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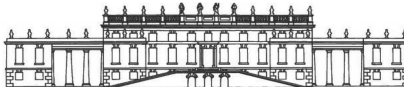


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Council Meetings: Council resolved unanimously to amend “Standing Orders” such that the Council meetings will now be held on the second Wednesday of each month **NOT** the first as has been the case in the past. As in previous years there will not usually be a meeting of Council in August.

PACT: The level of antisocial behaviour around the Ward remains very similar to previous months and fortunately Bramham remains relatively untouched. There have been a number of burglaries in the overall area and both houses and garages or sheds have been targeted, but again Bramham has been largely spared.

The Pact meeting is held every month on the first Tuesday in the Methodist Hall in Wetherby, and residents are very much encouraged to attend and contribute. The next PACT meeting will be on Tuesday 6th December.

Traffic Management: Please note the change of signage at the Bowcliffe Road/Paradise Way junction, which makes it more obvious to those turning into Bowcliffe Road that they are entering a 20 mph zone. An application by LCC Highways is being submitted which will permit a change of the speed limit on Windmill Road, Between Heygate Lane and Toulston Lane/Aberford Road from 60 mph to 20 mph. Data from the repaired “fixed” (Clifford Road) and “mobile” SIDs is available on the Parish website.

The Shop/Post Office: Further to last month’s update a number of Parish Councillors have had an informal meeting with the Post Office Network Provision Lead for West Yorkshire and the Surrounding Area and he will be meeting with Lynn and also communicating with the freeholder to try to establish the likely outcome for specifically the Post Office element of the business once Lynn discontinues her tenure in June 2023. He outlined practical options which could be considered as an alternative but which could only be judged properly once the outcome for June 2023 is known.

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The Council will be debating at the December meeting whether applying to Leeds City Council for the building to be listed as an Asset of Community Value would be an appropriate step to take and if so whether that would be better submitted by a group other than the Parish Council, the Council not being in a financial position to either offer to purchase or indeed to run the business even if the purchase was successful.

Council will try to keep everyone informed as information becomes available.

Rebuild of the Bramham Senior citizens centre, progress update:

At its meeting on the 2nd November Council unanimously approved a resolution to rename the new building from the “Senior Citizen’s Centre” to the “Bramham Parish Centre” and it will be known and referred to as such henceforth. Having had two months to consider the proposed change and to comment to the Clerk either for or against the change the Clerk had received no comments from members of the public and the Councillors interpreted that as tacit approval.

The build programme is currently on schedule for the targeted completion date. Relevant information will be posted on the Parish Council website as it becomes available.

Pavilion and Playing Field:

Having resolved to instal broadband into the Pavilion the site was visited by an Openreach engineer and subsequently an Openreach surveyor and it would appear that, because of the current network configuration, to connect to it would be an extremely expensive exercise were Openreach to be invited to do the work, for two main reasons; firstly, the Pavilion is a commercial building and secondly, the playing field across and under which the line would have to be buried is regarded as private for this purpose. There is a possibility that the laying of the ducting (all materials would be provided f.o.c. – though not any equipment required) could be conducted by Councillors and volunteers and this is being explored and will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Five Star have increased the number of sessions on a Saturday for a trial period and Clifford Football Club will be starting to play on the second pitch on a Saturday morning at 11.00am beginning the 12th November. The traffic implications will be carefully monitored to minimise inconvenience to surrounding residential property owners.

Bramham House Development:

A decision date for early November has been posted on the Planning Portal and residents wishing to read any of the submissions can do so by going online to the LCC Planning Portal and using the reference 22/06207/COND to access the documents.

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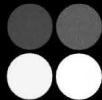


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Next Meeting:

The next meeting will take place at 7.00pm in Bramham Pavilion on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

Mike Corrigan

On behalf of Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish council

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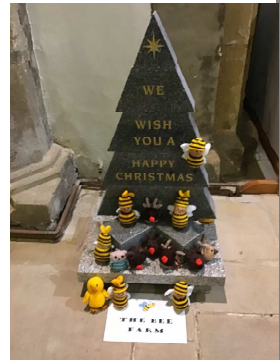
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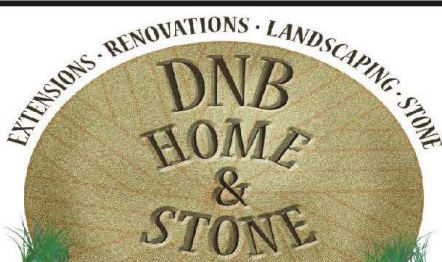
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I was thinking about Christmas a few weeks ago as I baked my Christmas cake which was being prepared using ounces instead of grams because the recipe I was using was originally written in 'old' weights. I carefully weighed all the fruit and mixed it with the not so carefully measured out brandy and left it to soak overnight.



The following day I sieved the flour and spices together and started beating the butter and sugar together and thinking how my Mum would do the beating using a wooden spoon allowing each of us children the opportunity to have a stir if we wished. As I continued beating, the most important part according to my recipe, I noticed a faint smell of burning plastic and it was only when smoke appeared from the front of the hand mixer that I realised I really was going back to basics with this cake! Out came the wooden spoon and the real hard work of beating began.

This made me reflect further on Advent and what it really means.

Advent is not a mini Lent; the church may look similar without flowers and decked in purple but the colour does not define the season, it is the other way round. Whereas Lent is a penitential season Advent is a season of joyful anticipation – looking forward to the glorious birth of Jesus Christ who is Everlasting and Prince of Peace.

The build up to Christmas ought to be a time of generous preparation in the knowledge that the generous gift given to the world cannot be surpassed but should be shared in whatever way we can. It is a duty of all Christians to share our faith because the more we share the love and compassion of God the bigger it grows.

Our generosity this Christmas may be measured by the number of presents we buy or the amount we spend or by the amount of time we poured over web pages to choose something 'not off the high street' and yet we may still wonder if we have satisfied the recipient of our gift.

As I beat the cake mix I thought about how some of us may struggle to find just the right gift. I'm sure God struggled before the Jesus gift was given. Then I thought of all those whose lives are a struggle every day; lives which are regularly turned upside-down and back-to-front by drought, disease, war, floods, and the list goes on. How much would these people appreciate a life giving gift such as chickens or a goat, a plough or seeds, or even the ability to buy things they know they need rather than things other people think they want.

I suggest we all use this Advent to joyfully and generously prepare for our Christmas celebrations by sharing the gift of life with those who struggle to survive each day. Give someone you don't know the gift of life and change the life of someone you do know by giving it in their name.

This year, as I eat my cake I will think of my Mum and all those around the world who struggle each day and yet always smile. Life may be simple but somehow they know the joy of a gracious God.

I pray you and all those you love and who love you are blessed this Advent time with joyful preparations which lead to generous and peaceful hearts.

Happy prayer filled Advent everyone!

Rev'd Glenda

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As we head towards

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Christmas Eve at All Saints' Bramham

Crib Service at 3pm

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Midnight Service 11pm
All Welcome

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On these days of December**

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3rd	Sara Smith 1993
	George Arthur Coates 2020
8th	Annie Wright 2007
10th	Elizabeth Garwood 2001
11th	George Richard Lane Fox (Lord Bingley)
15th	Maria Sanderson Doris Pratt 2002
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22nd	Sheila Thompson nee Ford
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Father Christmas seems to be as old as Europe. Once he was Woden, lashing his reindeer through the darkness of northern midwinter. Then he encountered the Church, and She transformed him into a saint, the much-loved Nicholas, Bishop of Myra (in south-west Turkey) in the fourth century. St Nicholas became the patron saint of children, and was given 6th December as his day. Since the 6th century St Nicholas has been venerated in both East and West, though virtually nothing is known of his life. Some believe he may have been one of the fathers at the Council of Nicea (325), imprisoned during the Emperor Diocletian's persecution.

According to legend, Nicholas was an extremely generous man. He revived three schoolboys murdered by an innkeeper in a tub of pickles. He rescued three young women from prostitution by giving their poverty-stricken father three bags of gold. (Hence the use of three gold balls as the pawnbroker's signs.)

Over the centuries many people 'on the fringe', including children, sailors, unmarried girls, pawnbrokers and moneylenders have claimed him as their patron.

Perhaps it was on account of St. Nicholas' generosity that in recent centuries children began to write little notes sometime before 6th December, to tell him about the toys they specially wanted. These notes were then left on the windowsill at night – or else on a ledge in the chimney.

But St Nicholas Day chanced to lie in the magnetic field of a much more potent festival.... and after a time his activities were moved towards Christmas. Then in Bavaria the children still left their notes on the windowsill, but they addressed them to Liebes Christkind – Krish-kinkle as they knew him – and the saint's part in the matter was simply to deliver the letters in heaven.

The most popular result of the cult of St Nicholas has been the institution of Santa Claus. He is based on Nicholas' patronage of children and the custom in the Low Countries of giving presents on his feast. Santa Claus has reached his zenith in America, where the Dutch Protestants of New Amsterdam (New York) united to it Nordic folklore legends of a magician who both punished naughty children and rewarded good ones with presents.

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The idea is to fill a shoe box with items which will be useful for the homeless people of Leeds via the Crypt and Refuge, in the past we have been asked for socks, gloves, woolly hats, sweets, toiletries, and toys for children.

The boxes can be left at the back of church, please label the box -

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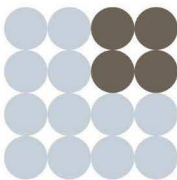
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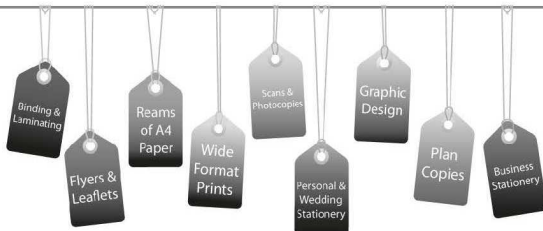
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On Monday 14th Nov. 2022 Bramham in Bloom held their Annual Meeting in the Village Hall Meeting Room. We met to discuss the forthcoming year and the issues which will face us in 2023.

Over the last two/three years we have lost many volunteers mainly to the pandemic when we were not allowed to work together in groups. Consequently enthusiasm in keeping the village 'blooming' waned and it has had a devastating affect on the gardens and planters around the village. Since I have been Chair we have been awarded 7 Gold Awards from the RHS. A very high standard has to be achieved to receive these awards ie; a knowledge of horticulture, environment, communication and awareness. My committee, myself and many volunteers have worked extremely hard to achieve these standards.

The flowers and displays around the village have been astounding. Unfortunately these standards have disappeared over the last 2/3 years. Much to my disappointment this has had a great impact on the appearance of the village.

Our very few volunteers and myself have struggled to keep up the standards. The volunteers at the meeting seemed to want Bramham in Bloom to continue but we can't do it without help from more people in the village. I have heard many comments how the village looks dull and drab over the last 2/3 years but we cannot work with 6/8 volunteers and a committee of 4 members.

We need more volunteers.....since our last Gold Award when we had 30/40 volunteers the numbers have dropped drastically. In the future we would like to have a group of 4/6 residents to care for only one area.

Thank you to all the people who offered positive comments at the meeting and I hope I don't sound too despondent but I would be very sorry let all our hard work and enthusiasm go to waste. So come on Bramham lets set to in the Spring 2023 to get the BLOOM back into Bramham.

Thanks particularly go to Keith Howland who retired this year after working for Bramham in Bloom since 2005 when it was first started by Ernest and Meryl Nichols. Ann Ward also resigned from our committee. Thank you Ann for all your work on our committee and in the village.

Yours sincerely Lynne Marshall. For further information on volunteering please contact me on 01937 844767.

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Lunch will be at 12.30pm for a pre-lunch drink, followed by a traditional Christmas dinner. After lunch there will be an opportunity to watch the King's speech at 3pm together with other guests.

It will help us to plan if you can let us know that you would like to join us. Please get in touch with Pete Dunn on 07867 537602 (please send a text or Whatsapp if no-one answers) or use a reply slip. Alternatively email Pete at petedunn58@gmail.com. Nearer the time you can let us know if you require transport.

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Holy Communion 9.30am All Saints' Thorp Arch

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Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 11th December

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am All Saints' Thorp Arch

Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham

Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter's Walton

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Friday 17th December

Carols in the Churchyard All Saints' Bramham 7.00pm

Sunday 18th December

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Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham

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Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

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Carols and Lessons Parish Worship 9.30 St Peter's Walton

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Midnight Service 11.00pm All Saints' Bramham

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Service 11.30 pm St Peter's Walton

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