

# Bramham Parish News



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# Bramham Community Fund

The Bramham Community Fund exists to distribute the money generated by Festival Republic from the sale of residents' tickets at the Leeds Festival together with other donations made directly by the promoter. The 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 £470,000.

The last allocation of grants, took place in March 2023. It is planned that the allocations from the 2023 Festival will be considered in March 2024.

**The Fund is therefore now inviting applications.  
The closing date is 14 February 2024**

To keep it simple, there is no formal application form. Just write to the  
**Bramham Community Fund c/o Colin Pool at  
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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.

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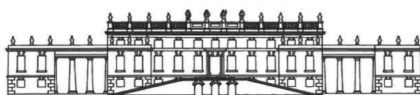
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Sadly, Scott Jones has resigned from Council and I would like to thank him for his contributions and forthright approach, especially about difficult issues. The Offices of Leeds City Council have been informed and a replacement will be sought in due course.

**CRIME REPORT:** Though not regarded as a prime hub of criminal activity we must 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.

**WAR MEMORIAL:** The quotes for the cleaning of the War memorial are still awaited.



### **BRAMHAM PARISH CENTRE:**

An initial trial survey looking at the usage of the Parish Centre will be undertaken this month and the results reviewed at the December meeting of Council. You can help by completing a questionnaire either online or in paper form in the Centre. The online form can be accessed via the QR code, displayed on the inside of the Centre door, on the website

([www.bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bramhamparishcouncil.gov.uk)) within a specific "News Post" and here in this section of the update, shown on the left. Focus the camera on your mobile phone onto the code and press the

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:** It is approximately 5 years since the Plan was “made” and adopted and it is now time to consider reviewing the document to ensure it is still relevant for the next 5years. A Working Group of three Councillors has been asked to consider how this may be most appropriately approached.

**FOOTBALL PITCHES:** At present the football pitches are rated as “poor”, a result of many years of lack of specific maintenance. A Working Group has been set up to coordinate the application for grants from the Football Association for pitch improvements, the purchase of any necessary equipment to effect those improvements and the application to LCC for Planning Permission to establish a storage area in the compound behind the Pavilion for the safe storage of the equipment.

Mike Corrigan, Bramham cum Oglethorpe Parish Council



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

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Dear Friends,

As we enter the colder darker evenings, when the sun seems to barely rise enough for us to bask in any warmth, it is a good time to take some time out; wrap up warmly and find somewhere comfortable to sit and do a little bit of thinking about the past year.



It is a time to look back on the events which have shaped our lives and how these events have changed us or made us think differently. Starting with the most personal events we move on to those of our closest family, then wider family, friends, neighbours, work colleagues, our country, the world. Always considering how these events have made a difference to us and our thinking.

I'll give you an example. This year I had an operation which made me think differently about my sight. My daughter is getting married, this has made me think about the importance of good relationships. My cousin died and this reminds me of how important it is to keep in touch with those you love even if they live a long way away. I have made new friends and this has brought delight. Neighbours have been pleased to chat and talk about gardening. I have listened to a work colleague as they try to make sense of a challenging situation. Watching the Coronation of King Charles III knowing that so many others were witnessing the same thing. Then watching the news as reports of earthquakes, flooding, wildfires, melting ice shelves cause me to think more compassionately about our planet.

Some of these might resonate with you; diagnosis and treatment, relationships, bereavement, friendships, shared delights and common struggles. All these things change us whether we want them to or not. Maybe we should think about these changes more?

As Christians, when we are thinking about the time that has past it is good to place our thoughts into the presence of God. Give thanks for the things which have been good or positive, and give thanks for the challenges which have grown our confidence or understanding of an issue. If we find ourselves in any kind of pain then we can ask God to help us bear that pain and to bless others who might share in that situation.



This is called The Examen Prayer. Many people do this daily before they go to bed, as a final thanksgiving before sleeping. It is a positive way to reflect on the days' events and share with God what has been good and fruitful and also what has not been so good. It is a time to give thanks for the day and to acknowledge the times we have been cheered, challenged or changed.

Looking back on this last year I wonder what have been your personal times of cheer, challenge or change. I wonder how you feel about that?

Wishing you all a blessed and peace filled Advent and Christmas as you look back and give thanks.

*Rev'd Glenda*

You might like to use these words by Daniel Iverson as part of your Examen prayer;

Spirit of the living God,  
Fall afresh on me!  
Spirit of the living God,  
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- 16th Alec John Wright 1995
- 17th Geoffrey Richardson 1973  
Alice May Bradshaw 1976  
Francis Leonard Woodcock 1997  
Nellie Greenhead 2004
- 19th David George Hebborn 1970  
Alice Marjorie Stevenson 1987  
Nigel Cameron 2005
- 20th Winifred Joan Dalton 1993  
Cicely Clegg 2014  
Maurice Rhodes 2017
- 21st James Ian Noble 1966  
Tom Whittingham 1978  
Lynne Foggin 2005  
Doris Young 2011  
Liz Pearson 2014  
Victims of Lockerbie Air Disaster
- 22nd Sheila Thompson nee Ford
- 24th Elizabeth Sadler 1973
- 25th Jane Mary Noble 2014
- 26th Peter Noble 1960  
Florence Annie Lund 1986  
Rebecca Knight 1961
- 27th William Leonard Worrall 2001  
William (Billy ) Firth 2005  
Keith Simpson 2016
- 29th Jane Sunstead  
Violet May Morris 2006  
John David Noble 2019
- 30th Bessie Winifred Rodway 1996
- 31st John Read Shaw 1949  
Richard John Knight 1953  
Charles Pottage 1959



*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.

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**Burial of Ashes**

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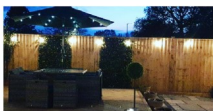
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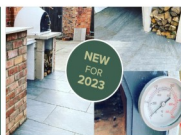
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**Bramham Village Hall  
Community Christmas Day Lunch**

**A Message from Santa and the Elves**

After six years of hosting the Community Christmas Day Lunch at Bramham Village Hall, Santa and his helpers are taking a holiday to spend Christmas Day with their own families this year.

However, everyone who joined us on previous Christmas Days will be receiving their own personal invitation to the Village Hub's special pre-Christmas event at Bramham Village Hall on Monday 18th December.

Together we will still celebrate Christmas and enjoy each others company ....but just for this year not on Christmas Day. To join us at the Hub Christmas Special on Monday 18th December, please contact Pete Dunn by phone, text or Whatsapp on 07867 537602 to register an interest in attending so we have an idea how many to cater for.

**THE VILLAGE HUB @ Bramham Village Hall  
Christmas Special 2023**

It is almost a year since a small group of volunteers got together to set up "The Village Hub" in Bramham Village Hall.

To celebrate we are inviting all our Village Hub regulars, and anyone else in the village who might be feeling lonely and has no one to share Christmas with, to our special Christmas event on 18 December at Bramham Village Hall. Bring a neighbour, friend, relative or carer. All welcome!!!

Together we will celebrate Christmas with a warm welcome, decorations, live entertainment by Carly Wood Music, a table buffet meal and great conversation.

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# **Christmas Services at All Saints' Bramham**

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**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December:  
Christmas Eve**

**Crib Service 3.00pm**

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**Midnight Service 11.00pm**

**Christmas Day**

**Holy Communion 10.00am**

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## **A Royal furniture maker at the Linton Antique Society**

David Linley, son of the late Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon, is a creative and successful furniture maker, whose innovative, modern designs are inspired by the work of the great British cabinet makers of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Nicholas Merchant, who has had access to Linley, will talk about the range of his work, his inspirations and the intriguing parallels between the business of a 21<sup>st</sup> century furniture maker and his 18<sup>th</sup> century predecessors at the Linton Antique Society's meeting at 8.00pm on Thursday 14 December at Linton Memorial Hall.

*You can become a Society member for £25, individual, and £45, joint, which gives access to all the presentations in the season. You can join through the Society's website [www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk](http://www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk), by contacting the Membership Secretary on 0113 345 1815 or at any meeting. Non-members can attend: the entrance fee is £10, which counts towards the membership fee if you join on the same night.*

### **Bramham in Bloom**

Thank you to those who attended the AGM in the lovely new Parish Centre.

We celebrated Lynne Marshall's many years with Bramham in Bloom including 7 years as Chair. We will miss her hard work and enthusiasm and wish her and Paul all the best for the future.



We welcomed our new Chair, Kate Pirie; Secretary, Rochelle Page; and Treasurer, Alison French.

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## Church Services in December

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
**Celtic Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham**  
All Together Christingle at 10.00 St Mary's Boston Spa  
Holy Communion 11.00am St Luke's Clifford  
Advent Carol Service 3.30 pm St Luke's Clifford  
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

**Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham**  
Holy Communion 9.30 am St Peter's Walton  
Holy Communion including Baptism 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
Parish Worship 11.00am St Luke's Clifford  
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa  
Flourish 6.30pm St Mary's Parish Room

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
**Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham**  
**Service of Lessons and Carols 4.00pm All Saints' Bramham**  
Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve**

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
Benefice Service 10.00am St Peter's Walton  
**Crib Service 3.00pm All Saints' Bramham**  
**Midnight Service 11.00pm All Saints' Bramham**  
First Service of Christmas 9.00pm St Luke's Clifford  
Crib Service 4.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa  
Midnight Service 11.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa  
Midnight Service All Saints' Thorp Arch 11.30 pm.

### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day**

Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
**Holy Communion 10.00am All Saints' Bramham**  
Holy Communion 10.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
Holy Communion 11.00am St Luke's Clifford  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am St Mary's Boston Spa  
Benefice Service 10.00am All Saints' Thorp Arch  
Night Prayer 6.00pm St Mary's Boston Spa

**For the full list of services in the Benefice please see the website.**











