

BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



New Bramham Parish Centre

.... communicating with residents

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

During preparation of 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, this 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 2024

Message from the Chairman, Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council

Dear Fellow Residents

Council is very pleased to announce the co-option of Councillors Keith Huggins and Adam Pumfrey who recently joined Council following the resignation of Cllrs Scott Jones and Dan Gilpin respectively; their expertise and enthusiasm are welcomed, and Council once again has a full complement of Councillors. I would like to thank all the Councillors and Nancy Fairbairn, the Council Clerk, for all their hard work over the past year, without which Council's achievements could not have been realised.

The year 2022/2023 will probably, and quite rightly, be remembered principally for the death, on 8th September 2022, of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the Accession to the throne of her eldest son Charles III immediately after, rather than any significant Council business. This year however, despite further disturbing news about the health of certain Members of the Royal Family the Council can list a number of significant achievements.

At the beginning of the year the height barrier was installed at the Pavilion completing the planned improvements to the security of the field and complementing the large stones placed strategically along the Freely Lane side of the field.



Field Security – stones and barrier installed at boundary

Council, through the Assets and Amenities Working Group, and with the help of many volunteers (especially whilst erecting the marquee) arranged a celebration on the weekend of the King's Coronation on the 7th of May, in the Pavilion and on the playing field, utilising the marquee decorated with bunting by volunteers and table decorations created by Bramham in Bloom. Everyone who came was provided with a free tea as well as, music and entertainment, a bar and a barbecue courtesy of the Folly Allotments. The entertainment was provided by the Boston Spa School Orchestra and Choir (under the direction of Jake Dalton) and the excellent Bramham Junior

Drama Group. Although everyone had to pay for their own drinks the tea, (sandwiches and cakes) were sponsored by the Lottery Fund and having stocked the bar on a sale or return basis, a small overall profit was made. More importantly over 250 people attended, and everyone appeared to enjoy themselves.



Having had to cancel the Bramham Produce Show in 2022 because of the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II the show in 2023 went ahead with great success and hopefully will be repeated in 2024 on the 7th of September.

When it was known that the Post Office and village shop might be closing Council took steps to liaise with the Network Provision Lead, Post Office Limited, to look at alternatives in the event of the worst case scenario.

Whilst in no way interfering with any

commercial aspects relating to the shop Council also had contact with the owner and thankfully both Post Office Limited and the owner agreed to continue running the premises as a village shop with an upgraded Post Office Counter. Whilst we are currently living at a time when the Post Office, in general, is receiving a lot of criticism, I am very pleased that on this particular occasion they listened to our predicament and were very helpful in their efforts to retain the current service. The combined Post Office and revamped shop was officially opened on the 7th of September 2023 and continues to flourish.

Perhaps the most distinguishing achievement of this year has been the building of the new Parish Centre which has replaced, and is built on, the site of the previous Senior Citizen's Shelter and before that The Old People's Shelter. Our thanks go to The Community Fund, the contemporary Ward Councillors and the residents of Bramham themselves (through the Parish Council) for funding the development. The new Centre was officially opened by Nick & Rachel Lane Fox on Sunday, 8th of October though it had been available for use since the middle of July 2023, whilst minor issues were resolved. A large number of Councillors, both those who are on the current Council and those who preceded them on previous Councils have worked to bring about the



development and our thanks to all those who have participated, especially the most recent Senior Citizen's Working Group (Cllrs Helena Buck, Pam Corrigan, Linda Richards, and Mark Tozer) who brought it to fruition. Sometimes it is unfair to mention anyone in particular, but Cllr Mark Tozer had only just been co-opted and his skillset meant he was the ideal person to oversee the architect and builder and regularly report to Council on progress – this he did without fail.

The development of the garden is ongoing, and our thanks go to Jane Patterson for her horticultural skills and the Community Fund for providing the wherewithal to complete the landscaping and planting; the maintenance of the garden will be undertaken by a volunteer group under the guidance of Jane.

Apart from its use by the Parish Council for its Council meetings its use by other village groups is increasing both during the evenings and also at times during the



Clematis 'Avalanche' at the Parish Centre



day. Daytime users include visiting ramblers, residents and the Art Group and evenings the Village Hall, Tenterhill Allotments, Folly Allotments, Bramham Community Action Group, Bramham Drama Group, Bramham in Bloom and the regular Sangha and Yoga sessions as examples. Further details regarding the booking of the Centre in the evenings are available on the Bramham Parish Council website bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Once again there has been a lot of controversy over the development on the Bramham House site with the outcome still very much undecided. The current situation is that the application submitted by the current development company has been refused and Council is keeping a watching brief both by its own efforts and also liaising with the Ward Councillors.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my thanks to all Councillors, past and present, our Clerk Nancy and all volunteers for their continuing efforts throughout the past year, 2023/2024.

Cllr Mike Corrigan, Chairman, Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council.

ALL SAINTS' PARISH CHURCH

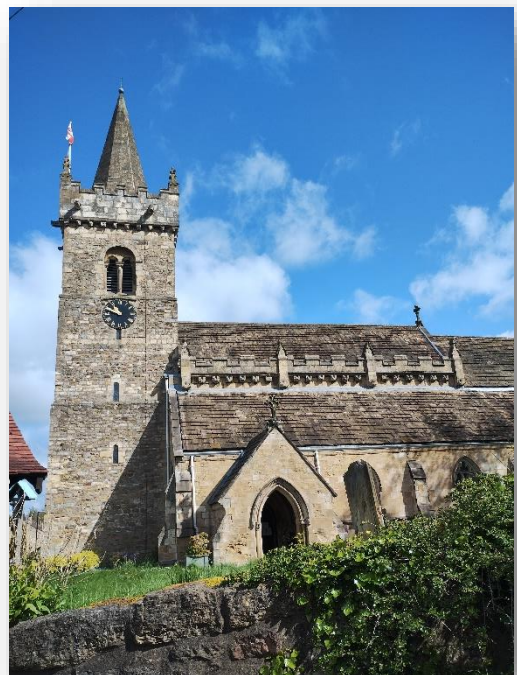
All Saints' Church 2023/24

It has been another busy year at All Saints' with services and events. As well as regular events such as the Plant and Gift sale in spring, the Christmas Fair, the Brass Band Concert in Bramham Park and Carols in the Churchyard, there was a celebration of the Coronation of King Charles in church, where Bramham residents gathered to watch a livestreamed service from Westminster Abbey and toast the new King and Queen.

Thanks to a grant from the Community Fund, work has now been completed on the Church tower to repair defective stonework and to make the access to the parapet safe. The bells and the clock are now back in action. The churchyard is a lovely peaceful green space in the village which is appreciated by many. We are grateful to those volunteers who put time and energy into maintaining it. We do need more help with this; no regular commitment is required but any offers of help would be welcome.

We have been very happy to welcome some new members to our congregation during the past year. This Easter we revived the Easter Bonnet Parade, and it was very difficult to pick a winner from some very impressive entries. Some of the younger members of the community made a lovely Easter Garden which was displayed in Church.

We have continued to forge links with Bramham School. Reverend Glenda and some of the members of the congregation went into school to take part in an assembly about Christingle. Children from years 4 and 6 came into church to take part in "Experience Easter" event led by Reverend Nick and Reverend Glenda and supported by members of the congregation. All Saints' Church is situated at the heart of the village and has been a place of worship for over a thousand years. Over its long history, it has played an important part in the life of the village, and it is still open every day for anyone to come in. You will be warmly welcomed at any of our services, but you can also visit during the day either to enjoy the peace and beauty of the ancient building or perhaps have a livelier time with your children, exploring the church building and the toys and activities available. Dogs are welcome to bring their owners in at any time! Times of services and contact details for the clergy and churchwardens are available in the Parish Magazine and the Church notice board.



The Churchwardens
Jillian Lawson and Chips Browning.

BRAMHAM PARISH MAGAZINE 2024

The Parish Magazine is delivered free to every household in the Parish, 780 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 has for many years been met by the Parish Council and we are very thankful to them. This year we acknowledge donations from The Village Hall and one or two generous residents who have contributed to the magazine. Over the Covid years we lost a number of advertisements and we are gradually winning them back to support the Bramham Magazine. We will be delighted to receive new advertisers.

During the year I suggested to the Residents that if every household paid £1 per annum for the magazine this would cover the deficit on the magazine for the year 2022. The response has been good and we are very grateful to the many people who responded. We also applied for a grant from the Community Fund and we were extremely fortunate to be awarded £1500 for the magazine.

Jillian Lawson has a splendid team of people who deliver the magazines. 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 at bramham.magazine@gmail.com

BADMINTON GROUP

BADMINTON GROUP 2024

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 if you would like to contact Margaret by email on madgemorgan5@gmail.com she would be happy to take any enquiries.

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 almost £500,000. 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 39 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 unusually less than the amount available for distribution, so virtually all applications were successful. The following grants were made:

Bramham Village Hall	Christmas lunch/hamper for elderly and isolated residents	£300
Bramham Running Group	Support for 10K event	£800
1 st Clifford Scouts	Camping equipment	£1232
All Saints' church	Contribution to Bramham Parish News	£1500
Bramham Village Hall	Upgrade to hall lighting	£1500
Bramham Village Hall	Dishwasher and kitchen improvement	£1750
Friends of Bramham School	Outdoor shelter	£4500
Bramham Parish Council	War memorial refurbishment	£6000

The Fund also supports the ticket administration costs.

Ticket applications are usually invited in the Spring 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 2025.

Colin Pool
Secretary to the Fund

BRAMHAM COMMUNITY *Action Group*

Bramham Community Action Group (BCAG) is made up of local residents who organise events for the village. Notable events in the past include Christmas lights switch on, Christmas fete (in conjunction with All Saints Church) and a summer gala.

2023 saw a changing of the guard and we want to thank Phillipa for all her amazing work over the last few years.

The Christmas lights switch on took place in the village square on Friday 24th November with an excellent turn-out from the Bramham community. Special thanks to the Bramham Primary School choir, the Boston Spa Academy Band and Holly Mitchell for performing as well as Scouts and FOBs for providing baked goods and games. The highlight was most definitely the number 7 bus arriving just as the countdown got to '1' and therefore the Christmas Tree (placed in the gardens of the parish centre) being blocked from view. Shout out to the Bramham Pantomime Dame for officially turning on the lights (even if we couldn't see them for a while)!



The Jubilee Gardens (on the corner of Wetherby Road and Lyndon Road) were given a makeover in 2019 through funds raised by BCAG and have now been given a bit of a spruce up - particular thanks to Keith Innocent for leading the charge on this and continuing to maintain it.

Although there will not be a gala in 2024, we are already planning ahead for events later this year and into 2025. Stay tuned to the parish magazine as well as our Facebook page.

As ever, we are always on the lookout for new members so if you would like to get involved, please contact me on 07587 090 158.

Jess Bryan, Chair, BCAG



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.

In 2023 we gave Bramham "Alice in Wonderland" A joyful, colourful sold out event, fabulously directed by Emily Roberts, which showcased the depth of the group members and included an amazing cast of Juniors.

This year's production will be "A Christmas Carol".

Once again a team of multi talented Drama group members, under the direction of the very capable Suze Spencer, will come together to bring the joy of Panto to our lovely Village.

Summer Production 2024

14th/15th June

"St Bernard's goes to the Dogz"

Following the 2023 Panto we wanted to build on our group of strong and very talented junior drama members.

So we are presenting a junior version of our well loved 'Murder Mysteries '.
This will be in the usual format including a quiz etc and include a junior chorus and musical numbers.

Stewart Gibson and Emily Roberts will take the lead with this

We are always looking for people to join - there really are roles for everyone.
Not just 'prancing around on stage' but planners, ticket sellers, costume makers and choosers, back stage, set design, helping with and operating our very impressive 'tech' facilities, musical director, musicians...
From a couple of hours to months of input- the list goes on.

If you are willing to give us your time we can make use of any skills you can bring.
We are friendly, inclusive and very welcoming.

Lastly and most importantly, on behalf of Bramham Drama Group we 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 **"St Bernard's goes to the Dogz"**
and **"A Christmas Carol"**.

If you would like more information on being part of Bramham Drama Group, please find us on our Facebook page, email bramhamdramagroup@gmail.com or call me on 07917320750.

Claire Lister, 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

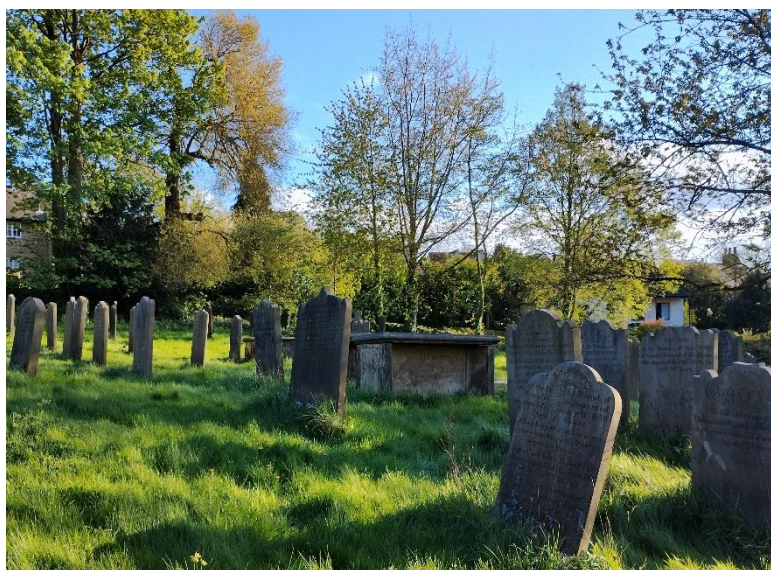
BRAMHAM HISTORICAL ASSET CONSERVATION GROUP

2024 Report

Percy Cross in the Churchyard

The Percy Cross signage project has had guidance from an authority based at the University of York. We now have a better understanding of what is acceptable by the Diocese of York regarding signs in and around the Church. With this knowledge we can ask for quotations for the signs and other digital documentation work. We have funds available from The Community Fund for the signage items.

The digitisation of the Churchyard



The efforts of Anne Palmer, Chips Browning, Neil Ferres and others in adding the details of the buried with memorials and graves etc has brought the plan and database to a point where members of the public can search for and find specific graves by name.

We have some 6000 names to work on dating back to the 16th century. The maintenance of the plan will be one of the ongoing requirements of the Church authorities.

Churchyard below ground survey

As part of the digitisation of the Churchyard project, we commissioned Atlantic Geomatics to carry out a survey of grave structures and density of the buried. We now have a report with some 180 images showing the layers of bodies throughout the Churchyard. The images and associated map now need specialist interpretation.

Neil Ferres.

BRAMHAM HISTORIC DOCUMENTS

The collection of Historic Documents, previously held by the *Historical 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 0113 5350155, the reference number for the collection is WYAS9242.



'Bramham in Bloom'

Newsletter

Spring 2024

In November 2023 at our AGM we said farewell to Lynne from her post as Chair of 'Bramham in Bloom'. She will continue to join us gardening where she can and we are forever thankful for all the hard work she and Paul have put in over the years.

Kate Pirie agreed to take on the role of Chair, with Alison French as Treasurer and Rochelle Page as Secretary. We have left flower beds over the long damp winter months and are now starting to freshen things up in the new year.

We started with a working party group up at the Farfield garden **on SUNDAY 24th March**, covering Milnthorpe beds and also the side of the beck by the garage. Lots of old plants were removed and replaced and a big cut back took place next to the beck.

We have again tried to use shrubs and perennials, retaining our lovely bulbs ready for next spring. Thank you all who attended this session. It was a wonderful morning in the sunshine and in just under 2 hours we achieved lots thanks to many hands. Fortunately Lynne was able to join us too!

Future working party gardening dates are set for:

Sunday 19th May 2024 10-12

Sunday 15th September 2024 10-12 (bulb planting session)

We hope residents of Bramham may be able to join us and enjoy a sociable gardening session. We have no plans to develop new areas as such, but keep maintaining the areas we are responsible for. We thank all our volunteers, particularly those who manage their own beds week in, week out. You really do make a difference to the area and our workload.

The Bramham in Bloom Committee

Kate Pirie (Chair), Alison French (Treasurer), and Rochelle Page (Secretary).



Beck cut back



Milnthorpe bed tidy up



Farfield Before and after photos

BRAMHAM READERS' GROUP

The Readers' group has had another enjoyable year exploring the works of a wide variety of authors from different genres. Our meetings are very informal and include a lot of laughter as well as some very interesting discussions.

Meetings are held at 7.30, once a month in the "Swan" on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings in rotation; this gives people the chance to join us when they can. New members are welcome.

Contacts: Jillian Lawson 844858 or Marion Hogg 844191



BRAMHAM NSPCC

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

'Our services help children who've been abused, protect children at risk and find the best ways you can prevent child abuse from ever happening'

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.

We are committed to including and involving the community of Bramham in our objectives and very much enjoy supporting other local groups as well as organising our own ever popular Village Hall events.

This year we raised £1,173.25 at our evening with the dance band Echo 42 and a further £2,290.12 at our very enjoyable Music Bingo evening.

Our large events are always very popular and whatever the theme attendees can be assured of a delicious meal and a carefully stocked wine and beer bar.

By popular demand it was decided to hold our Christmas Wreath workshop in conjunction with the Monday Village Hub. 12 ladies enjoyed creating their wreaths and were able to purchase a delicious lunch from the Hub kitchen. We raised £141 which was split between the two groups. All involved agreed that the arrangement worked very well and it was pleasing that the two groups were able to support each other.

The sale of NSPCC Christmas Cards and some very generous donations totalled a further £205.

Total for the year 2023/24

£3,738.87

We are a committee of 12 ladies and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. We meet very informally 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.

If you require any more information or would like to help in any way, please contact Margaret Morgan on 01937 844688 or at madgemorgan5@gmail.com

'Every child is worth fighting for'

BRAMHAM RUNNERS

Bramham Runners has been “running” now for over fifteen years, established in 2009 by a group of like-minded residents. It is a group of local people from Bramham and surrounding areas who jog/run together and enjoy exploring the village paths and trails. They all share a passion for leading an active healthy lifestyle.

There are no formalities, no joining fees and no membership commitments; anyone who lives in Bramham or the surrounding villages is 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! There will always be someone you can run alongside and who can help motivate you to run a little further or a little faster.

We encourage participation in and support for local events. If you are new to running or want to get back into it, feel free to come along to one of our informal club runs (details below) and maybe set yourself a challenge to enter our 6k or 10k Run Bramham Event. You may prefer to simply come along very occasionally when life allows to run a sociable mile or two.

Throughout the fifteen years this group has brought together many neighbours who have become great friends. The group continues to evolve with a few of the original founders still pounding the pavements and many new faces have joined along the journey too. Roo Nicholls was a founder member and has recently taken the lead in the group to pull us all together and set routes and challenges that keep all our members inspired to keep on running. Our optional Whats App Group enables us to keep in touch and share running times, running routes, achievements and stories.

Run Bramham 6km and 10km Event is taking place on Sunday the 14th of July this year. This will be the 7th year of a very successful community event. It all takes 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 150 adults and many children to the event which is scheduled to start at 10am on the village playing field. The run was established by the running group and attracts many local runners and also some keen members of running clubs who join us from far and wide. We always welcome more volunteers for this event so if you can spare a couple of hours to help, please do get in touch. On the day 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 and head off along Paradise Way at the start of the race. Any profits from the event are donated to Martin House Hospice and we have been delighted to make an annual donation to this extremely worthy local cause.

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 – A 3 mile route with a few hills, power hill walkers welcome

Sundays @ 9:30am – Routes to suit all, normally off-road or in Bramham Park

For more information, please email: Runbramham@gmail.com

Or call Roo Nicholls 07837 733882. We always look forward to welcoming new faces.

BRAMHAM VERSUS ARTHRITIS



**VERSUS
ARTHRITIS**

Bramham Versus Arthritis

Our sale of books is ongoing at Wetherby and Crossgates Shopping Centres
and on-line
so we welcome all books.

If you have any books you could donate –
please ring Sheila Clayton on 01937 842954
to arrange collection. Thank You.

FOLLY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Once again, the growing season started with a mini heatwave and a prolonged dry spell but true to form Mother Nature eventually intervened and everything began to catch up once the rain came. Unlike the previous year, when the “Produce Show” had to be cancelled because of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Show went ahead on the 9th of September 2023 and was a great success. Many plot holders won prizes, but more importantly it was an opportunity for the Village to get together and showcase their talents. Whilst the beginning of the year began with a heatwave and prolonged dry spell the year has ended with record rainfall in the Bramham area which hopefully will abate as we move into the growing season for this year.

Sadly, the Gala was cancelled but we were able to host the barbecue at both the King’s Coronation celebration and the Produce Show. Once again, a big thank you to all the volunteers who regularly help with the barbecue and by so doing help to support the Allotment funding. We have a regular number of volunteers and hopefully we shall be invited to host the barbecue at this year’s Produce Show, which is being held on Saturday, 7th September.

There have been a number of changes with new plot holders arriving, as others have given up their tenure, and of course all are most welcome. At present all plots are occupied though it is possible several may become available as we move through the year; currently there is no-one on the waiting list and enquiries can be made by e-mailing The Honorary Secretary at jpaterson999@gmail.com .

The Committee, Folly Allotments Association.



TENTER HILL ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION



2023 saw another busy year at Tenter Hill Allotments and work continued throughout the year to improve the site for members. Like many gardeners across the country, plot holders face the challenge of the seasonal weather, but luckily lots of members have still been able to benefit from the water cooperative established on site along with their own self harvested water on individual plots.

As reported last year, plots on site were all let but we were able to welcome one further member from our waiting list when a smaller plot became available during the Spring, our waiting list does however still continue to grow but the committee do work hard to find space. And this year we are fortunate enough to be able to offer further names on the waiting list an available plot on site, so whilst the waiting list grows the opportunity to offer vacant plots do arise.

One of the many ideas that came through last year from association members was the proposal to have an allotment 'buddy' so for those on the waiting list who wanted to try out their growing skills whilst awaiting their own individual plot can help out on an existing member's plot.

The allotment AGM was held again in February this year and was well attended by association members. We also welcomed two new members to the allotment committee and look forward to working with them and seeking their ideas and support throughout this year's growing season and beyond.

Last year did see a number of social gatherings on site with a plant swap, cream tea and a voluntary staining and cabin painting afternoon session taking place in May and then a family BBQ at the end of July.

The association are also proud to report that we had a number of our members do extremely well at the Bramham Produce Show in September last year with many 1st and 2nd prizes being won, so we think the competition is going to be strong again this year with more members wanting to show off their growing and home baking skills! There is also talk of a pumpkin growing competition this year on site after one plot holder grew the biggest pumpkin seen and needed a wheelbarrow to move off their plot for Halloween!

If you are interested in joining the associations waiting list for a plot in the future, then please contact Stuart, Tenter Hill's Allotment Members Secretary at tenterhill.allotments@gmail.com

The Committee, Tenter Hill Allotments.

VILLAGE HALL

Bramham Village Hall 2023 – 2024

The Village Hall continues to be a popular venue for regular and one-off hirers whilst continuing to provide a service to residents through the Hub, Mums & Tots and the Christmas events. We have also provided defibrillator and first aid training.

In addition the Management Committee organise a number of events which serve both entertainment for the community and raise funds for maintenance and improvement of the hall.

The major event of the year was a Bavarian evening complete with an Oompah Band and German beer . For anyone who did not attend - what an evening you missed ! Last year's "Quiz with a Difference" was repeated and again enjoyed by a full village hall. The only downside was the writer was a member of the team finishing last ! will try and do better this year !

The annual Christmas Day lunch was replaced this year by a Christmas Special Event complete with a wonderful guest singer whilst Christmas Hampers were also sent out Both the Hub on a Monday morning and Mums and Tots on a Wednesday morning continue to be popular and well supported activities and my thanks to all the volunteers who give of their time to make each of these events the success they are.

Progress to convert the management of the Village Hall to a Charitable Incorporated Organization is moving forward if somewhat more slowly than we would like. This has been largely due to delays caused by tracing and providing original documentation. Just to remind everyone there will be many benefits from this change but perhaps most importantly the Village Hall will become a legal body capable of entering into contracts and thereby protecting the trustees from any potential legal liabilities. This will provide stability for the hall and its assets whilst ensuring both current and future trustees will carry no personal financial risk.

Turning to the year ahead our major event for the year is a band all the way from New Jersey USA - The Billy Walton Band - think Springsteen, Southside Johnny & Asbury Jukes - see the Parish Magazine for full details but beware tickets are selling fast !

Our focus as always will be upon maintaining and improving the hall whilst maintaining hire costs at a reasonable level.

Last year saw the replacement of a new cooker and this year we are looking at the possibility of acquiring a dishwasher. On a larger scale we hope to begin the first phase of upgrading the stage and hall lights whilst carrying out essential building maintenance work and redecoration.

As always at this time I would to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Committee and all those volunteers who have provided support through the year.

Stewart Gibson Chairman, Bramham Village Hall Management Committee.

VILLAGE HALL MUMS & TOTS GROUP

The New Year brought changes for me this year as I moved house just before Christmas. However I didn't move too far away from Bramham so I can continue to run Mum's and Tot's sessions along with our fantastic volunteers.

The year started with our usual celebration of 8yrs at m& t group. It's always lovely to be back after the hectic run up to Christmas listening to the chatter of Santa came and brought me....

Wednesday mornings have become very busy and we seem to have a younger age group this year, so we decided to open up the meeting room as well as the main hall to give the babies their separate area.

We have been crafting away with our usual yearly events and turning out some lovely masterpieces!! I'm sure we can find other topics throughout the year to model.

The sessions are open to older children in the school holidays and our aim is to accommodate them with art work and games etc. We are actually open all year round apart from a couple of weeks in the summer, our volunteers need a well earned break.

The parachute game & singing near the end of the session is always a favourite, but the highlight of the morning for the children is putting the floor mats away. These eager tot's spring into action and in no time at all the Village Hall is clear and ready for another user.

Mum's and Tot's group are open to everyone. Look out for our poster.

Linda Matthews



Wetherby in Support of the Elderly

WiSE is a registered charity which improves the quality of life for the over 60s in Wetherby and surrounding villages.

Our work enables older people to live at home, whilst reducing social isolation.

Our services include -

- Activities & Events
- Transport Service
- Information & Advice
- Befriending Scheme
- Memory Café
- Send a Smile Scheme
- Grass Cutting Scheme
- WiSE Owl Café for the Community



Volunteer with us!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of our work. We are always looking for more so we can help even more isolated, older people live happy and fulfilling lives.

The main services where volunteers may be needed are befriending, Memory Café, WiSE Owl Café, Transport Scheme, activities and events.



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Wetherby in Support of the Elderly

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)

www.westyorkshire.police.uk



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