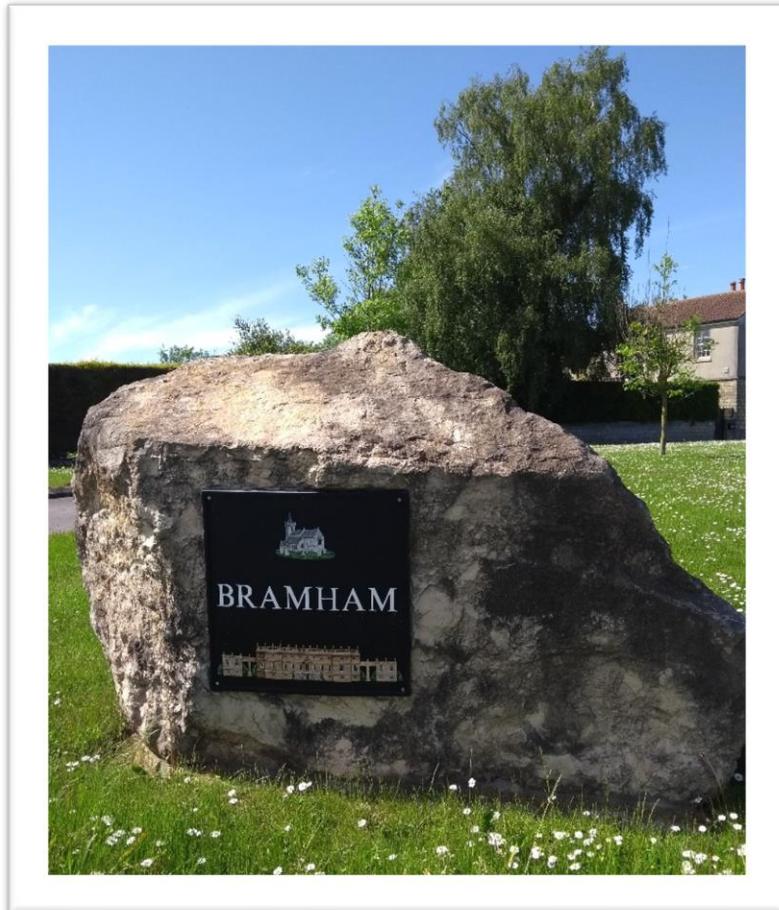


BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



.... 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 this 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 again been published online only. However, if you or anyone you know would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Clerk at: clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Bramham Parish Council.

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BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Message from the Chairman

Dear Fellow Residents

This is being written at a challenging time when global politics and aggression in eastern Europe makes every headline; the Parish Council is an apolitical body, but our thoughts go out to those who are suffering, have suffered and who will do so in the future as a result of the conflicts in Ukraine and elsewhere.

Because of Covid and a number of changes within Council, 2021/2022 has been another challenging year. Despite the Covid restrictions having been relaxed, the appearance of the Omicron variant in the UK in November 2021 reminded us that we, as a local, national and global community, will probably be living with successive variants for a long time to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those Councillors who have left during the year for their dedication and service to Council and to also include my thanks to the many volunteers (unsung heroes) within the various village groups who have made and are making Bramham village what it is today.

I would like to welcome Trish Prest who was co-opted onto Council at the December meeting and to thank her and all the current Councillors who have given and continue to give their time as volunteers, not shirking at taking responsibility when required. I would personally like to thank Nancy Fairbairn, our Clerk, for her guidance and advice and to remind residents that there remains a vacancy on Council and anyone wishing to express an interest in becoming a Councillor should contact Nancy on clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTRE: Council has yet to receive the outcome of the tendering process for the rebuilding of the Senior Citizen's Shelter, upon receipt of which Council can decide the definitive way forward. The Annual Parish Meeting, at the end of May, will give Councillors and the invited Architectural Consultant, Philip Thompson, the opportunity to share with the residents all relevant details and information currently available, the majority of which is already accessible on the website. The Asset Development Working Group has advised Council, which has accepted the view, that no further major capital expenditure projects should be undertaken whilst the SCC remains under consideration. Ongoing repairs and minor purchases to support council activity will of course continue.

WILDLIFE AREA: as a result of information provided by a resident it has been confirmed with Bramham Park Estates and the Environment Agency (EA) that the land on the opposite side of the beck to the Senior Citizen's Centre is owned by the EA and there is no agreement between the EA and Bramham Parish Council (BPC) which allows residents to cross the weed screen to access the "Wildlife Area". The weed screen is currently out of bounds and is considered a substantial risk area by both the EA and BPC. Consequently, the "Wildlife Area" is an isolated piece of land with no access for residents. Bramham Park Estates will now consider the future use of the zone.

SPEEDING: A public meeting was held in November 2021 and attended by Leeds City Council Highways, the Outer Northeast Leeds Policing Team, Ward Councillors, Councillors from Clifford, volunteers who have monitored the mobile SID and a number of residents. One of the main messages from the meeting was that most speeding vehicles belong to residents of the village. Following the use of the mobile Vehicle Activated Speed Indicator Device (SID) on Bowcliffe,

Clifford and Wetherby Roads Council is now purchasing three static SIDs to be placed by Leeds City Council Highways at those speeding “hotspots.” Our thanks go to the Ward Councillors who have funded one of the SIDs, to a resident who has funded a second and to other residents who have offered financial help. The mobile SID will again be out and about around the village beginning in April 2022 and anyone wishing to help in monitoring the SID should contact Nancy on clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk. I would like to take this opportunity to thank, both personally and on behalf of Council, the three volunteers who came forward and helped monitor the mobile SID whilst in use. Data retrieved from the unit is available on the website.

ASSETS AND AMENITIES: Unfortunately, there was an incursion of “Travellers” onto the playing field which not only caused damage to the fencing and one of the benches/seats but also to the gas pipe which runs around the perimeter of the field. Northern Gas Networks identified and repaired the damage but there being no known plans of where the gas pipe is situated and at what depth, Council engaged a company to assess the utilities and using ground penetrating radar, they were able to establish the majority of the extent of the gas pipe. There is now a dedicated area for the erection of gazebos/bouncy castles which will be identified to all hirers of the Pavilion.

Thanks to the Community Fund the Council has been able to purchase a marquee which will be available to village organisations for their use on the playing field only. So far it will be used for an afternoon tea during the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations, two weeks later for the Gala and then Bramham Produce Show in September; the facility opens up new opportunities for events on the playing field. There will be a charge for the “putting up and taking down” which will be coordinated via the A&A Committee and will require an experienced group of volunteers.

There have been a number of minor repairs and additions to the Pavilion structure; a new Name Board above the front door and new guttering, downpipes and gas flue following damage caused by the pavilion being used as a backdrop by some ball players. The flower bed by the front door has been partially rebuilt and now has appropriate drainage to avoid further cracking in the cold weather and a watching brief is being kept on the lower courses of stonework where the facing has cracked off in the cold weather.

This year has also seen the introduction of the “Hallmaster” booking system for the pavilion and field with bookings now being processed online in accordance with the guidance issued.

Further repairs were conducted to the “wet pour” in the children’s playground following a series of more major repairs in January 2021 and fortunately were covered by the guarantee.

FINANCE: Information regarding the financial position is available on the website. I would like to thank Nancy who has introduced the “audit tool” Scribe into the system and who has transcribed all the data, making it more accessible and easier for individual Councillors to access up-to-date data.

Finally there is no doubt there are challenges ahead, not least of which will be the SCC Project but hopefully 2022/2023 will be a more stable and productive year; once again I would like to remind residents that there is currently a position of Councillor vacant and if you feel you can offer your time and your talents please contact Nancy at clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Cllr Mike Corrigan.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

Over the past year All Saints' has continued to hold regular services with alternating Communion services led by the Rev Nick Morgan and Trish Anslow and lay led services. The online services continue to be available for those who have felt at risk when venturing outside in the presence of Covid.

The Church is open every day and everyone is welcome to come in and enjoy the peace and beauty of this ancient place of worship in the heart of the village.

Following on from last year when a group of volunteers came forward to help with management of the churchyard we have now split it up into three sectors. The East and West ends will be kept mown whilst the central section on the North side will be developed as a wildflower meadow. Last November this area was sown with Yellow Rattle to weaken the lush grass and allow the wild flowers to flourish; we would then plan to scatter some wild flower seeds in this area. This has an advantage that the meadow area will only require mowing twice a year and encourage butterflies and bees to flourish.

On the 4th April this year Nick Morgan was appointed Vicar as he now lives in the vicarage in Boston Spa and was also appointed Area Dean and we wish him well in both posts. At the same service Nick Lane Fox was welcomed as the Patron which position he inherited from his father.

The organ restoration was at last completed and to celebrate we will be holding a concert with the group called Ensemble Pro Victoria, one of Britain's finest young vocal ensembles, who are led by Toby Ward who is from Otley. The event will start at 6.00 pm with an interval break of 40 minutes for people to enjoy picnics outside if the weather is fine, or take them into the Village Hall if it is the usual English Summer.

Importantly the church has been given a grant from the Community Fund which is being used to install a new flagpole on the Tower and make access to the parapet comply with Health and Safety Regulations. It is our intention that the flag will be flown not only for important church and National occasions but also for the important Village celebrations as it has such a central position in the village.

Monthly meetings of The Ark, a group for preschool children and their carers involving play, crafts, Bible stories and songs, have restarted but have moved to the Village Hall instead of the Church as this is a larger and safer venue.

Monthly Community coffee mornings have also restarted in the Village Hall in conjunction with the Village Hall Mums and Tots group. People of all ages are welcome to meet for coffee, cake, and friendly conversation on the first Wednesday of every month

The reduction in all types of services has reduced income this past year and made it more difficult to meet the rising costs of keeping the church open and in good order. We are grateful to everyone who supports the church via the Parish Giving Scheme, the Open Door Scheme, and by donations of any kind.

Events such as the Flower Festival and the children's Christmas Crafts Day have been generously supported by our village community and major services, such as Remembrance Sunday, are well attended but the number of parishioners on the electoral roll has fallen again this year and there are no young families attending church regularly. We would very much like to welcome people of

all ages to All Saints' and are open to suggestions about how to make worship accessible to all the community in Bramham.

Jillian Lawson and Chips Browning Churchwardens.

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.

If any resident would like to make a donation towards the costs of the magazine this would be very much appreciated. Please contact Anne Palmer.

BADMINTON GROUP

The Badminton ladies group have played in the Village Hall for more than 30 years and we have now been joined by a couple of men!

Currently the session, from 6.15-7.45pm is full but we are so pleased that another enthusiastic group of players follows on from 7.45-9.00pm.

Monday Night in Bramham Village Hall is Badminton Night.

Please contact Margaret by email madgemorgan5@gmail.com
if you would like any more information.

BRAMHAM COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Last year we at BCAG managed to organise just a couple of face to face events.

We ran the bar for the Bramham Get Together, then the bar for the Village Produce Show. Both were a success for the organisers and all participants enjoyed themselves. Sadly we have had to hand the Village Hall bar back to them.

We also held a plant sale. We are grateful to The Old Hall for helping us sell and also letting us use their entrance way.

We then ran the Christmas fair with Bramham All Saints Church. Having Father Christmas in the Church raised his profile considerably! The light switch-on of the Christmas Lights happened a few

days later with the additional lights in operation this year.

We have some events planned for this year starting with the Platinum Jubilee for Her Majesty the Queen on Thursday June 2nd. The Lighting of the Beacon will be part of the national Celebration of the Platinum events.

This will be followed on the afternoon of Sunday June 5th by an Afternoon Tea with other village groups and hosted by the Parish Council on the Playing Fields by the Pavilion. Then a few weeks later we have the village gala back in June. Lots of fun to be had!

We are however really short on volunteers. If you have a few hours spare to help at our events we would be most grateful.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

BCAG Committee.

BRAMHAM COMMUNITY FUND

The Bramham Community Fund was set up by the owners of Bramham Park and the promoter Festival Republic in 2003 to give community recognition to the area hosting the Leeds Festival. The promoter makes available free tickets to bona-fide Bramham residents, who may apply by making a per capita contribution to the Fund. This figure is set to allow attendance at the festival at around 25% of the normal public ticket price. The residents' tickets also give access to the superior guest area and the use of a shuttle bus between the village and the event site. Every year, a committee under the chairmanship of Nick and Rachel Lane Fox considers applications for grants from community organisations. Since the Fund was set up, it has made grants of over £420,000. The largest contributions have been made to the Sports pavilion, the Village Hall, the Drama Group, All Saints' Church and the Friends of Bramham School. In all 38 different community groups have benefitted from the Fund.

The constitution of the Fund requires it to support community projects and these must directly benefit the residents of Bramham. The Fund cannot support commercial activities or private individuals.

This year the value of the applications was substantially greater than the amount available for distribution, so unfortunately some applications were unsuccessful and others resulted in an offer less than the amount being sought. The following grants were made:

Bramham Village Hall	Christmas lunch/hamper for elderly and isolated residents	£300
Bramham Village Hall	External power source for outside events	£300
Bramham Bell ringers	Replacement muffles	£472
Bramham in Bloom	Platinum jubilee commemoration planting	£500
1 st Clifford Scouts (Meeting in Bramham)	Contribution to Mess tent/gazebo	£1000
Community Action Group	Contribution to Public Address system	£2000
Bramham Village Hall	Contribution towards legal fees for	

	Charitable Incorporated status	£2500
Bramham Parish Council	Marquee for outdoor playing field events	£4028
All Saints' Church	Design costs and preparatory work for Bell Tower repairs and renovation	£10,000

The Fund also supports the ticket administration costs.

Ticket applications are usually invited in the March of each year, and an announcement is made in the Parish magazine and on Social Media. The grants committee also normally meets in March to consider grants based on the monies from the previous summer's Festival. An announcement will be made in the magazine nearer the date and any community organisation wishing to apply for a grant will be required to submit an application no later than 14 February 2023.

Colin Pool
Secretary to the Fund.

BRAMHAM & COLLINGHAM BELLRINGERS

Thankfully we were finally allowed to start ringing again in May last year. We really enjoyed ringing for the Bramham Getting back together day on the 24th July and there was a lovely feeling that hearing the bells that day heralded in a move towards the end of the pandemic and lockdown.

With the lifting of restrictions we were able to start ringing again for weddings which is always a lovely thing to be able to do and we also had a wedding of our own to celebrate when ringer Jeremy Kendall married Eileen in October and we rang for them and recorded the event in the Ringing World magazine.

On Yorkshire Day, August 1st, the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers held an tower open day event across the region and we opened both Bramham and Collingham churches. The turnout was great and we recruited three new ringers. We have had fantastic support from Knaresborough and Chapel Allerton churches with training the new ringers and they are now part of our merry band.

We have a total of 7 registered ringers now but we join with Kirk Deighton to make sure we have enough ringers to allow us to ring on the first Sunday of the month and ring for other key events in the church calendar.

We were privileged to be asked to ring for the installation and licencing service of Rev Morgan in April and attend the service.

We hope this year to be able to continue to play an active part in our wonderful village and thank everyone who has shown their support for our small band throughout the year.

Bramham & Collingham Bellringers.

BRAMHAM DRAMA GROUP

Bramham Drama Group was established in 1981 and has been a thriving community group ever since. Bramham Drama is an all-inclusive and fun community group who have a junior and adult section which is open to all people from age 6+. Many of our junior members have continued with the drama group to go on to join the adult cast and crew members.

We have always aimed to put on two productions a year, a spring/ summer production and our winter pantomime. Notable productions in previous years have been Calendar Girls, Wind in the Willows and Murder Mystery plays.

Bramham Drama Group is all about having fun with like-minded group of individuals, but we are always looking for new faces to join the group.

There are a wide variety of roles that fall within the group and all are essential to put on a production, so whether your interest is acting, singing and generally being on the stage, or if you prefer to be involved in stage and set painting and design, back stage crew or lighting and sound. If you think that you might like to join us, pop along and meet us, we are a very friendly bunch and there is a role for you.

We were overjoyed to return in December 2021 with our winter pantomime 'Cinderella'. This was a huge success and very well supported by our friends in Bramham and our neighbouring villages. Oh yes it was!

Our 2022 spring production is our Murder Mystery 'Olive and Let Die'. Performance dates are scheduled for 10 and 11 June 2022, and we hope you will join us and help us solve this sunbed murder.

In addition, we are delighted to announce that the Junior Drama Group will be performing at the upcoming afternoon jubilee tea on Sunday 05 June 2022 as part of the Jubilee Celebrations.

Lastly and most importantly, on behalf of Bramham Drama Group I would like to thank all our friends for your continued support and especially over the last year.

We look forward to seeing you again at 'Olive and Let Die' and our future performances.

If you would like more information on joining Bramham Drama Group, please find us on our Facebook page, email bramhamdramagroup@gmail.com or phone me on 07854 434464.

Andrea Barnard, Chair, Bramham Drama Group.

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 HISTORIC DOCUMENTS

The collection of Historic Documents, previously held by the Historic Asset Conservation Group, has now been deposited with the West Yorkshire Archive Service (WYAS). The WYAS will ensure that the documents are catalogued and securely stored. Many of the documents have been digitized and can be found at <http://historicbramham.org.uk/>. If you would like to view any of the original documents email leeds@wyjs.org.uk or telephone 01135350155, the reference number for the collection is WYAS9242.

BRAMHAM IN BLOOM

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Welcome to our 2021/2022 annual newsletter. It has been a very different year for many of us. The covid restrictions affected our performance as regards the planting in various beds, the availability of plants and volunteers willing to get together to work on the areas needing attention throughout the village. Volunteers were concerned for their own safety and the safety of others, which is understandable. The Committee and a few volunteers tried to keep all areas tidy as much as possible.

White flowering plants adorned the Church troughs. Bramham in Bloom donated a bespoke planter next to the Church porch in memory of Mavis Wilson, Gill Young and Peggy Kitchen. Many residents have shown their appreciation and a plaque will be placed on the planter in due course.

Eco-friendly planting.

Over the last two years we have endeavoured to reduce our garden waste and plant more shrubs and perennials. Our new perennial/shrub bed on Clifford Road looked full and colourful attracting lots of bees and insects. We managed to secure a grant from the Arium to help us with planting. Now the bed is full of perennials which have flourished for the last two years helped by natural moisture retention and thus reduced our watering needs.



Summer flowering wall baskets from Riverside Plants in Linton were hung on the gable wall of Walkers buildings, on the Beck Bridge and at Brook Babes school site which arrived in May. Thank you to all our sponsors. Kirsty and Paul at the Red Lion managed to find sponsorship for their wall baskets and beautiful wall displays although Covid-19 closures had affected their fund raising from their clients. However their displays were so beautiful as always and they will be sadly missed.

Keith Howland continues to mow verges around the village. The Bottle Bank area was completely revitalised by Keith and two new flower beds were created with the help of other volunteers. Also thanks are due to Councillor Linda Richards for her work in liaising with the LCC to clear pathways, in particular, making it safer for parents to walk their children to and from school.

Some help was required with watering during June and July.



Many groups from the village took part in the Harvest Flower Festival in the Church. There were wonderful displays from the whole village and the church looked splendid. Bramham in Bloom contributed with wild flowers, garden flowers and even flowers from Folly Allotments. At the Annual Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall, Bramham in Bloom donated a festive plant to all of the guests.

Farfield Corner at the top of Wetherby Road, now that the utilities have been completed for Farfield Houses, is now undergoing a new development. Bramham in Bloom Judging by Yorkshire in Bloom has changed and villages can now submit a themed item. The Committee have put forward Farfield as a new area of change. It is a competition where photos and a short synopsis are submitted for a panel to judge. Our entry is named **"Eeeh heck that looks grand"**! We have been very grateful to Alec Colgan, builder and developer for all his help in construction and re-instating of our corner garden. New benches have been sponsored and work is well underway paying attention to maintenance and sustainability of all planting considerations. Judging is due to take place in Aug. 2022.

In conclusion we have had a somewhat difficult year with many restrictions which have affected provision of plants and volunteering. Our Sponsors have been generously loyal to our group for which we are very thankful and I would also greatly thank my committee and volunteers for their time and energy. Our wall baskets and plant delivery will be upon us very soon bringing colour and cheer to the village.

Lynne Marshall
Chair
May 2022.



NSPCC BRAMHAM

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. Despite the difficulties and uncertainties thrown at us by the pandemic during 2021/22 we were able to host 2 large events in the village hall and our second very popular Christmas Wreath Making Day in the Pavilion. The 90's Quiz raised £2,531.86 the Wreath Making £357.06.

The sell out evening with Snake Davis added a further £2,634.50.

Total for the year 2021/22
£5,523.42

This year we are delighted to welcome three new members to our committee of ladies who meet a few times a year. We are also very grateful to the friends, residents, and family who turn up on an ad hoc basis to help set up, clear up wash up and give much valued expertise. Thank you.

As well as the main fundraisers we enjoy supporting other community groups in Bramham and regularly participate in the Village Gala.

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

Bramham Readers' Group has been "Up & Running" since 2009. Meetings are held once a month (Mon, Tues or Wed) evenings at 7.30pm. We are back in "The Swan" (courtesy of host Sam).

We enjoy lively discussion at each meeting. Wetherby Library supply us with an interesting mix of genre, i.e., Fiction, Travel, Biography, Poetry etc!

Some interesting choices this year:

The Girl with the Louding Voice by Abi Dare

The Mermaid of Black Conch by Monique Roffey

Here We Are by Graham Swift.

Many people have picked up a book in recent times and discovered the pleasure of reading.

Contacts: Marion Hogg 844191 Jillian Lawson 844858

BRAMHAM RUNNERS

Bramham Runners was formed in 2009 by a group of like-minded residents who have evolved as an activity and social group over more than a decade. It is a group of local people, predominantly Bramham residents, who jog/run together to enjoy exploring the village trails and share a passion to lead an active healthy lifestyle.

No formalities, no joining fees and no membership commitments; everyone from Bramham and surrounding villages are welcome to join us.

Running is a great form of low-cost exercise and is a fantastic way to get active and stay healthy. No matter how far or how fast you want to run we always plan routes to suit the needs of everyone, be it one mile or one marathon! No matter how far or how fast you want to run we always (unless you are really fast!) have someone you can run with and that can help motivate you to run a little further or a little faster.

We try to encourage people to enter local events too, including our own Bramham Run and other local races in surrounding areas. If you are new to running or want to get back into it, feel free to come along. Why not set yourself a challenge and enter our 5k or 10k event or simply come along and run a mile or two on our club runs (details below).

Throughout lockdown we set up a Social Media Group to share our running miles and motivation and we continued to keep the group fit and active throughout the pandemic. Some of our runners who were isolated during the pandemic have said that the friendship shown by the group was a huge support to them when they were feeling isolated and lonely.

Run Bramham 5km and 10km Event is taking place on Sunday the 10th of July this year. This will be the 5th year of a very successful fundraiser all taking place within the trails and roads of our village. We have approximately 50 wonderful volunteers from the village who help make this happen. We welcome up to 200 adults and many children to the event that starts at 10am on the village playing field. The run was established by the running group, together with the original pavilion committee, to raise funds for Bramham Pavilion. Last year the group made the decision to donate all funds raised to Martin House Hospice and we were delighted to deliver a large donation to an extremely worthy cause. We are always wanting more volunteers for this event so if you can spare a couple of hours that day please do get in touch. Or you may want to stand along the route and give the runners a cheer. It really is quite a spectacle seeing 200 running vests (of various bright colours) sprint away from the start line on Freely Lane.

If you would like to get involved with our group, please do come and meet us in the Village Square outside the Red Lion. We meet at the following times:

Tuesdays @ 6pm – gentle 3 mile route for power-walkers or joggers, 4, 5 or 6 mile options with occasional hills and sprints

Sundays @ 10.00am – routes to suit all, normally off-road or in Bramham Park

For more information, please email Bramham.Runners@yahoo.co.uk or call Alison Mackie (07725 641000). We are always looking forward to welcoming new faces.

Bramham Runners.

FOLLY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Once again, the year has been one of mixed blessings. As in the previous year we have been privileged to have a “safe” haven to retire to amidst the chaos that has been the Covid crisis but fortunately we are now de-restricted but, with the inevitability of further Covid variants to come, it is still wise to be cautious and be sensible whenever and wherever we can.

After a wet winter and then a cold but dry spring the growing season started late and many seedlings appeared to be confused (as did we gardeners) as to what they should be doing with slow germination and a general delay in “getting going.” However, as ever Nature always seems to find a way of catching up and compensating for our worries and dithering and the year ended with some excellent produce, some of which won prizes at the Bramham Produce Show held at the Pavilion and on the playing field. Hopefully, there will be more entries this coming September.

We have a couple of new plot holders who are most welcome which means that all the plots are fully occupied with only a short waiting list. Now we are back at the beginning of the growing season again, the hedge has been cut and the accumulated debris cleared using the skip over the second weekend of March. Any excess crop will hopefully not only be left on the allotment wall but also Emma is arranging to set up a community “Fruit and veg” stall outside her parents’ house from May through to October to share out the excess produce and make it freely available to residents at a more convenient site in the centre of the village.

The Committee, Folly Allotments Association.

TENTER HILL ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION



Since our last update the Tenter Hill Allotment site has continued to develop and grow through the dedication and hard work of all the Tenter Hill Allotment Association community. One thing that has been really uplifting is the interest in allotments and the committee now holds a waiting list for plots. It appears now more than ever allotments are in high demand across the country, and we suspect that there are many reasons behind this such as people now being much more conscious of their food miles and carbon footprint but mostly, we suspect the simple sheer enjoyment of being able to grow your own fruit and veg is appealing to all and really satisfying. Whatever the motivation we can honestly say that there will always be a warm friendly welcome at the Tenter Hill site.

In January this year the association held its first AGM in two years due to the pandemic. The association welcomed three new members to the committee which now consists of seven association members including a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer who manage and act as a liaison between the association and the parish council. The AGM was a great opportunity to eventually get together and chat with other plot holders and further discuss future projects and the

continuing management of the site. Several 'working days' are usually arranged in the year to keep the site looking its best but also for other plot holders to get involved supporting each other either by moving garden rubbish or assist dismantling unwanted sheds.

The Tenter Hill site also has a wonderful communal area where plot holders carry out seed and plant swaps and over the coming summer months will see more social events organised for all members.

This year was also a Tenter Hill first when members of the association entered the Braham Produce Show, and we are pleased to announce that members were lucky enough to pick up prizes. As keen gardener's there is nothing more pleasing than to take a step back and admire your seasonal hard work, however, to also win a prize is an even greater reward.

If you are interested in taking on a plot by adding your name to the waiting list, please contact us via the Tenter Hill Allotment Association Secretary at tenterhill.allotments@gmail.com

The Committee, Tenter Hill Allotments.

VILLAGE HALL

Bramham Village Hall 2021 – 2022

For those unaware, the Village Hall is owned by all the residents of the village and held in trust by holding trustees with the responsibility for the day to day running of the hall resting with a Management Committee

The Committee focus upon maintaining and improving the hall to provide a facility for all members of our community

Having survived the difficulties of Covid, the Village Hall is well and truly back in business. The fact that the hall is very much the centre of our community was evidence by our "Get Back together!" celebration day in July last year when we had a tremendous turn out for our first event once lockdown rules were eased – the event partly took place inside and partly outside the hall with drink, food and local entertainers providing a wonderful occasion. One resident said "It was fantastic – thanks for making this event so lovely – a real community. This is why we choose to live here!"

Since then normality has gradually returned and in addition to the many private parties we have numerous keep fit and dance classes for all ages , a weekly Mums & Tots Group , a monthly community coffee morning , badminton , a dementia group , a drama group with pantomimes at Christmas and a Spring production , at least one event per year organised by NSPCC with top class entertainment , a Christmas Fair run by the Community Action Group and All Saints Church and , of course , the annual Christmas Day Lunch for anyone who finds themselves on their own at Christmas

During the course of the year we invited other groups within the village to nominate a contact to liaise with our committee on matters of common interest be it by written communication or by attending our monthly meetings. This concept has worked well on a number of occasions. We intend to build on these partnerships and those formed by the various events so well supported by the generosity of our village community to reach out to those less fortunate in our community and to provide a facility the whole village can benefit from, whatever your age, whatever your situation, whatever your interest and whatever you are celebrating we believe we have a

wonderful and attractive facility in our Village Hall ideal for so many occasions and events. You can check availability and book on line at hallbookingonline.com/Bramham

Stewart Gibson

Chairman

Bramham Village Hall Management Committee.

VILLAGE HALL MUMS & TOTS GROUP

We opened our doors in January to welcome another year at m&t. We've had a steady stream of parents / guardians - new ones and our regulars eager to sign up.

We celebrated our fifth year with cake and balloons party style.

This year we have a younger group, I guess it's something to do with the lockdown babies!! The children have been busy crafting away many of them making cards for the Smile Appeal in Wetherby.

Our once a month community coffee morning is proving to be popular incorporating the young and older members of the Village.

The summer holidays will soon be here and as we say goodbye to our older children, as they go up to "big school" we will once again see our smaller members develop and grow.

Linda Matthews.

WiSE - WETHERBY IN SUPPORT OF THE ELDERLY

WiSE celebrates helping thousands of older people in stellar year

Wetherby in Support of the Elderly (WiSE) is celebrating a stellar year, in which it had almost 12,000 interactions with older people across the district.

At least 5,370 people visited the popular WiSE Owl Café, whilst hundreds more attended the charity's packed activities programme. Sixty people had their grass cut each month, 153 people were contacted by a friendly caller or visitor, and the charity's Information & Advice service received 687 contacts. There were also 312 transport journeys made.

Mark Dobson, Chief Operating Officer at WiSE, said: "To have had close to 12,000 contacts with older people in our communities is down to the incredible work of our much loved army of volunteers and small but dedicated team of paid staff."

In the last year, WiSE has also funded a cookery course for older men, a Christmas Day lunch at Bramham Village Hall and launched its 'Send a Smile' postal scheme.

A recent consultation asked local people for their views on its work, after it expanded the range of services offered during the pandemic lockdowns. It was recently presented with a special

recognition award by the Leeds City Council and Voluntary Action Leeds in recognition of its efforts during the pandemic.

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

For more information, or to donate, visit www.w-ise.org.uk



Chairobics & Aerobics exercise sessions

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE - Wetherby PACT meetings

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS

neighbourhood policing teams

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Wetherby PACT meetings

Wetherby Methodist Church, Bank Street, Wetherby LS22 6NQ

6.30pm to 7.30pm

Held on the 1st Tuesday of each month

POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER - ALL WELCOME!

All residents are welcome to come along and meet their local
Neighbourhood Policing Team and local Councillors
to discuss any community issues or concerns.

Meetings dates are given on the West Yorkshire Police website:

[westyorkshire.police.uk/events/wetherby-pact-meeting](https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/events/wetherby-pact-meeting)

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