

VILLAGES DIARY -FEBRUARY 2024				
Date	Time	Event	Place	
Thu	1st			
Fri	2nd	CANDLEMAS		
Sat	3rd			
Sun	4th	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints' Church	
Mon	5th	9.15am H.A.R.T.Bus to Beverley	Pick up from your door	
Tue	6th	1.30 - 2.20pm The Library Van	Near Telephone Box, Sands Lane	
Wed	7th	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall	
Thu	8th			
Fri	9th			
Sat	10th			
Sun	11th	4.00pm Family Service	All Saints' Church	
Mon	12th			
Tue	13th	SHROVE TUESDAY - PANCAKE DAY		
Wed	14th	VALENTINES DAY		
		2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall	
		7.00pm Barmston & Fraisthorpe Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	
Thu	15th			
Fri	16th			
Sat	17th			
Sun	18th	9.30am Holy Communion	All Saints' Church	
Mon	19th	9.15am H.A.R.T.Bus to Beverley	Pick up from your door	
Tue	20th			
Wed	21st	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall	
Thu	22nd			
Fri	23rd			
Sat	24th			
Sun	25th			
Mon	26th			
Tue	27th			
Wed	28th	2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office	Village Hall	
Thu	29th	LEAP DAY		
If you have a regular or one off event taking place, please let the Editor know by the 20th of the prior month so that it can be included in the diary for the next month				

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# VILLAGE VOICE

*FEBRUARY 2024*



*Barmston & Fraisthorpe's newsletter  
Delivered to your door monthly*

*Established April 1979*

Contributions & adverts for next month's issue to the editor  
by the 20<sup>th</sup> January, please – [rosemary.swift@btinternet.com](mailto:rosemary.swift@btinternet.com)



Birthday greetings to:  
Everyone with a birthday in February

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from 1.30 to 2.20pm

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You will help us to keep the mobile library van coming by using it.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BARMSTON

Vicar – Revd Richard Hare  
Tel: 229503

### Services in February

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.30 am – Holy Communion  
Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Feb at 4.00 pm – Family Service  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at 9.30 am – Holy Communion

There is online worship from our sister church at Emmanuel, Cardigan Road, Bridlington every Sunday, live on Facebook or in person at 11.00 am, or later in the day on our YouTube channel.

### From the vicar, Richard Hare

Have you noticed that there are fewer stiles on country footpaths these days? Over the years there's been a concerted effort to replace them with gates, making the paths more accessible to those of us with stiffer joints and older legs than we used to have! Jesus likened the entering of his kingdom to passing through a gate – but, rather scarily, he implies it's not as accessible as you might think. "Wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it," he said. "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7: 13-14). Perhaps I should say, rather, that the gate is perfectly accessible, but most choose to go their own way instead.



Talking of gates, we're enormously grateful to Paul Rich, who for a couple of years has been unlocking church regularly but is now needing to step down. So we need a volunteer to open and lock the church, at least at weekends, so that visitors and locals alike can come in, look round, perhaps say a prayer, and enjoy the peace and quiet. If you're able to help, please would you give me a ring on 01262 229503? Thank you so much.

We would love you to 'enter through the narrow gate' and come to our services at Barmston Church in February, which are as above.



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## BARMSTON & FRAISTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The Next Parish Council Meeting  
will be on

Wednesday 14th February 2024  
at 7pm in the Village Hall

## THE BLACK BULL, BARMSTON

### Under New Management



Our “Local” has, over the past few years, seen a number of publicans who have fought valiantly to keep it as a meeting place for the residents of the parish and tourists alike. The restrictions of the Covid Pandemic did not help in keeping the venue alive for everyone but now a new licensee has taken over with an ambition to revitalize the Black Bull back to a venue that all locals and visitors alike can enjoy once more.

Paula Boyd has taken over our “Local” and aims to make The Black Bull a venue that everyone can be happy to visit. Paula has a background of running a successful eatery in Bridlington and hopes that her plans for The Black Bull will ensure that it once again will become a place all residents will enjoy.

There is a separate dining room where an extensive menu, plus daily “specials”, can be enjoyed. An attractive undercover heated outside area for use whatever the weather and, for the younger patrons, an outside play area is available.

The opening hours for the bar area are currently 10am until late. This will be dependent on the number of patrons using the bar in the evenings for the time being and will be finalized once the pattern of use by residents and visitors is established.

Entertainment is planned for Saturday evenings from 8pm onwards.

The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and evening meals from 10am to 3pm and the from 4pm to 8pm. Paula’s speciality is her lasagne although her desserts are all made “in house” and are changed regularly so should not be missed!!

Let us hope that, through the support of all residents, Paula can once again return the Black Bull to a place that all locals can enjoy.





## JANUARY CROSSWORD ANSWERS

**Across:** 1. Spradoon, 7. Apogee, 13. Pier, 14. Engineer, 16. Appeal, 18. Rort, 19. Ale, 20. N.E., 21. Onshore, 23. Italy, 24. Melt, 26. E.T 27. Area, 29. TI, 30. Ley, 32. Frail, 34. Anoint, 36. Ilk, 38. Cog, 39. Ghoul, 40. End, 41. Echo, 43. Hue, 44. Eta, 46. Rots, 47. Eros, 50. Awl, 52. Oose, 54. Applaud, 56. Corpse, 59. Lyre, 60. Ostrich, 61. EN, 62. Canopy, 63. Us, 64. Ouse

**Down:** 1. Spaniel, 2. Pipette, 3. Rep., 4. Areola, 5. Oils, 6. Nero, 7. Agree, 8. Pit 9. On, 10. Gear, 11. Eel, 12. Erect, 15. Normal, 17. Any, 22. Harangue, 25. Labile, 27. Ari, 28. Either, 29. Takeaway, 31. Yachtsman, 32. Fog, 33. Bud, 35. Noose, 37. Aerobic, 42. Coo, 45. Tall, 48. Oasis, 49. Spec., 51. Lures, 53. Posy, 55. Dene, 56. Cop, 57. RT, 58. Pru

### The weather .....



Let's hope February will be kinder to us!!

The sale of the old almshouses in Barmston in the 1950s produced a capital sum which, invested in stocks and shares, produces an income of about £500 a year, which is to help people suffering financial hardship in the Barmston area. Traditionally grants have been made to about five people every Christmas, but the pandemic and the illness of the few remaining Trustees has halted this for a while. The Trustees have now decided to hand the responsibility to local charity 'Community VISION' (formerly ERVAS), who will be making the grants for us. There is a simple application form for anyone to use, and gifts are no longer limited to Christmastime. Please don't be shy in asking for a grant – the money was left to help you and cannot be used for any other purpose. Details in the box below.



### Boynton Almshouses Fund

For Individuals

Boynton Almshouses at Barmston in the East Riding of Yorkshire, known as the Boynton Almshouses, have funding available for individuals. This fund is administered by Community VISION CIO, a registered charity.

The income from the sale long ago of the old almshouses in Barmston is available to help local people in need. Anyone who lives in Barmston, Fraisthorpe, Burton Agnes, Haisthorpe or Rudston is welcome to apply for a grant.

There are no deadlines for the fund, and you can apply for between £50 to £100.

There is a simple application form to fill in, which may be obtained by emailing Judith Leech on [judith.leech@communityvision.org.uk](mailto:judith.leech@communityvision.org.uk) or by telephoning her on 01482 871077. Judith can also be contacted if you need any help in completing your application.

**THE HART BUS TO BARMSTON**

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 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
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**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO EVERYONE**

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Village	Pick up time
Skipsea	08:50
Ulrome	09:00
Barmston	09:15
Lissett	09:25
Beeford	09:30
Beverley Wed market	10:00
Beverley Morrisons	10:10
<b>Return from Beverley</b>	
Beverley Morrisons	12:30
Beverley Tesco	12:45
Beeford	13:20
Lissett	13:30
Barmston	13:40
Ulrome	13:50
Skipsea	14:00

From your front door. £5.00 return for concessions or £10 return full

Operates once a fortnight on a Monday all year round, see below dates. \* Changes to a Tuesday around bank holidays dates

18.03.24	24.06.24
*02.04.24	08.07.24
15.04.24	22.07.24
29.04.24	05.08.24
13.05.24	19.08.24
*28.05.24	02.09.24
10.06.24	16.09.24

# HISTORY PAGE

## FEBRUARY FESTIVAL DAYS

There are a number of days during February that historically are celebrated for various reasons. Let's hope that you will enjoy celebrating at least one of the days.

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** Today, Christians around the world celebrate the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. In the past, mothers went to church 40 days after giving birth for purification. This tradition has largely died out. The day is also known as Candlemas when candles are blessed in church.

**13<sup>th</sup> February** Shrove Tuesday, now commonly known as Pancake Day. This day, as so many festivals celebrated around the world, emulates from the Christian calendar. It is the day before Lent begins. Lent lasts for 40 days during which Christians traditionally give up something to remember the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert. In the past, meat and meat products were avoided during these 40 days and so on Shrove Tuesday, pancakes were made to use up the remaining butter, eggs and fat before fasting began the following day.

Pancakes have been made for hundreds of years with the first recorded recipe in a cookery book dating back to 1439. Pancake races have been traditionally run in the UK dating back to 1445. The legend is that a woman was making her pancakes when she heard the church bell ringing to call everyone to go to the local church to make their pre Lent confessions. She ran to church still holding her frying pan and thus began the first "pancake race". I am sure many of our older residents will remember local pancake races, often with participants in fancy dress, that were a source of much amusement for both participants and spectators alike.

**14<sup>th</sup> February** Ash Wednesday. This is the day when palms that were blessed the previous year on Palm Sunday in Christian Churches are burnt and the ashes used to mark a cross on the foreheads of the congregation at Ash Wednesday services.

**14<sup>th</sup> February** Valentines Day, like so many of the "fun" days in our year, started as a Christian feast day to honour a martyr called Valentine. There are two Valentines said to have been executed in the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius II, both supposedly on February 14<sup>th</sup> but in different years. According to legend, one of them had officiated at the weddings of Roman soldiers against the

wishes of Caludius. However, although the Catholic church is believed to have designated the 14<sup>th</sup> February as the Saints Day to commemorate St Valentine, with so little actual historical facts known about him/them, in 1969 they actually removed him from their liturgical calendar. He still remains a Saint to this day. Over the past years, the day has grown around the world from the sending of Valentines Day Cards anonymously into a huge commercial event benefitting not only the greeting card industry but florists, restaurateurs and the gift industry alike.

**29<sup>th</sup> February** This year, and every fourth year sees February with an extra day. These years with 366 days are known as Leap Years. An astronomer in Julius Caesar's reign worked out that Earth takes not 365 days to orbit the sun once but very slightly less than 365.25 days. Thus to "catch up" these quarter days, every fourth year has an extra day. The years when this happens are those divisible by 4 thus 2024 is one such year. However, to make up for the "slightly less than a quarter", over a period of 400 years, 3 extra "unwanted" days will have been added. To compensate for this, if Leap Year falls on a turn of the century year not divisible by 400, then that year will not be counted as a Leap Year and there will be no 29<sup>th</sup> February. The millennium year 2000 was divisible by 400 and so there was a February 29<sup>th</sup> but the year 1900 was not divisible by 400 and so there was no February 29<sup>th</sup>. The length of months varied and it was not until 1582 that the pattern of the number of days in each month was finally established.

Tradition has it that on Leap Day women can propose marriage to men. This is believed to date back to an old Irish legend that St Brigid was concerned that young ladies had to wait too long for men to propose to them and so St Patrick decreed that ladies could propose to men on Leap Day.

In some places, the day is known as "Bachelors' Day". If a man refuses a proposal of marriage, he is expected to pay a "penalty" such as a gown or money to the lady. Another old tradition was that he had to give the lady 12 pairs of gloves, this was so that the lady could wear the gloves to hide the fact that she was not wearing an engagement ring!

Other old superstitions are that in Scotland it is considered unlucky to be born on leap day and in Greece they thought it unlucky to marry in a leap year and even worse on a Leap Day.

So, all you unmarried gentlemen, beware any unmarried women approaching you on the 29<sup>th</sup>!!!!

