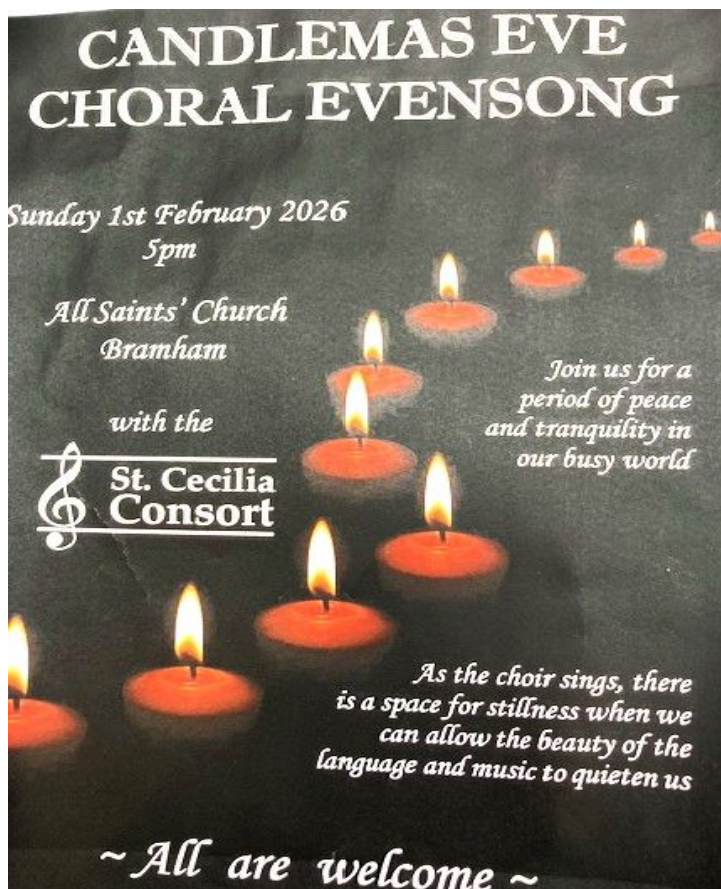


BRAMHAM PARISH NEWS



**CANDLEMAS EVE
CHORAL EVENSONG**

*Sunday 1st February 2026
5pm*

*All Saints' Church
Bramham*

with the

 **St. Cecilia
Consort**

*Join us for a
period of peace
and tranquility in
our busy world*

*As the choir sings, there
is a space for stillness when we
can allow the beauty of the
language and music to quieten us*

~ All are welcome ~

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Bramham Community Christmas Day Lunch 2025 –

Thank You!

For the last nine years Bramham Village Hall and local volunteers have come together to arrange a free communal Christmas meal or hamper for those who would otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. On Christmas Day 2025, thirty six people sat down in the Village Hall to share each other's company and enjoy a fantastic Christmas Day Lunch together.

Once again it was an incredible community effort by a dedicated, hardworking and friendly team of volunteers from Bramham and neighbouring villages. Our heartfelt thanks go out to all those volunteers, and to all the individuals, organisations and businesses that were so generous with their donations and support including:. Appleton's Butchers; Betty & Taylors; The Artisan Cheese Company; Bramham Christmas Trees; Bramham Community Fund; Wetherby Lions; Wetherby in Support of the Elderly; Wetherby Ward Councillors; Mums & Tots; Friends of Bramham School; and the many residents of Bramham, Clifford and Boston Spa!

“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”

Thank You!!! Pete Dunn Bramham Village Hall



Once again I would like to thank Pete Dunn and his band of elves for giving myself and many others a fantastic Christmas Day lunch. I am sure everyone enjoyed the day in view of all the chatter that went on for 3 hours!!!! Happy New Year to everyone for 2026

Meryl Nichol

BRAMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Welcome to the January 2026 update.

PACT (Police and Community Together) report: The crime figures have shown a slight increase across the Ward but Bramham has not been identified as an area of concern. The small increase occurs each year around the same time and is probably due, for the most part, to being a holiday/festive time of year. However, please remain vigilant and do not become complacent with regard to locking doors and windows etc. and if you own a car with a keyless entry system consider keeping your keys in a Faraday (protective) pouch/box to prevent the key being cloned. If you are aware 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.

PARISH COUNCILLORS: Following the resignation of Cllr Helena Buck at the beginning of September 2025 I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Scott Jones who was officially inducted onto Council at the January 2026 Council meeting.

Following the resignation of Cllr Adam Pumfrey at the end of 2025 Council is now seeking his replacement and has approached Leeds City Council to initiate the process. Details are available on the Parish Council website – <http://www.bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk>.

MILNTHORPE GREEN SPACE: At the time of writing the footpath now has a handrail in place and is open as a thoroughfare.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND: The smaller of the two entrances and the fence running along the walkway between Freely Lane and Folly Lane have now been repaired and strengthened. The wet pour beneath the two larger swings (where the surface has worn away) and that surrounding the roundabout and basket swing will be replaced when the weather improves - the wet pour cannot be laid in adverse weather conditions. Quotes for the work are being sought.

PARISH CENTRE: Council would like to thank the resident who took it upon herself to clean the Parish Centre after it had been left in a mess recently. This is the second time in the past year that a resident has shown such public spiritedness and we should all be thankful and

grateful that there are such members within our community. The Parish Centre is cleaned once a week by a contracted cleaner and Councillors check on the status of the cleanliness at intervals and tidy things up as necessary, but it cannot be monitored all the time. Having said that those that have made the messes should be aware that the room is covered by CCTV and so some restraint might be to their advantage. Images obtained by the CCTV are retained for a short period of time only but sufficiently long enough should they need to be evidenced. Please remember this is your space, heated, freely available during the day and bookable in the evenings through the Clerk clerk@bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk. It would be a huge loss to the Community if it had to be closed because of selfish acts by a few being irresponsible. Council has noted and has welcomed the positive support shown on social media about this matter.

DOGS FOULING THE FOOTPATHS AND VERGES: Council has received a complaint from a resident concerned about the extent of dog fouling within the village. Failing to clean up after your dog in a public place is a criminal offence in the UK, leading to potential on-the-spot fines (Fixed Penalty Notices of around £100) or much larger court-imposed fines (up to £1,000) for not clearing up dog mess in designated areas like streets, parks, and paths. You have a legal duty as the owner or person in charge of a dog to clean up its faeces immediately. This applies to all public areas, including pavements, parks, beaches, and recreation grounds. Always carry bags or tools to pick up after your dog and put waste in dog bins, litter bins, or take it home.

There are emergency supplies of dog “Poo Bags” at sites around the village and these are replenished each month.

BRAMHAM HOUSE DEVELOPMENT: Council has noted comments from residents and will submit a response to LCC Planning.

Councillor M Corrigan, Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council.

SAVE THE DATE BRAMHAM GALA

4TH July 2026 £10 per pitch (approx. 3m x 3m)

**For details please contact Emma
bcagstalls@gmail.com**



You are warmly invited to a series of Lenten Reflections

“Finding Hope, Sharing Hope”

Led by Reverend Nigel Benson Boston Spa Methodist Church

7pm Wednesdays 25th February 4th, 11th and 18th of March

All Welcome

An Evening with Paul Whittaker

Saturday 21st February 7pm in Bramham Village Hall

Paul is an inspirational speaker, musician, performer and workshop leader who is profoundly deaf.

Paul will give you a taste of music, signed song, laughter and deaf awareness in his own inimitable style

Tickets price £15 to include pie and pea supper

Licenced bar, Raffle

All Proceeds to St John's Specialist School Boston Spa

Tickets contact Jillian 07858293980

BRAMHAM IN BLOOM Please see the article later in the Magazine. They have a couple of photographs which you will enjoy but we did not have space in this edition. Before the present Committee finish their work this year we will make sure that a selection of their photographs are displayed in the magazine.

CLERGY LETTER FOR FEBRUARY

February 2026 Clergy letter

February can be a month of in between. It is not the beginning of the year but it is not yet spring. The church has finished it's celebrations of Christmas and Epiphany but it is not yet Easter. It can be a time of stillness and perhaps we should dwell with that stillness this year.

Stillness whether of mind, body or both can be a helpful tool in the quieter winter months. It allows for contemplation, for thinking about what really matters. For Christians it is a way to draw closer to God, to rest in his presence and to see if there is anything he wishes to share with us. It can be as simple as going for a walk around and allowing your brain to think it's own thoughts. Or perhaps you might choose a more formal mediation style.

Contemplation whether Christian or otherwise can help us to find moments of quietness in the busyness of life and in all the in-betweens of February give it a try and see if there are

moments of peace and quiet that you find restorative and maybe give you glimpses of God's love.

May this February be one of peace and calm so that you feel restored when the Spring returns.

Rev'd Hannah

The Carols in the Churchyard just before Christmas collected £130. 15p for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance

Thank you to everyone for making a lovely event.

THE VILLAGE HUB

Everybody Needs Good Neighbours!

The Village Hub's popular series of free talks will continue in 2026, sharing information and stories about subjects of local and community interest, we will be joining you at **The "Helping You Save Energy and Money"** A talk by Adrian Balcombe. If you missed the recent Wetherby EcoEnergy Fair, co-organiser Adrian Balcombe joins us on 23rd February to share some insights into how you can save energy and money. Sharing, quick, easy wins, as well as his personal experiences with the installation of solar and battery in his family home (halving electricity costs!). This short, informal talk will finish with a recap of where you might be able to get some grant support too. **Other regular features** in the coming months include.... "Fun Bingo" which will be free to play with prizes.... and **"Meet Your Ward Councillor"** with all three of our Leeds city councillors holding regular "surgeries", where you can talk to them about any local issues that concern you. And our Winter menu will feature our regular **"Two Soups Special"** and **"Tater Treats"** to warm the soul on those chilly Monday mornings. But most of all the Village Hub helps people make connections and build friendships. It is a haven at the centre of the village for anyone from Bramham and the neighbouring areas who wants some friendly company to pass the time with.

The Village Hub at Bramham Village Hall, where good neighbours can become good friends! "A nod and a smile can brighten my day, a minutes conversation goes a long way" .

17TH February Drop in for a free Pancake

SHROVE TUESDAY COMMUNITY

PANCAKE DROP IN

Bramham Village Hall Supper Room

1.30pm – 3.00pm

A variety of toppings

We have had several complaints by dog fouling in the Churchyard. Please remember your dog must be on a leash in the Churchyard and if they make a mess you must clean up the mess and remove to the appropriate bins which are in the village.

It's back!
**The quiz with a
difference!**



Bramham Village Hall

Friday 13th February 7.30 pm

Doors open at 6.30.

licenced bar, light supper, and Prizes!

Teams of six people but no need to come as a team.

We will find you one! Tickets £10 per person

Contact Val on 07973771540

Proceeds in aid of Bramham Village Hall

PLANT AND CRAFT EVENT

9TH May 10.30 – 2.30pm

All proceeds for All Saints' Church

The Remembrance Book from the
Parish Register for FEBRUARY

- 1st Ernest Hale 2002
- 2nd Samuel Catchersides Kitchen
Sarah Elizabeth Chambers
- 3rd Geoffrey Parkin 2011
Laurie Baker 2015
- 4th Raymond Walter Turner 2008
John Dykes 1997
Kathleen Craven 2004
- 5th Elisabeth Green 1988
- 8th Mary Jane Cook 1976
- 10th James Norman Young
Martin Jacques Milner 2001
John Burrow 2017
- 11th Sylvia June Pratt 1966
Grace Darling Knight 1980
- 12th Edna Broadhead 1986
- 15th Christopher Joseph Green
- 16th Leslie John Young 1995
Bridget Stubbs 2015
- 17th Agnes Marie Skilton 2016
- 18th Herbert Tindall
Edna Chambers 2011
- 19th Frederick Seaman Noble
Eric Spencer 2009
- 21st Cyril Ware 1998
- 22nd William Chambers 1972
Percy Kitchen 1994
- 23rd Mahala Richardson 1974
- 24th Brian Dracup
- 27th John Thomas Clayton 1978
Evelyn Shaw 1980
David Edward Hope 2006
Lilian Hale 2013
Nicholas Paul Kitson 2017
William Francis Hills 2018
- 28th Elsie Brown
- 29th Winifred Maud Hill 1968

*The Blessed Sacrament is
permanently reserved in
All Saints' Bramham for
the sick and dying.*

Contact:- *Revd. Trish or
The Parish Office 844402
would be grateful to
receive the names of
those who are sick or
those who are in need of a
special home visit.*

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funeral

2nd December

Dolly Mullen

THE OPEN DOOR

The December Winner was
number 76

The owner of this number
extremely gifted their
winnings back to the Open
Door.

Thank you very much indeed

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**FRIDAY 20
& SAT 21
FEBRUARY**
**FREE 1st PINT
OR PROSECCO**
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CONCERT HARROGATE MALE VOICE CHOIR AND THE RODILLIAN SINGERS



**BOSTON SPA METHODIST CHURCH
LS23 6AA**

27 FEBRUARY 7:30PM

IN AID OF MARTIN HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE
TICKETS £12 (INCL. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)

Under 16s free! Tickets available through the church and respective choirs, and on the door.



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BRAMHAM IN BLOOM Many thanks to those that braved the dark cold evening to join us in the Parish centre for our Bramham in Bloom AGM in November. It was lovely to see you and discuss the year. We reviewed our current finances and discussed the future of Bramham in Bloom. Changes to Bramham in Bloom The committee (Kate, Alison and Rochelle) have made the decision to end our time with Bramham in Bloom and wanted to inform all of you in the village. We have really enjoyed these years together and appreciate all of the sponsors and volunteers who helped us to do this role. Days out gardening and meeting new faces have been a highlight for us and we hope that you have also enjoyed seeing flowers all over the village. We will not be asking for any more donations and will be spending all leftover funds on bulbs (which we have done so far and planted in many areas around the village) and either grassing over beds or adding rockery stones and shrubs to make them more manageable. If you live close to a current flower bed and would like to take on full responsibility for it then do please get in touch. This is a big commitment and funding for this would be down to you. We are happy to discuss options with you if you do get in touch. There are some individuals who will be continuing to care for bigger rockery / shrub areas within the village, but others will have to be grassed over.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all of those residents both past and present, we could not have done it without you.

Bramham in Bloom Committee

Bramham Community Fund

The Bramham Community Fund exists to distribute the money generated by Festival Republic from the allocation of residents' tickets at the Leeds Festival together with other donations made directly by the promoter. The principal requirement is that funds are to be used for the benefit of the community of Bramham. Since the Leeds Festival moved to Bramham in 2003, the Fund has allocated grants to a value of over £500,000.

The last allocation of grants, took place in March 2025. It is planned that the allocations from the 2025 Festival will be considered in March 2026. The Fund is therefore now inviting applications.

The closing date is 14 February 2026

To keep it simple, there is no formal application form. Just write to the Bramham Community Fund c/o Colin Pool at 7 Prospect Bank, Bramham, LS23 6RS or send an email to colin.pool@empiconsulting.co.uk saying what you would like a grant for, how much and why. The Fund committee under the chairmanship of Nick Lane Fox will then meet to consider the applications.

Proposed projects should normally be completed within one year of the grant being awarded. If a project is expected to exceed that timescale, the application should indicate as such.

You should be aware that in the past preference in the allocation of grants has been given to new projects rather than funding the ongoing support of existing activities.

Applications cannot be accepted from individuals, commercial organisations or for projects which do not directly benefit residents of Bramham.

Colin Pool

BRAMHAM VILLAGE HALL

2025 100 CLUB DRAW WINNERS

1. V Whitbread 2. Lin Tristschler , V Hunter
3. R Moorcroft , J Lawson

BRAMHAM NSPCC COMMITTEE

Invite you to join us for

'An Evening with the Snake Davis Band'



When: Saturday 18th April 2026

(Doors 7.00pm; Concert starts 8.00pm)

Where: Bramham Village Hall Cost:£30.00

Light Refreshments – Licensed Bar – Raffle

For more information or to buy tickets,
contact Lin Tritschler on 01937 842240

BRAMHAM READERS' GROUP

Our next meeting is on Monday 9th

February at 7.30 in the Swan

We will be discussing "Slow Horses"

by Mick Herron

New members welcome contact

Marion on 844191 or Jillian on 07858293980



SUPPORT YOUR VILLAGE HALL WITH A CHANCE OF A CASH PRIZE !

BRAMHAM VILLAGE HALL – 100 Club – Entry Form

By joining, you'll be helping to raise funds to maintain and improve our village hall, ensuring it continues to serve the local community, with cash prizes to be won each year. Your Details (Simply complete and post in the Village Hall letter box)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Membership Details

Each number costs £10 per year. You may hold more than one number if available.

How many numbers would you like? _____

Preferred payment method (please tick): ☐ Standing Order ☐ Bank Transfer ☐ Cash

Standing Order / Bank Details

Our bank details are: Account name: Bramham Village Hall

Bank: Co-op Bank Sort code: 08-92-99

Account number: 67335433 Reference: Your name + 100 Club

Bramham Village Hall is registered with the Charities Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with Registered Charity Number 1206056.

Last updated: 00/00/00 Bramham Village Hall

Thank you for supporting the Bramham Village Hall 100 Club!

A Reminder for existing members to renew and details of the rules for the Village Hall 100 Club draw Purpose The Bramham Village Hall 100 Club Draw is established to raise funds to maintain and improve the village hall, ensuring it continues to serve the local community.

1. **Membership** • The draw consists of up to 100 members, each allocated a unique number (1–100). • Membership is open to anyone aged 18 or over. • Each member must complete an entry form and pay the subscription fee before being entered into the draw. • Members may hold more than one number, subject to availability.
2. **Subscription Fee** • Each number costs £10 per year, payable by standing order in advance. • Payments must be received by 30th November for that year's draw. • Any member whose payment has not been received will not be entered into the draw.
3. **Draw Frequency** • One annual draw will be held in December each year. • The draw will take place at Bramham Village Hall, and will be conducted in a fair and transparent manner in the presence of witnesses or committee members.
4. **Prizes** • Each annual draw will award the following five cash prizes: 🎟️ 1st Prize: £250 🎟️ 2nd Prize: £75 x2 🎟️ 3rd Prize: £50 x2 • If fewer than 100 members, the prizes will be adjusted proportionally to total 50% of receipts.
5. **Winners and Payments** • Winning numbers will be drawn at random. • Results will be announced publicly via Bramham Parish News. • Prizes will be paid to winners within 14 days of the draw by bank transfer.
6. **Vacant Numbers** • Any unsold numbers remain available for new members. • Vacant numbers will not be entered into the draw.
7. **Administration** • The 100 Club is managed by the Bramham Village Hall Committee, who are responsible for maintaining records, collecting payments, and conducting draws. • The Committee's decision on all matters shall be final.
8. **Licensing** • The Bramham Village Hall 100 Club operates as a Small Society Lottery under the Gambling Act 2005 and complies with all relevant local regulations.
9. **Data Protection** • Member details will be used solely for the administration of the 100 Club and will not be shared with third parties. • By joining, members consent to the use of their data for this purpose.
10. **Acceptance of Rules** • Participation in the 100 Club constitutes acceptance of these rules. • The Committee reserves the right to amend the rules if necessary.

Church Services February 2026

Sunday 1st February

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

Choral Evensong with the St Cecilia Consort 5.00pm All Saints' Bramham

Sunday 8th February

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am All Saints' Thorp Arch
Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham
Holy Communion with Baptism 9.30am St Peter's Walton
Holy Communion with Baptism 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 15th February

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 3.30pm All Saints' Thorp Arch
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

Sunday 22nd February

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa
Parish Worship 10.00 am All Saints' Bramham
Parish Worship 9.30am 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

