anthony Glaze 2006
- 21st Gary Eason 2007
- 22nd Daisy Abram
- 23rd Olive Warrington 2010
- 24th Phyllis Patrick 1981
- 25th Susan Marjorie Wilson 2003
- 26th Pauline Anne Kendall 2008
- 28th Sarah Hannah Alderson 1975
- 29th John Thompson
Mavis Maud Wilson 2019
- 30th Marion Manderson

May they Rest in Peace

*The
Blessed
Sacrament
is*



*permanently
reserved in All Saints'
Bramham for the sick and
dying.*

Contact:- Revd. Trish or
The Parish Office 844402
would be grateful to

*receive the names of
those who are sick or
those who are in need of a
special home visit.*

THE CHURCHYARD

May we remind families that
any wreaths etc which were
left on graves at Christmas
have to be removed before
the Easter Weekend.

**The surface of the grave
should only be grass.**

No plastic flowers or wrap-
pings. Please take home all
rubbish as there are no dust-
bins at the church. Flowers
and foliage can be compost-
ed .

BUT PLEASE REMOVE
Oasis, wrapping paper and
wire.

Easter at All Saints' Church

Easter Trail in the Churchyard

Join the Easter Trail around the Churchyard and
complete the challenges.

Saturday 10th April to Sunday 24th April

Good Friday

Decorated Egg Competition

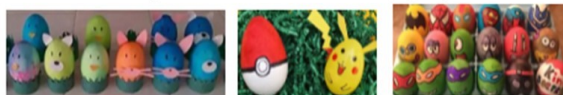
Please bring a decorated hard boiled egg to church
between 1pm and 3pm.

You could win an Easter egg.

Decorated eggs and their containers must be no bigger than A4 due to space.

A minimum donation of £1 entry would be gratefully accepted.

This helps towards the financial cost of buying the prizes.



Easter Sunday

Come along to the Easter Service at 10am

Look at all the decorated eggs and see if you have won!



The Clergy Letter for April

I once went into Ukraine, accidentally. I was en route to Romania on a business trip and fog and snow diverted our plane to the northern border of Romania with Ukraine just over the other side. A minibus arrived to take us south, but because of blocked roads, we had a brief diversion over into Ukraine on a minor road. That midnight journey is no basis for me having any inside line on Ukraine or its current plight, but it did make me realise that our experience of nationhood in the UK is very different from that of the countries of Eastern Europe which has been bedevilled by border conflicts, by being caught between empires and by language and cultural identity not being easily confined by national borders, and this has been true for centuries. As Russian troops massed in February before the invasion, Kenya provided a very useful perspective on the matter. Martin Kimani, Kenya's UN Ambassador used his address at an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council to warn against stoking the embers of dead empires. Ambassador Kimani remarked that the birth of Kenya and Ukraine's independence in 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet Union had the ending of empire in common, and from the Kenyan experience, his advice was that embarking on decades of bloody wars was not the way forward. He commented that Africa had opted to "settle for the borders that we inherited", even if there was a "yearning for integration with peoples in neighbouring states". Kimani added Kenya "rejects such a yearning from being pursued by force" and "we reject it again today".

The Bible is full of perspectives on empires. The people of Israel in the Old Testament were a small nation, of little geo-political influence, often caught up in the middle of the doings of great empires like the Egyptians, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Assyrians and the Hittites. Their power was only to be found in their faithfulness to the God who led them to freedom from slavery, who led them through the wilderness, and who allowed them to flourish against all the odds. In the New Testament, Jesus could easily have been appropriated as a political, revolutionary leader, a King to overthrow the hated occupying forces of the Roman Empire, but he was at pains to point out that "my kingdom is not of this world". God's Kingdom is

not a matter of coercing or conquering people, and where Christianity has allowed itself to be co-opted as a justification of conquest and empires, it has corrupted the Gospel. Indeed, in the Bible we see that it is not only people of faith - the insiders - whom God uses to bring about enlightenment and peace. King Cyrus the Great of Persia enabled the building of the great Jewish temple. Matthew the tax collector, despised as a collaborator with the Romans and an extorter of money from his neighbours becomes a follower of Jesus and writes one of the Gospels. Saul, a murderous oppressor of Christians suddenly becomes a significant advocate of the faith and a great encourager and teacher of others. The list is very long! God's vision, expressed in the whole arc of the Bible, is of breaking down barriers, inclusively enriching society and culture by involving people who are somehow on the other side of cultural and national barriers, and using the unlikeliest of people on the outside of things to bring about God's way of humanity flourishing.

We need to see beyond human barriers at all times, but especially at times like these. We need to love Russians and Ukrainians alike. Our love must have no borders, must make itself vulnerable. This isn't about saying that the politics do not matter, or that it does not matter what the outcome of conflict is. I pray for peace in Ukraine, and hope unequivocally that its sovereignty will be restored. But the Gospel compels us to love everyone, especially those we find it hard to forgive and love; to see every human as a precious child of God, whether they are a child fleeing an invading army, a hungry soldier, or are the President of Russia who caused these events to happen. We pray for peace, but we also pray for the darkness of the human heart which seeks power, conquest and empire to be overcome with the light of love, truth and justice.

As we head towards Easter, Christians always have eternal hope to light the path ahead. When Jesus on Good Friday died, he took all the darkness of the world with him - it died with him, and his resurrection on Easter Day showed us that nothing the world can throw at us cannot be overcome by the light of God's love revealed in Jesus. My Easter prayer is that you all find such light for yourselves amid the darkness of our times. God bless you all,

Rev'd Nick As we head towards



Thank you to the residents of Bramham who through their generosity have made a difference to the lives of children and young people in a small village in Western, Cape South Africa.

EDSA (Education For democracy in South Africa) is a small charity based in Oxford whose purpose is to improve

the life chances of children in the rural Township in South Africa. Townships were created under the previous system of apartheid whereby people of different colours had to live in separate communities. Black and white were not allowed to be together. This created huge social problems including a lack of education and schools for children.

EDSA has been involved in supporting children in Barrydale a village 3 and a half hours drive from Cape Town. This is an area where fruit such as peaches, apricots, pears and apples are grown.

In Bramham we are fortunate our children have access to a good school with high expectations and which leads on to opportunities later in life. The children on the fruit farms did not have any schools until 1992, and although they now have them, they are very small and very basic.

EDSA has worked with the local community to create and build a children's centre in Barrydale which provides after school activities such as art, craft and music to broaden the children's experiences. Children from the age of 3 attend after school finishes at 1.30.pm until 5pm , and upwards of 100 children attend each day.

This children's centre is called Net Vir Pret (Just For Fun in Afrikaans, the main spoken language of the area). Holiday Clubs are also run during the school Holidays. The centre provides a place of activities and a safe place.

All children who attend the centre are fed at the end of a session, so again, about 100 plus children are fed each day, including children from the farm schools who are brought by minibus each afternoon to also attend the music and craft sessions, as they are not available at their own schools.

The latest development has been the workshops, which aim to enable older young people to develop skills in building and practical areas, as a possible journey into apprenticeships.

I have been involved with EDSA for many years, as a Trustee, but have only been able to visit and work there for the last few years. In this time, we have seen children grow and take opportunities previously unthought of. Bursaries have enabled young people to attend University in Capetown, take local courses and continue in their education, and the number of children attending the centre has grown hugely.

Net Vir Pret not only provides stimulation and fun to the children, but a pathway forward. The older children become Young Leaders and help with the younger ones. Paid Internships offer opportunities for school leavers to gain experience in working with children and young people to enable applications to college courses. Half of the present staff of NVP were children who attended the centre themselves and know the children and the village very well. The care and support given is not only practical but provides vital emotional and personal support.



Residents in Bramham were this year once again so very generous. Money given enabled footballs to be got, bikes to be repaired and shoes to be bought for school.

FOBS (Friends of Bramham School) threw open their preloved uniform stash and a huge amount was taken to Barrydale. All of this was distributed to the 4 farm schools where the need is greatest. Neighbours gave me bags of coats, clothes and shoes. (Many of the children do not have a pair of shoes and sometimes this prevents them attending school). White ankle socks and white T shirts also help support school attendance, and kind people in Bramham bought these in abundance this year.



All Saints Church has also provided support to the children of Barrydale.

Bramham children donated their books and toys. All of these were so very welcome.

Children in Barrydale learn English from Year 2, so the early readers books were very helpful to the schools and individual children.

World Book Day was held on March 3rd and this proved to be a very special day this year

Children from Barrydale, Veltefrede Farm School in South Africa, and the schools of Bramham and Shadwell joined to share their favourite books. Barrydale children read in Afrikaans and English and they children from all schools explained why they had chosen a particular book as their favourite. Joining the schools using Zoom was challenging but very worthwhile. Hopefully this contact will develop so that all sets of children learn more about each other and their lives and countries.



Apartheid officially finished in 1992, but the damage done by preventing all children having a full education is still being repaired.

The pictures show many of the items sent by Bramham including art materials and footballs!



The support which this community has given in the past has enabled a difference to be made to the lives of the children and young people in the community of Barrydale.

EDSA is very grateful for that support and the difference that has been made.

Linda Richards

EDSA Reg Charity Number 1003795

Hi everyone!

Spring is in the air, the daffodils are starting to peep through in the Jubilee Community Garden.



We have some exciting upcoming events this year for your calendar:

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacon Celebrations on Thursday 2nd June – more details to follow

Queen's Jubilee Garden Party Afternoon Tea on Sunday 5th June – more details to follow

Bramham Gala – Saturday 18th June – 12- 4 Bramham Playing Fields

We would like to thank our special 'Gardening Fairies' who are helping us out with the Jubilee Gardens keeping the beds weeded and tidy.

We are now at a point of being desperate for volunteers to join us at our events and also on our committee. It is not a huge commitment, just a few meetings a year and helping at the village events. If anyone can join us please either contact Philippa on her mobile below or come along to the AGM – we will be delighted to see you!

Let's hope 2022 will be full of fun!

Please contact Philippa – 07921 387751

BCAG Committee

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Friday 24th June
CONCERT in Bramham Church A special event
to celebrate the completion of the
Organ Restoration**

Do you wish you could talk to someone in confidence?

The small Pastoral Care Team have people with experience of helping the bereaved and people with other concerns. To access this service please telephone the Group Office on 01937 844402 during office hours Monday to Thursday 9.30am until 12 noon or email bramhambenefice@outlook.com

We can then arrange for a visitor to contact you.

PLANT SALE
INC. CAKES AND REFRESHMENTS
ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, BRAMHAM

Saturday 7th May 11am - 2pm
in the churchyard
 All proceed to All Saints' Church

Bramham Benefice

BEDDING PLANTS
 ANNUALS
 PERENNIALS
 VEGETABLES
 HERBS
 SHRUBS

CAKES
 SCONES
 TRAYBAKES
 PRESERVES
 TEA, COFFEE
 JUICE

If you would like to donate any plants, cakes or preserves
 please contact Emma on 07740166706 or drop off at the church
 on 7th May from 10am. Thank you.

*Together as a Community
 Together we Celebrate*

**THE QUEEN'S
 PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022**

All Saints' Church, Bramham
Sunday 5th June 2022
10am Jubilee Service

11am Jubilee Treasure Hunt

Collect your Treasure Hunt Clues from the iron gates in the churchyard.
 Start the hunt.
 Call into church to collect your Commemorative Jubilee Pin badge and find more answers.
 Follow the clues.
 Finish at the Pavillion
 Collect your Commemorative Certificate of Completion.

Bramham Benefice

The theme for [Earth Day 2022, on Friday 22nd April, is 'Invest In Our Planet'. What Will You Do?](#)



As individuals, we have the simple yet effective power to make our voices heard through our choices, our civic actions, and our personal interactions. What each of us does, and how we do it, has a huge ripple effect on our ecosystems, and on the pace of corporate and government action.

Started in 1970, Earth Day is widely recognized as the largest secular observance in the world, marked by more than a billion people every year as a day of action to change human behavior and create global, national and local policy changes.

On the back of [Zero Carbon Harrogate's 'car free Fridays' initiative](#) launched last October, could we also engage our local community and businesses to leave their cars at home on **Friday 22nd April**, and use alternative modes of transport eg, bike, walk, bus (and people with a need to use a car, could think about turning their thermostat down a degree that day instead for example)

H.C.TOWNSEND & SON

Funeral Directors
incorporating

George Kitchen of Bramham

Family Run Business est.1927

- * Dignified, Caring and Professional Service
- * Personal Attention Day or Night
- * Private Chapel of Rest
- * Pre-funeral Arrangements Tailored to your needs

Tel: 01423 871110

www.hctownsend.co.uk

**Oakfield House, Tofts Lane, Follifoot,
Harrogate HG3 1DY**

G.E. HARTLEY & SON LTD

The Complete Funeral Service

A Family Run Business Est. 1808

- 24 Hour Personal Service
- Private Chapels Of Rest
- Monumental Masonry
- Pre-paid Funeral Plans

THORNER: 0113 2892354

GARFORTH: 0113 2862980

WETHERBY: 01937 588888

**26 Main Street, Thorner,
Leeds, LS14 3DX**



Providing food for those in crisis in
Wetherby and the surrounding villages.

If you need help please contact us:

info@wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk

07840 455725

We will direct you through the process
of obtaining a food parcel.

**More information can be found
on our website**

wetherbyanddistrict.foodbank.org.uk



SARAH'S CUISINE

Established 1986

A professional tailor made catering
service for all occasions.

Telephone 01937 541178
07939 893563



Wetherby

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Your first choice for specialist cleaning

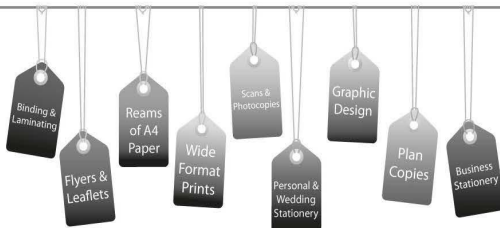
Freephone 0800 4370525 Mobile 07764 199697

W R I T E
DESIGN AND PRINT

13 Church Street, Wetherby, LS22 6LP

info@writedesignprint.co.uk

Tel: 01937 588198



BRAMHAM GALA CLASSIC VEHICLE SHOW
VEHICLE ENTRY **SAT 18TH.JUNE 2022**
12 TO 4PM

FREELY LANE BRAMHAM Ls23 6RR

**BOOKED ENTRY INCLUDES A FREE BACON SANDWICH
AND CUPS OF TEA/COFFEE**

The vehicle show forms part of the Bramham Village Gala.
There are village walks, 12th century church open, 2 historic pubs and more.
Stalls, refreshments, bar and toilets will be available.

First Name _____
Last Name _____
Address 1 _____
Address 2 _____
Address 3 _____
Town _____
County _____
Post Code _____

E-mail _____
Mobile _____

Make _____
Model _____
Year _____
Reg. No. _____



I confirm that I have appropriate insurance for exhibiting at vehicle shows.

Print Name _____
Signature _____
Date _____

Please complete all the information and return
the form and a cheque for £6 made payable to:-

Bramham Community Action Group

Please include also a stamped and self addressed envelope for
us to return your entry pass. (Photocopies of the entry form will be accepted).
Return the form to:-

Bramham Classic Entry,
1 Church View,
Bramham
Wetherby, Ls23 6QR

Exhibitors please aim to be on site no later than 11.30am.



TOBY H JOHNSON LTD

TREE, FENCING, PAVING & LANDSCAPE SPECIALISTS

Est 2001 - Over 27 years experience

Tree Surgery • Fencing • Paving
Equestrian Arenas
Maintenance Contracts



Free Estimates

01904 607 899 / 07814 024 824

www.tobyhjohnsonltd.co.uk

tobyj36@yahoo.co.uk

CALLING ALL EBAYERS

If you are selling on ebay, would you consider donating a percentage of your item? You can donate 10% - 100% and 100% of all monies goes to maintaining our wonderful village church. If you can help, when listing your item, scroll down to:-



Raise money for your favourite charity through eBay, click or select another charity,

Enter allsaintschurchbramham

Enter Percentage, and off you go

If you have any questions please email:-stephen@spentex.co.uk

All Saints' Church, Bramham now has an ebay account. EBayers will be able to order Hog Roast tickets etc online and have them delivered or ready for collection from the Village Store.

If you want to order any Church related items through ebay, search for allsaintschurchbramham, and add to your favourite sellers list. We can then keep you updated, with new items.

Thank you.

All Saints Church, Bramham VCC



Kind-hearted crafters are being asked to whip out their pens and seal some envelopes as part of a charity plan to cut loneliness in Wetherby.

Wetherby in Support of the Elderly's (WiSE) 'Send A Smile' scheme aims to cut feelings of isolation and loneliness by asking people to spare 10 minutes to send an older person some handmade post.

The charity has launched the initiative as part of its wider efforts to support older people in Wetherby and its surrounding villages- with loneliness known to contribute to many other health related issues.

WiSE's Melody Mills, Send a Smile scheme coordinator, said: "Thousands upon thousands of older people count television as their only friend, with chronic loneliness one of the country's fastest growing health challenges.

"We're proud of our record in tackling the issue through our existing events, activities and befriending schemes, but we truly believe this initiative is something that absolutely anyone- young or old- can really get behind and support, as it only takes a few minutes to get involved.

"The joy of receiving a good old fashioned piece of post never goes away and you wouldn't believe the impact that opening a hand-made drawing or card can have on an older person's day."

To get involved, make a card, draw a picture or write a letter and send it to the charity at: Send a Smile Scheme, Wetherby in Support of the Elderly, The One Stop Centre, Westgate, Wetherby, LS22 6NL. The charity will then forward the post an isolated older person.

Alternatively, if you are an older person and would like to sign up to receive the post, email smile@w-ise.org.uk or phone 01937 588994. Relatives or friends can also sign up of behalf of a person over 60.

Would you like to help
improve your GP practice
services?



Patient Participation Group PPG

Have you ever thought about joining our Patient Participation Group(PPG)?

A PPG is a group made up of volunteer patients and members of practice staff who work together to improve the experience of patients using the practice.

To find out more, please contact Pauline Tidswell the Practice Manager on 01937 845854 or email us on Pauline.tidswell@nhs.net or speak to a receptionist



Monthly Community
Coffee Morning
Bramham Village Hall

First Wednesday of every month

Wednesday 6th April

Meet your Neighbours! Have a chat

Everyone is welcome

In conjunction with Mums and Tots 10.00am- 11.30am

If you would like transport, please call 07858293980

Wetherby Glass Ltd

Your Local Glass Merchants

- *Mirror -Safety Glass
- *Bevelled Glass
- *Shop Fronts
- *Greenhouse Glass
- *Full installation service
- *Complete repairs service
- *U.PVC doors & windows
- *Fire Resistant Glass

*Buy your double glazing units
direct from us the manufacturers*
6 Victoria Street, Wetherby LS22 6RE

Tel: 01937 585683



HOLIDAY COTTAGE IN ABERFORD

Charming stone cottage in the centre of Aberford. A double and a twin room, living room, fitted kitchen and conservatory as well as a shared garden. Weekly or short-term lets, long weekends and mid-week breaks are available.

Contact us on: 07470 342471 or visit our website: www.pumphillbarn.co.uk

Kate Lofthouse ITEC IIIHHT IEB CThA

Reflexology

*Gift Vouchers
Available*



*Perfect
birthday
presents!*

**For details & prices
Tel: Bramham 01937 541678
Email: katelofthouse@live.co.uk**

FLEXIBLE FRIENDLY FITNESS

Flexercise
Get fit and stay fit
Suitable for all ages
Qualified teacher



FLEXERCISE

**GET FIT
STAY FIT**

**Bramham Village Hall
Thursday 9.15–10.15 am**

**for more information contact
Yvonne Gibson 07463 816706**



Wall Property Services Ltd

"Everything to do with Property"



On your doorstep in Bramham. More details on our website.

www.wall-pm.co.uk

**MAKE A LITTLE
ROOM 4 GLAMOUR**

**BROWS . LASHES . NAILS
& FURNISHINGS**

Book an appointment in Bramham
with EMMA LITTLE!
Call 07801 858393
or email emmamittle@live.com



BRAMHAM VILLAGE HALL We are all aware of the unprecedented increase in energy costs This increase will impact upon the running costs of the Village Hall To minimise this impact we are introducing a new heating control system which will ensure heating will not be accidentally left on by users after events



As I write this update, work is currently being undertaken in this respect . Can I take this opportunity to apologise to our users for any temporary inconvenience caused. There may be a short delay as we are anxious to ensure the best possible installation for purpose The end product will ensure no unnecessary energy costs and help limit any substantial hire costs going forward.

Bookings for the hall continue to be busy and as always I would urge anyone considering hiring the hall to please book early . Availability of the hall can be checked and bookings made on line at hallbook-online.com/bramham . Prices are also shown at this address

Stewart Gibson Chairman ,
Bramham Village Hall Management Committee

*The Drama
Group*

SUMMER HOLIDAYS ARE BACK !

How about a visit to Kalamateya on the beautiful Greek island of Minaksoss ?

Bring out your holiday gear & book the **10th or 11th June** for a visit to the sunshine you will never forget ! But beware Your “Welcome Meeting” may not be quite what you are expecting !

Murder Mystery is back in Bramham as we perform “ Olive and Let Die “ !!! , Enjoy the Greek atmosphere , have a drink and refreshments with friends , plan your excursions on the island , compare your outfits and help solve the “ Sunbed Murder “

Further details will follow in next month’s magazine but keep these dates free !



BRAMHAM READERS' GROUP

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday
6th of April at 7.30pm in The Swan

We will be discussing "The Giver of Stars" by Jojo
Moyles

New members welcome

contact:

Marion on 844191

Jillian on 844858

Calling all Preschool children and their Carers



All Saints' Church
Bramham

Warmly invites you to join us in

Bramham Village Hall



1.30 until 3pm for



Play, stories, songs, crafts and
fun!

Thursday 28th April



Platinum Jubilee Party

Wednesday 1st June 2022.

10:00 - 12:00 at Bramham Village Hall

To Celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee
Mums and Tots will be hosting a Royal
Themed Community Coffee Morning.

Everyone is Welcome

All our usual Mums and Tots activities will
have a Royal Theme.

More information to follow.



All Are Welcome

BRAMHAM VILLAGE STORE and POST OFFICE



Please take the opportunity to call in to see us, we
Provide:-

Post Office services, FREE cash withdrawal facility at the post office
Lottery, Scratch card and Health Lottery purchases
Newspapers and newspaper delivery service
Fresh daily bread, milk and other morning goods
General groceries, frozen foods and ice creams
Dairy products, sandwiches, snacks and confectionary
Local farm eggs, some fresh fruits and vegetables
Tobacco, chilled beers, wines, spirits and soft drinks
Greetings cards, stationery and general accessories
Mobile phone, Gas and Electricity top up's, cash back facility
Dry Cleaning service

Lynn, Marie, Louise and Philip will be happy to help and serve you.

<u>Village Store</u>		<u>Post Office</u>
Mon-Fri.	06.00-19.00	09.00-17.30
Saturday	08.00-19.00	09.00-12.30
Sunday	07.00-12.30	Closed
Bank Hols	07.00-12.30	Closed
12 Front Street, Bramham LS23 6RD		Tel: 01937 842275

MAGAZINE DETAILS

**Please send all articles to Anne Palmer by 14th April
to bramham.magazine@gmail.com or deliver to Anne at:-
Old Coach House, Vicarage Lane, Bramham. The letter box is in
the side wall of the garage. It is very helpful if you can keep the
article to just one page. Please try to send the copy in Word
format or as a jpeg, not as a pdf.**

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police Non emergency - incident already taken place (including burglary)	101
Police Incident actually happening (including burglary)	999
Police Support Officer for Bramham).....	0113 2855374
NHS Direct.....	111
Doctor - Boston Spa.....	01937 842842
Doctor - Bramham.....	01937 845854
York & District Hospital.....	01904 631313
Harrogate District Hospital.....	01423 885 959
St James Hospital.....	0113 243 3144
Leeds Infirmary.....	0113 243 2799
Seacroft Hospital.....	0113 264 8164
Train Enquiries.....	0845 748 4950
Leeds City Council (general enquiries).....	0113 222 4444
LCC Social Services (children).....	0113 222 4403
LCC Social Service (adults).....	0113 222 4401
LCC Refuse and Pest Control.....	0113 222 4406
LCC Benefits Advice & Council Tax.....	0113 222 4404
LCC Highway faults, Pot Holes, Street Ltg, Drains.....	0113 222 4407
LCC Parking Services.....	0113 395 0050
LCC Planning Dept.....	0113 222 4409
British Gas Emergencies.....	0800 111 999
Yorkshire Electricity Emergencies.....	0800 375 675
Yorkshire Water, Day & Night.....	0845 124 2424
Metro Bus Enquiries.....	0113 245 7676
National Express Buses.....	0870 580 8080
Noise complaints out of office hours.....	0113 395 0143
Wetherby Library.....	01937 583144
Boston Spa Library.....	01937 845239
Chemist - Cohen's Boston Spa.....	01937 842985
Citizens Advice Bureau (Leeds).....	0113 223 4400
Childline.....	0800 1111

Church Services in April

Sunday 3rd April

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa
Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham
Holy Communion 9.30am All Saints' Thorp Arch
All Together at 10am St Mary's Boston Spa
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am All Saints' Thorp Arch
Parish Worship (lay led) 10.00am All Saints' Bramham
Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter's Walton
Holy Communion 10am St Mary's Boston Spa
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Thursday 14th April

Maunday Thursday Service 7.30pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Good Friday 15th of April

All Together Service 10am St Mary's Boston Spa
Act of Witness 12 noon Millennium Gardens Boston Spa
Good Friday Service 2.30pm St Mary's Boston Spa
Sung Tenebrae 7.30pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Easter Sunday 17th April

Dawn Service 6.00am St Mary's Boston Spa
Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa
Holy Communion 10am All Saints' Bramham
Holy Communion 10am St Mary's Boston Spa
Easter Evensong 6.00pm All Saints' Thorp Arch
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 24th April

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa
Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

