

Bramham Parish News



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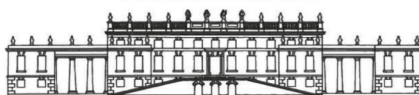
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February 2024 update

From Chairman Mike Corrigan

Following the resignation of Cllr Dan Gilpin in December there is now a vacancy on Council. The Council normally meets on the second Wednesday of the month and is looking for someone who can demonstrate an enthusiasm to serve their local community. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday 7th March 2024 and applications will be considered at the Council meeting on Wednesday 13th March 2024. Contact clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk for further information and an application form. I am very pleased to report that Cllr. Trish Prest now holds the position of Vice-Chairman – a position which had been held by Cllr Dan Gilpin before he resigned.

CRIME REPORT: At the PACT meeting held on the 6th February 2024 it was reported that 250 crimes had been reported over the two month period, (December 2023 as well as January 2024) and covered both Harewood and Wetherby Wards. I am pleased to report that these figures are significantly less than in many Wards across Leeds and that Bramham did not feature as a prominent crime spot within our area. Action is being taken against persons of interest with regard to thefts from farms and no further thefts have been reported. A speeding operation was undertaken by the police which included speed monitoring on York Road Wetherby, the A58 Collingham, Clifford Moor Road and West Woods Way which resulted overall in 18 motorists being stopped and either given a verbal warning or a TOR (Traffic Offence Report). One vehicle was seized and the driver reported for driving without insurance. As ever the main message is: Please remain vigilant and not become complacent with regard to locking doors etc. Do not forget that if you know of a crime that has been or is being committed then do not put yourself in harm's way but contact the police as appropriate – 999 for emergencies and 101 for non-urgent reporting.

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FOOTBALL PITCHES: Because of the persistent rain over the past months Council through the Clerk took the unprecedented decision to cancel all football matches and organised activity for the first two weeks of January in an attempt to try to protect the playing surfaces which are already in poor condition, in part due to the lack of specific maintenance over many years. The Council will keep the matter under review. Unfortunately, it was not an unanimously popular decision but the Council has a duty to protect the Parish Council assets of which the playing field is one. The Football Pitch Maintenance Working Group is looking at the usage of the pitches and the work required to improve the playing surfaces.

BRAMHAM PARISH CENTRE: A fourth Fully automatic defibrillator will be bought and fixed, in a heated cabinet, on the outside wall of the BPC. This is being jointly funded by the Council and a grant from the DHSC. This will provide greater cover for the village should ever the need arise. A poster/framed picture of the Battle of Bramham Moor “legend” (a version of which was erected at Spen Common Lane in 2008, on the 600th anniversary) is now hanging in the BPC and available for all to read.

BRAMHAM HOUSE DEVELOPMENT: At the time of drafting this report there has been no definitive outcome to the Planning Application posted on the LCC Planning Portal. It is still registered as “current” which would indicate that no decision by the planners has yet been officially made.

Reminder to all dog owners/walkers: The “dog poo” bags in the four dispensers around the village are for emergency use and should not be used instead of their own personal supply. The cost to the Council is just less than £3.00 per week to provide this facility and the dispensers are filled only once each month. Please be thoughtful and aware of other’s needs.

HEDGHOG HIGHWAY PROJECT: Council has been approached to promote this project, anyone who would like further information please contact <https://www.hedgehogsrus.co.uk/hedgehog-highway-project> or anyone wishing to take a lead role in the village please contact clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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contact:

Marion on 844191 Jillian on 844858

Church Services in Easter Week

Maunday Thursday 28th March

Maunday Thursday Service 7.30pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Good Friday 29th March

All Together 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Good Friday Service 2.00pm St Luke's Clifford

Stations of the Cross 2.00pm All Saints' Bramham

**Liturgy of Good Friday Service 7.30pm St Mary's Boston
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Easter Sunday 31st March

Dawn Service St Mary's Boston Spa 6.00am

Holy Communion All Saints' Bramham 10.00am

With Easter Bonnet Parade

Holy Communion 8.00am All Saints' Thorp Arch

Holy Communion 9.30 St Peter's Walton

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It is a place where villagers can stay warm, socialize, meet their ward councillors, find out about volunteering in the community and what's going on in the village, learn tips about energy savings and home safety, and make connections with other community groups and local support organizations..... and be entertained!!

On Monday March 18 th The Village Hub will be hosting “From Copper to Shepherd” A Talk by Sue Woodcock.

Sue was a police officer for nearly 30 years ending up as a motorcyclist on a country beat, On retiring from the force, she spent her savings on a rayburn cooker and some rare sheep, and moved to the Yorkshire Dales to become a shepherd. She now writes the weekly Wolds Diary for the Yorkshire Post, authors murder mysteries set in Yorkshire, sings in three choirs and scores for the local cricket club. She's 75 not out this year and full of anecdotes. Either laugh at her or with her, she doesn't mind which!

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You can join the Society at www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk or by contacting the Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815. Membership fees are £25, individual, and £45, joint. Non-members can attend this meeting for a fee of £10.

The Society is planning an outing to Wentworth Woodhouse on 9 May, open to members and non-members. If you are interested, please contact Alison Smith either by

**email on alison44smith@btinternet.com or by
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1st Clifford Cubs

Palm Sunday visit

Palm Sunday visit It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Bobby was kept home from church with his grannie. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds and Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as He walked by," his father explained.

Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and He shows up!"

CLERGY LETTER FOR MARCH

Dear Friends,

Some of you may be aware that recently I was acting in the Clifford Drama Group pantomime. Oh yes I did!

It was my first foray onto the stage in speaking roles; I have before played a dog with one woof and a page who delivered something on a cushion, other than that my usual role has been to portray an angel in school nativities. This time I had three characters to play, three sets of lines to learn and many stage instructions to remember in the correct order. But I really enjoyed myself.



It struck me during rehearsals how like church the panto was. Oh yes it is!

All the performers had their parts to play and each relied on the others to get their lines correct in order to know when to either speak or come on stage. There was little room for manoeuvre as we rehearsed under the keen eyes of our directors. We listened to them and they listened to us when we made suggestions about movement or song or costume. It was a team effort.

In our villages Rev Nick would not be able to do what he does without his team, Emma in the office (we would all be lost without her! Oh yes we would!), Jo working with 20-40s and Trish and myself.

But the cast list doesn't stop there. Without the skills and commitment of other people we would not be able to do what we do – churchwardens, organists, sacristans, servers, readers, intercessors, flower arrangers, cleaners, vergers, singers, musicians . . . the list goes on.

In every good production, and there have been studies studies produced which equate church services with theatrical performances, there needs to be a team of people to make the performance work.

Oh yes there does!

The church doesn't magically prepare itself for a service and we don't come onto the sanctuary stage without preparation. Those we cannot see are as important as those we do. Without backstage support our panto would not have been as successful as it was, it would have been drab to watch and musically bereft. We rely on our friends and family for support but most importantly we trust that God is with us as

we prepare to deliver his message.
services would be dull and lifeless.

Without the Holy Spirit our
Oh yes they would!

Last but not least the panto would have not worked without the audience and their engagement.

We need that too in our churches. Maybe not applause but don't feel shy about telling us if you feel a service has worked well, or the sermon was thoughtful, the music was great, or the servers did a good job. We also like to hear constructive criticism or questions about why we do what we do.

Maybe most of all we like to hear the voices that say, 'I wonder if I could help in some way?' 'I wonder if I could do that?'

Our churches would not stay alive if it weren't for all of us, so don't hold back, get involved!

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- 6th Walter Ware 2006
Fred Morris 2010
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- 7th Mary Jane Sanderson 1976
Pauline Cusens 2018
- 8th Robert Simpson 1981
Walter Chambers 2012
- 12th Margaret Westerman 2010
- 14th Mary Hilda Young 1991
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Nellie Bond 1978
- 21st John George Hurley 2010
- 22nd Harry Lund 1983
Les Darley 2009
Mary Elizabeth Holly 2009
- 23rd Alfred Richardson 1972
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Irene Elliott 2007
- 24th Amy Smith 1985
- 25th Mary Agnes Emily (Lady Bingley)
Irene Shenton 2007
Edith Annie (Topsy) Albrecht
Evelyn Rhoda Ellis 2019
- 26th Ernest Hatfield 1994
Barbara Chamberlain 2018
- 29th Alan Wilkinson 1983
Trevor Norgate 2012
Michael (Mick) Wright 2018
- 30th Alice Stirk 1982
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From the Parish Church Registers

Burial of Ashes

7th January

Margaret Smallwood

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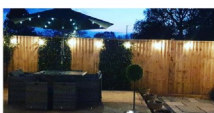
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On Saturday 11th May, we have the Billy Walton Band playing. They are from New Jersey USA and are a great 6 piece bar band featuring saxophone and a girl singer. Billy is a tremendous guitarist who has been to Bramham several times so we know we are in for a great night. They play a mix of their own songs and familiar American classics so expect some Springsteen and Neil Young mixed in with some soul.

So, for one night in May we'll be in the land of Bruce Springsteen, Steven Van Zandt and Southside Johnny & the Asbury Jukes. We're on the New Jersey shore, swinging with the band. It's late, it's hot, the bar is open, the Village Hall is absolutely rammed and The Billy Walton Band are in town!

They will be ably supported by The Last Hurrah who were at last year's Wetherby RUFC Beer Festival and play jangly pop mixing their own songs with a few covers. It should be a great night of live music!!!

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Bramham in Bloom – Spring 2024



We start our article by sending our warmest wishes to Lynne and Paul Marshall at this difficult time.

As most of you know Lynne stepped down from Chair of Bramham in Bloom last year and the new committee would like to enter Spring with a new way of working. We would like to propose that the village has 3 'working parties' a year, where key areas of the village will get intensive attention from volunteers from around the village. Bloom will provide the flowers / shrubs / compost etc and you (and us) will provide the tools and manpower!

The dates will always be on a Sunday between 10am – 12noon and people can attend for whatever time they can give. Families are more than welcome to come along and join in. If anyone is linked to groups such as cubs / brownies / scouts and would like to contribute to the village upkeep, please do get in touch.

The first working party will be on SUNDAY 24th March and the areas we will focus on will be; Milnthorpe / Farfield / Wetherby Road sign.

Please can I ask that we meet at The Farfield Garden (what3words: marzipan.ketchup.museum) at 10am, where we will break off into smaller groups? If you have any hedge trimmers / strimmer's / trugs / car with a trailer etc please do bring them along so we can be as effective as possible in the time we have.

Bloom will bring the biscuits..... you bring your own flask!

If you can make it, please text either Kate (07897 415273) or Alison (07870 548349) The next two working parties will be on May 19th and September 15th (10am - noon.) Many thanks for your support in making Bramham look great!

Bramham in Bloom committee; Kate, Alison and Rochelle.

People are like tea bags – you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are. – Anon

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Linda Richards would like to record a very special thank you to The Oven Door, Johnson's Greengrocer, Sykes House Farm, Neil at Costcutter for their extremely generous donations towards the food for the event.

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Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Holy Communion 9.30am All Saints' Thorp Arch

All Together at 10am St Mary's Boston Spa

Holy Communion 11.00am St Luke's Clifford

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 10th March

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

Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham

Holy Communion 9.30 am St Peter's Walton

Parish Worship 9.30am All Saints; Thorp Arch

Mothering Sunday Service 10am St Mary's Boston Spa

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 17th March

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Holy Communion 10am All Saints' Bramham

Holy Communion 10am St Mary's Boston Spa

Parish Worship 9.30 am St Peter's Walton

Holy Communion 11.00am St Luke's Clifford

Evensong 4.30pm All Saints' Thorp Arch

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

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Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Parish Worship 10am All Saints' Bramham

Holy Communion 10am St Mary's Boston Spa

Holy Communion 9.30 am St Peter's Walton

Parish Worship 9.30am All Saints; Thorp Arch

Holy Communion 11.00am St Luke's Clifford

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Details of all services can be found on the Bramham Benefice website:

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