

# BRAMSHALL NEWS

## MUSTACHIO



A story of community spirit, kindness and  
generosity.  
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Send your stories, photos and news for the next edition of Bramshall News!

**June issue deadline is Tuesday 24th May 2016**



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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**Witness Appeals:-** there have been two incidents in Bramshall in the past month.

Between **11.20hrs on Tuesday 22nd and 12.45hrs on Friday 25/3/2016** a burglary occurred at a property on Leigh Lane where damage was caused to gain entry and also a large amount of property was stolen, mostly jewellery. If anyone has information that may assist with this investigation, please phone 101 quoting the incident number 278 (or crime no. FZ/20998/2016 of 27/3/2016).

PC 0904 Richard Lymer also suggests residents review their security measures; be vigilante with their own properties and keep a watchful eye on their neighbours' properties and report any suspicious activity to Staffordshire Police via the 101 phone number or in case of emergency via 999 or via the website :-[www.crimestopper-uk.org](http://www.crimestopper-uk.org)

Also, a quantity of tools has been stolen from a van in Overcroft, Bramshall sometime **overnight on Monday 18th/Tuesday 19th April**. If anyone has any information, please contact the Police on 101 quoting incident number 172 of 19th April 2016.

Please make sure your vehicles are parked as securely as possible at all times and, if possible, empty your vehicles of all valuables before leaving them unattended.

Bramshall's local PCSO and neighbourhood officer is:-

David Higgs PCSO 16631

East Staffs Local Policing Team. Uttoxeter Rural. Telephone 101 ext 3957  
Mobile 07773531678

We would like to invite you to our

# Celebratory Ball

in

BRAMSHALL PARISH HALL

On

Saturday June 11 th  
7 prompt till 12 midnight

Dancing to Dave Dee

Tickets £32.50

To include three course meal

Licensed bar

Dress Code: Black Tie or Lounge Suit

Apply to : Anne Harris or SallyAnne Lander

By.... June 2nd please

Name .....

Address .....

Tel: .....

No of tickets .....

**MENU for DINNER DANCE on JUNE 11th in  
BRAMSHALL PARISH HALL**

**STARTERS**

1. Caesar Salad
2. Melon with Kiwi, orange , and Strawberry topped  
with Mango coulis
3. Homemade Chicken liver pâté

**MAIN**

1. Roast Beef , Yorkshire Pudding, Horseradish  
Sauce
2. Salmon with Hollandaise Sauce
3. \* Vegetarian option

**SWEETS**

1. Lemon tart with Raspberry Coulis
2. Summer fruits Roulade
3. Trifle.

**Please state by e g 1.2.3. also any other special dietary requirements**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>STARTER</b>	<b>MAIN</b>	<b>SWEET</b>	<b>Dietary Req</b>



## **Bramshall & District Gardening Club**

‘Natural Wonders of New Zealand’ was the subject of the last Gardening Club meeting and Clive Tuck presented an evening of slides and videos showing many such wonders. For instance, one could experience the thrill of leaving Auckland in a small boat and almost immediately finding dolphins in huge numbers (around two thousand) swimming all around, accompanied by a myriad of gannets diving for fish. Or there are the superb geysers and hot springs at Rotorua, where you have to tread carefully to avoid the steam which issues from the ground all around.

Both the North Island and South Island have areas where the original tropical forest still remains and much conservation work is being done to retain the vulnerable indigenous wildlife. Slides of many of these were presented, including three types of kiwi, several sorts of penguin, fur seals, albatrosses and many different birds, including Kea, which are green parrots who unfortunately have an appetite for wind-screen-wiper blades!

The scenic beauty was covered by the lakes and mountains of the Southern Alps and the wonders of Milford Sound, an area where waterfalls, mists and rainbows add to the spectacle of the majestic fjords. A very enjoyable and informative evening.

On 19<sup>th</sup> May, the Club is joining with the Stramshall Gardening Club for an outing to Lea Gardens near Matlock. Otherwise, there are no meetings over the summer - the next one is on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September when Ron Rock will present a highly-acclaimed presentation on bees.

*Clive Tuck*

**Bramshall News is now available to read on the Bramshall Parish  
Website [www.bramshallparish.org.uk](http://www.bramshallparish.org.uk)**

# Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes  
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall  
Local Vicar Revd John Lander  
revjsl@aol.com 565228

## Services for May 2016

1st May	11.00am	Holy Communion
8th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
15th May	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd May	10.30am	Area Service at Checkley
29th May	11.00am	Family Communion

### Sidespersons Rota:

1st	Mrs A Harris
8th	Mrs SA Lander
15th	Mrs E Blurton
22nd	Area Service
29th	Mrs M Talbot

### Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

1st	Mrs L Corbishley
8th	Mrs M Jones
15th	Mrs SA Lander
22nd	Area Service
29th	Mrs L Corbishley

**Flowers for May:** Mrs K Brookes & Mrs S Kent  
**Refreshments :** Mrs P Chesters & Mrs SA Lander

**Open Gardens** – this will be on the same weekend as our Church Display of Bramshall History - **25th & 26th June** – I have quite a few who have indicated they wish to participate but if you haven't yet made yourself known, please get in touch as soon as possible with John Lander 565228

## From the Registers

Baptism: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Sunday 3rd April

Jack Peter GILSON  
Oscar George Stanley JOHNSON



Jack with parents Julie  
& Paul, and big sister  
Imogen.



Our Grandson Oscar with parents Mark & Emma, along with  
Godparents Andrew, Kirsty & Andrew, and big brother Maximus.

## **All in an April Evening**

A wonderful evening of music, presented by the Marchington Singers, was rapturously received by an appreciative audience. The acoustic quality of the church enhanced the fantastic range of the choir as they performed a programme of popular songs. Many thanks to The Singers, to those who provided and served refreshments, and to everyone who supported this event



**June Display in Church** - anyone with paper cuttings / wedding photos taken at St. Lawrence / Baptism photos – photos of your home / people who have lived here etc. Please act on this notice as we only have a few weeks to get it all put together. Offers of help would be appreciated too for the weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** being a parishioner in Bramshall today will be history tomorrow so please if you can just take a photo of your family outside your home and email over to: [revjisl@aol.com](mailto:revjisl@aol.com) with your names and address that would be fantastic.



# Spring Fayre

and afternoon tea



Saturday 7th May

2-4pm

At

**Bramshall Village Hall**

Phoenix cards

Decopatch

**Aloe Vera prod-**



*Neal's Yard Remedies (Organics)*

**Cakes**



**Handicrafts**

Hand finished Gifts

**Jewellery**



In aid of Bramshall Church and Village Hall

If you wish to have a stall or you are able to help on the day  
please contact Carole Postlethwaite on 01889 563982

## **DOG FOULING**

A number of complaints have reached us regarding dog mess especially along Stocks Lane. This is very inconsiderate when most parishioners are doing their best to tidy their front gardens and all public places in the village. The only suggestion we can make is to be extra vigilant when out dog walking and if you see someone not picking up their dog's mess then take a photo on your phone. Evidence is what we need – it may not be a resident in the village it could be someone who comes to Bramshall walking their dog so please keep your eyes peeled!!

Following a recent PCC meeting the subject of dog fouling in the churchyard and paths leading to it has got to the stage whereby we have to insist that:

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON A LEAD AT ALL TIMES THROUGH THE CHURCHYARD AND EVERYONE TO KEEP TO THE PATHS UNLESS VISITING A GRAVE.** The church grounds are consecrated land and as such should be treated with respect. Please will all dog owners act responsibly and not allow their animals to foul this area.

The clean up at Easter pales into insignificance as far as the BKV competition is concerned if we do not get to grips with dog fouling – please can we see a BIG improvement as the 1<sup>st</sup> May looms when our judges will be out and about. This year we were hoping for the top prize for small villages ..... we shall see!!



**Best Kept Village Competition  
2016  
We can win with your help**

**Bramshall & Loxley Parish Hall Annual General Meeting** will be held in the hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. Please bear in mind that all parishioners in the village have a vested interest in the hall and everything that happens in it. Please spare time to come along and hear how the hall is run and what our plans are to improve the facilities in the coming months.  
**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 7PM!!**

**Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council Information** can be found at:-  
[www.utttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.utttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk) where you will find:-

- Details of parish council members including Bramshall councillors
- All minutes are recorded and are on view approximately 5 days after each meeting, initially in draft form, then final.
- Planning applications
- Parish clerk details

Also to report a pothole visit :-

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#top>

Please note that the size of the pothole is required and exact location with postcode.

### **April 100 Club**

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 38 Sue Cutts	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 21 John Sargeant	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 73 Ian Evans	£15
4 <sup>th</sup>	No 24 Geoff Gamble	£10

The Makers Market held at The Blythe Inn in March was well supported and £400 was raised for Headway Charity. Thank you to everyone who attended.

*Rose West.*

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Library**

For those who take delight in jigsaws, we have a selection of 1000 piece puzzles which could be used as the basis of a 'library', in which jigsaws can be borrowed. If you are interested, or have puzzles to donate please contact John or SallyAnne on 565228.



## MUSTACHIO

Many of you will have read the article about Mustachio in the Uttoxeter Advertiser after he was hit by a car on Easter Sunday. Helen Ralph took him to Glenthorne Veterinary Practice where it was decided the best option was to amputate his front leg. He has been a regular visitor to residents living on Mallens Croft and for two years popped in for food and/or shelter for the night and was named after his impressive moustache. As Bramshall villagers heard the news many came together to support Mustachio and from something so horrible the sense of community spirit, kindness and generosity has been heart-warming.

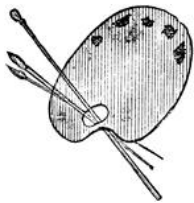
Now, he is recovering well with Helen and her family. A search for his owner has been fruitless on a number of occasions and he is not micro-chipped: but by his nature and love of children and dogs it is clear he has been some family's much loved kitty.

Helen says "Mustachio is getting stronger and more handsome every day! His agility gets better as does his speed (proven after being chased by our naughty Spaniel!). However, he does seem to be getting more comfortable indoors and less inclined to venture outside - fingers crossed as the days get warmer he will be brave again and step outside. His fur is covering his scar and his horribly injured left paw is healed totally. He seems very happy and content and I hope he regains more of his natural confidence and is, once again, happy to patrol the neighbourhood. Hope you all get to see him in your gardens very soon."

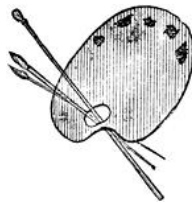
A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated towards Mustachio's Vet bill recently. The final bill came to £530 and between us we raised all that cash.

It is a huge achievement - especially for a cheeky, sweet, funny 3 - legged cat.

Many thanks to everyone and warmest wishes  
Helen & Mustachio.



**BRAMSHALL ART GROUP**  
**ANNUAL EXHIBITION**  
*and sale of paintings*  
**Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th June**  
**10am - 5 pm**  
**BRAMSHALL PARISH HALL**  
***Home-made refreshments. Come for coffee,***  
***lunch and tea.***



President Sue and members of the Inner Wheel Club of Uttoxeter

invite you to an afternoon with



## Charles Hanson

who will talk about his experiences as an  
auctioneer and television celebrity.



This will be followed by a home-made afternoon tea.

Bramshall Village Hall.

Thursday June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016. 2pm

Tickets: £12 each

All profits to Inner Wheel Charities - Local, National and International.

*Recent donations include: Mary's Meals, Cumbrian Floods, Air Ambulance,  
Burton Breast Cancer Clinic, Uttoxeter Womens' Refuge and St. Giles Hospice.*

Please fill in and return to Mrs Sally Herbert, Footpath House, Bramshall,  
Uttoxeter ST14 5BG by May 26th at the latest. (Preferably before!)

Name ----- Tel. No: -----

Address ----- Post Code -----

I would like ----- tickets at £12 each please.

I enclose a cheque for £ -----

Any special dietary requirements: -----

Please make cheque out to: 'The Inner Wheel Club of Uttoxeter'

(Pre-booking essential for catering purposes please.)

## National Childbirth Trust

welcomes parents, grandparents and all minders of young children to an  
environment of friendship and support over a cuppa.

The group meets **every Monday morning (10am-12pm)** except Bank  
Holidays and is the only one in the area to include older siblings during  
school holiday periods.

**Bramshall Parish Hall.**

**£2.50 admits one parent and 2 children**

No booking required, just turn up.



## Recipe for June - Acapulco Chicken

1 tablespoon oil  
6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts cut into chunks/cubes  
1 onion  
2 cloves garlic  
1-2 teaspoons chilli powder  
1 x 14oz can of chopped tomatoes plus 6 fl. oz chicken stock  
1 x 14oz can of red kidney beans  
Tortilla crisps, salt & pepper and crème fraiche to garnish

Heat the oil in a pan and add the chicken pieces. Add onion and garlic and fry for 5 minutes. Add chilli powder and stir in, then add tomatoes, chicken stock, red kidney beans and season. You can adjust the amount of chilli powder depending on how hot you like it. Cook and bring to the boil, cover and simmer for 20 minutes or until the chicken is tender. Transfer to a dish and sprinkle with tortilla crisps. When serving on a plate I add a spoonful of crème fraiche. Add some tortilla crisps if required. I serve with either boiled rice or a jacket potato.

This is a very tasty and quick recipe. Hope you enjoy.

*Penny Gilpin*



Jane Brookes

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## "Gathering Threads"

(Embroiderers' Guild – Uttoxeter Branch)

We are a group of textile enthusiasts who meet each month for workshops, talks and general stitching fun.

At our May meeting, textile artist Beryl Slade will give a talk called "Starting with Snails". Beryl's fascination with snails, both their wonderful colours and spiral design, led to her work with the computer silk cocoon striplings, machine embroidery wire and more.



Plenty of examples to see and opportunities to ask questions and be inspired.

Just come along, nothing to bring this month for the meeting.

All members and visitors are welcome, no experience necessary. Join us and enjoy our love of textiles

**Marchington Village Hall - ST14 8LH  
Wednesday 4th May 10.00 am - Noon**

(Fees : Members / EG Branch members as per our joining instructions, Visitors £5.00)

for any further information contact Gill Royal  
email :- gillroyal@btinternet.com phone:- 01283 820291

## MAKE A WILL

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# Diary Dates

## Church Services and Events

Church of St. Lawrence

See pages 6&7  
for full details

NCT Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Group	Mondays	10am - 12pm	Parish Hall	Marie Hudson 07583086220
Pilates	Mondays	2pm -3pm	Parish Hall	Alison 07813508773
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2pm - 4pm	Parish Hall	Keith Lowson 564427
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30pm	Parish Hall	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am – 12pm	Parish Hall	Anne Harris 566006
Zumba	Thursdays	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Parish Hall	Alison Smith 07903539325
Fitness Class	Fridays	10 - 11am	Parish Hall	Barrie Taylor 01543 418242

## Events in May

Spring Fayre & afternoon tea	Saturday 7th May	2pm– 4pm	Parish Hall	Carole Postlthwaite 563982
Bramshall & District Gardening Club	Thursday 19th May	Garden visit	Lea Gardens Matlock	Clive Tuck 568290

**PARISH HALL AGM MONDAY 9th MAY at 7pm EVERYONE WELCOME**

## A note for your diary:

**1926 Celebratory Ball 2016**  
**Bramshall Parish Hall**  
**Saturday 11th June**  
**7pm — 12 midnight**

