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Welcome to the May 2025 update

Crime Report Crime figures for the Wetherby Ward remain low. Please remain vigilant and do not become complacent with regards to locking doors and windows etc .

Static SIDs

Data downloaded shows little change from previous month. Many vehicles are still travelling at speeds over the limit for the area, however the static SIDs do show a calming effect. Speeding is a concern in areas across the Ward.

Highways

LCC Highways meeting held on the 3rd June to discuss highways issues in Bramham and Clifford. The main issues for Bramham are:

- Bramham School Entrance - discussion are still ongoing as to the funding for the gate and path on the school premises.
- Junction of Bowcliffe Road and Paradise Way - the proposed change of speed limit may take place later this year. Alterations to the junction are on a list of planning schemes but there is no funding for the work.
- Toulston Lane and Aberford Lane – It is unclear whether LCC or NYC are responsible for the ‘dip section’ of the road but it is agreed that warning signs need to be introduced. This is being followed up by LCC and NYC.
- Overgrown Shrubbery is obstructing several road signs. LCC Highways have escalated the request for this to be cut back.
- Bramham War Memorial - Yellow lines around the Memorial are on a LCC list to be installed.
- Bridle/Cycle Path between Boston Spa and Bramham - it has been reported that there is an increase in quad bikes and motorcycles using the bridle path. LCC will consider installing a chicane.

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Bramham Gala

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Neighbourhood Plan Review

More residents are needed to join the review group. Any interested residents should contact the Clerk or Cllr Adam Pumfrey

clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Church Notices that didn't quite 'make it'...

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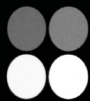
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Bramham Show Saturday 13 th September 2025

This will be the fourth year for the Bramham Show which we hope will be both bigger and better than last year. It is strange start to the growing season with a warm but dry Spring, but I am sure that there will be something to show by September. Why not give the baking a go this year too and get those Children baking and crafting. Fun for all..

The marquee gives us extra space under cover, and we have expanded categories to reflect this with extra children only categories. There should be something for everyone. We have a wealth of talent in the village so why not 'show' it off to everyone. Our show is not about the straightest or longest carrot it is about having a go and having fun along the way. We welcome children's entries to any of the categories and these will be judged separately if the age is put on the entry. We had a child win the overall best scone so it could be you. All entries 50p per entry.

Please come and support this annual event.

Schedule for Show

9am to 11.15am: Entries Accepted

11.15am: Judges arrive

11.30am-1.30pm Judging takes place. No public admitted.

1.30pm Show open to public.

Bar, BBQ and tea and cakes available.

4pm- 5pm: All entries to be collected from the Marquee. Any entries not collected will be donated to St George's Crypt for food items or auctioned off at the end of the show.

5pm. Take down the gazebos and take down the marquee.

We would be grateful for any offers of help in erecting the marquee on the Friday night and taking it down on the Saturday evening after the show.

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3rd July – St Thomas the Apostle, confused and doubting

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Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe – unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears – but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20:26ff).

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event – the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects.

It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him.

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- 26th Marcia Wakeham
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FROM THE PARISH

REGISTERS

Funeral

23rd June

JUNE CHAMBERS

Well, here I am! Back in the land of the Benefice of Bramham!

The first thing I must do is say a great big thank you to you all for the prayers, the love, the visits and the lifts. It is your support, and the presence of my childhood friend Jenny, that had got me through these past few weeks. Thank you!



The next thing is to realise that the benefice did not crumble while I was away – a very humbling realisation!! Life in our parishes has a rhythm and nature that is ever moving and yet somehow the same.

Have you read the articles in the St. Mary's magazine about parish life in the bygone years? The names are different but so many things written about could be in our magazines today! When we read of the 'Assembly Bangers' to be held in the middle of this month there must be many a conversation about which hymns have never left the memories of our perennial classmates! 'All things bright and beautiful' and 'When a knight won his spurs' spring to mind. It will be fascinating to see (and hear) the final list!

Within our five different churches there are unwritten lists of favourite hymns – not necessarily the same in each church. They follow the seasons, and we dust them off each time the year moves on. Do you ever wonder what role they play in our worshipping life?

Are they there simply to make us stand up and shuffle a bit; do they provide our vocal cords with a good airing, or do they add something to the quality of our worship?

When we look back to the unchanging patterns of life, do we hang onto the things that we know or are we able to embrace a gentle change that stimulates a move forward in our faith? How many people now sing those remembered words without giving more than a glance at the hymnbook page? When was the last time you encountered a new hymn? When was the last time you thought about the words you were singing?

The same can be said sometimes, for the words in our worship. If you use the Book of Common Prayer, you have been reciting those words for most of your life. The Common Worship words have been on your lips since the year 2000. Can/do you recite them as you do with the well-known hymns? They can roll off your tongue without too much thought.

The words of worship are there to channel our faith into some order as we bring ourselves before the Lord. Each word or sentence has been deliberated over and structured to bring our consciousness into a place where we can meet with God and express our penitence, our love, and our thanks. To merely recite them in a familiar way without thought does not do justice to our time together in worship. Take a deep breath, look down at your book and read those words. Inwardly digest what you are saying and put your penitence, love and thanks into every word. There are no points for knowing the whole book off by heart, but there can be great depth in how you say and mean these words.

All the same could be said for those words in our hymns. Look at how the composers have chosen a way to express faith in the phrases they use. So when/if you go along to the 'Assembly Bangers' in a couple of weeks, look hard at the words as you sing them – enjoy the memories of school assembly, but remember you are worshipping with every note you sing.

Revd Trish



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Frankly this is unacceptable. It would therefore be appreciated if some suitable words could be put in the Bramham Parish News to request that considerate parking is enacted, especially on the Dustbin collection days of every Wednesday and alternate Saturdays.

in thanks,
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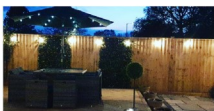
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Benefice Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Thorp Arch
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 10th August

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

Sunday 17th August

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

Sunday 24th August

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

Sunday 31st August

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa
Benefice Parish Mass 10.00am St Luke's Clifford
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 6 th July

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

Celtic Parish Holy Communion 10.00am

All Saints' Bramham

Holy Communion 9.30am All Saints' Thorp Arch

All Together service 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Parish Mass 11.00am St Luke's Clifford

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 13 th July

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

Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter's Walton

Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham

Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 20 th July

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

Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham

Parish Worship 9.30am St Peter's Walton

Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Parish Mass 11.00am St Luke's Clifford

Evensong 6.00pm All Saints' Thorp Arch

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 27 th July

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

Parish Worship 10.00am All Saints' Bramham

Parish Worship 9.30 am All Saints' Thorp Arch

Holy Communion 9.30am St Peter's Walton

Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

Parish Mass 11.00am St Luke's Clifford

Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

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