

Though most of the detailed information on the Church 's history and architecture can be found in George E. Kirk ' s 1936 book ' The Parish Church of All Saints ' , Bramham ' , here are some details which you may not find there or anywhere else . They are from recollections by Harry Tindall , who worked on the Church as a joiner [as well as , earlier , singing in the choir .]

Kirk refers , with illustrations , to the major alterations which took place in before 1853. These , costing up to £1500 , included :

--- taking out the north doorway [Harry points out that the original wall plugs were left and can still be seen] ;

--- taking out the gallery which lay just inside the north doorway , where the font is now situated ;

--- lifting the roof at the east end of the church above the chancel and altar ;

--- building the outside spiral staircase for a new access to the tower.

In 1902 , when he also gave the lychgate in memory of his wife , MP for Ripon and Speaker of the House of Commons John Lloyd Wharton [who owned the Old Hall] paid for the creation of the present pews with their varied carvings taken from nature. Around 1949 Harry Tindall shortened the pews to allow better access for coffins.

About 1935 , as recounted on p.40 of the Bramham Village book , the then Vicar , Canon Hicks , finding the medieval oak panelling from the old gallery in a barn across in Low Way, designed and made the present wooden pulpit and priest 's stall . Placed originally halfway down the Church on the left side next to a pillar , these were moved after the Second World War by Harry Tindall to their present position , under the direction of The Hon. Mrs. Lane Fox . In digging out the foundations and laying a concrete base , Harry found the carved medieval stone now displayed at the north end of the Church.

The rood beam , commissioned by the Lane Fox family , was carved from a piece of pre war timber , and placed in position , by Ernest Scott and Harry Tindall , the two Estate joiners .

The flag pole was stripped at Kettlewell `s at Tadcaster by Harry Tindall and Alan Sunderland with help from elderly joiner Oscar Speigalhalter, the son of a German pork butcher in Wetherby . With difficulty they hauled the pole up the outside of the tower before fixing it in place with two lead housings.