# BRAMSHALL NEWS

# A View of Old Bramshall



Thomas & Sarah Jane Fradley (nee Durose) at the rear of the Bakehouse / Shop circa 1930's. Note the galvanised buckets ready for milking.

**November 2017** 

Send your stories, photos and news for the next edition of Bramshall News!

#### December issue deadline is noon of Monday 27th November 2017



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#### **'Community Speedwatch**

Our Community Speedwatch activities continue, roughly once a week, at various locations around the village.

The numbers of vehicles recorded exceeding the speed limit of 30mph continues at a relatively high percentage of the total number of vehicles recorded, on a recent session three vehicles were specifically noted travelling at very high speeds - 79mph, 74mph and 51mph! The two higher speeds recorded were for white vans. These infringements have been reported to Staffordshire Police for possible prosecution.

The above clearly demonstrates the need to continue with our 'Speedwatch' activities. Hopefully our efforts will reduce the number of law-breakers which should make our village safer.

We would wish to thank our local PCSO, Craig Carroll, for his attendance at one of our Speedwatch sessions'.

Andrew Dartnell.

#### Postscript:

Action has been taken against the 79 and 74 mph speeders whose vehicles were registered outside Staffordshire. Their details have been passed to the appropriate County constabulary to follow up. The driver at 51mph was a 'first offender' and he has been sent the normal First Warning letter by Staffordshire Police.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017** at The Sycamores. Church Lane. **Box wrapping:** Wednesday afternoon 1<sup>st</sup> **November 2017** between 14.00 and 16.00.

Box packing: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017 between 10.00am and 12.00pm Come and enjoy a sit & chat with light refreshments while wrapping and packing.



Donations of raffle prizes, cakes and offers of help will be gratefully received. Contact Carole at PostlethwaiteC@aol.com

#### WINE EVENING

Fancy delving into the world of wine? Then be quick to contact John or SallyAnne (565228) to book your place for an intimate evening of wines and food/nibbles on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7.00pm at No.9, Overcroft - £15 per ticket

in aid of church funds.

Limited to 20 places only!!



#### PIG RACE



This event for families

proved yet again to be a big success and thanks must go out to all who came along and especially for those who sponsored the races. Fred Boulton – N J Boulton Contractors, Paul Walker, John Sewell – John Sewell Garages, Lloyd & Linzi Hopkinson – JJL

Design & Build Ltd, John Sargeant – T G Sargeant & Sons and Matt Bailey – Howards Accountants who also paid for the programmes to be printed. We do not have a final total for this event but it will definitely help towards our church extension costs.

We also must mention the excellent lasagne prepared by Lucy Sargeant - a definite hit as far as the guests were concerned. Thank you yet again Lucy.

#### Live & Local

Over 60 people flocked to the Parish Hall for a truly brilliant evening of live music. Sarah, accompanied by her husband Simon (who was fantastic on keyboard), treated the audience to a delicious range of songs from the Ella Fitzgerald song book. Her interpretation of the songs was breath-taking and her vocal range was exceptional.



The popular duo Breeze & Wilson will be performing at the Parish Hall on Saturday 4th November at 7.30pm with Fish 'n Chip supper - Tickets £10



#### **BRAMSHALL AND**

#### **DISTRICT GARDENING**

Derek Crawley of the Staffordshire Small Mammals group gave a fascinating talk on Hedgehogs at the first meeting of the season. Hedgehogs are very beneficial to have around, as their diet includes slugs and snails. Sadly however, hedgehog numbers in the UK have fallen below one million in the UK, their numbers having suffered a reduction of 30% in just over ten years. It is not certain what is causing this decline, but apparently, we can make some big differences in the likelihood of hedgehog survival by doing some fairly simple things. As hedgehogs need to be able to roam far and wide in search of food, mates and nesting sites we could ensure that there is hedgehog access to our garden. A 13cm x 13cm gap in the boundary fences or walls would be all that was necessary for this.

Avoiding netting at low levels in the garden is another suggestion, as is covering any drains and providing an easy access route out of any ponds. The decline can be halted and it is good to know that the Staffordshire Small Mammal Group support a Hedgehog Rescue Centre and this helps over 500 hedgehogs a year to survive in the wild. A very informative and well-presented evening.

The next meeting of the new season will be at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 7:45pm. Nigel Wiggin, whose family owned the Old Hall Stainless Steel tableware business, is coming to relate the story of the Old Hall brand. He will also be bringing along some Old Hall items for sale, so there might be possibilities for collectors and any present-hunters. We look forward to seeing you there.

Clive Tuck

#### **PARISH HALL**

Last month we drew your attention when hiring the hall to the fact that no one should use NCT mats and toys. This month I have had two complaints that the hall floor is not being swept. Please refresh yourselves of the hiring rules on the hall notice board. Thank you.

#### **Church News**

# The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Vicar Revd John Lander revjsl@aol.com 565228

#### Services for November 2017

5th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
12th November	8.00am 10.55am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Remembrance
19th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th November	11.00am	Family Communion (followed by refreshments)

Sidespersons Rota:	Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)
5th Mrs M Jones	5th Mrs SA Lander

12thMrs SA Lander12thMrs J Corbishley19thMrs B Kinch19thMrs M Jones26thMrs A Harris26thMrs L Corbishley

Flowers: Mrs M Jones & Mrs E Blurton

Refreshments: Mrs SA Lander & Mrs P Chesters

# PCC Meeting: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### MISSING LADIES GLASSES FOUND IN CHURCH

Has anyone visiting the church recently lost a pair of ladies glasses? They are in a leopard print soft case and we think it was left after a service at the beginning of October? Please ring SallyAnne 565228 to arrange collection.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION

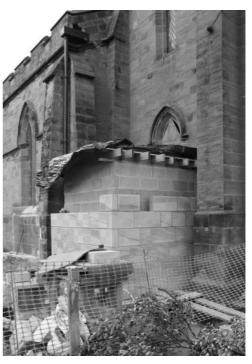
As we go to print you may or may not have noticed that we have the extension up to the roofing beams and the outer Hollington stone (which is being hand faced) more than half way up to these beams. Inside the new central heating is being installed so all in all we are in what you might call "a right mess!!"

#### **CHURCH CLEANING**

As we have already mentioned we are in a mess in Church but both builder and plumber are doing their best to keep as tidy as possible. Please bear in mind if you do go into church that you take extra care as things are not in their usual places.

Once the work is complete we could do with a hand getting the church clean and tidy for Christmas services. If anyone is willing to offer their services please email me so that once I have a date I can do a block email to inform you. If you cannot physically do much but would be willing to put the kettle on and chat with us that would be worth its weight in gold. A11 offers however small pjsaj@aol.com SallyAnne's email.

Thanks in advance.



#### BAPTISMAL RE-LIGHT SERVICE

This was held at the beginning of October and proved to be very popular. The babies had grown into youngsters and certainly knew how to blow out their candles! We shall be holding another service in the New Year for those who were unable to attend and hope the next date chosen is convenient for you.

My son Paul is producing village tea towels as a means for fundraising for his trip to Tanzania next year. They (100) have been ordered but haven't arrived yet and should be on sale soon. We haven't decided on final price yet, as I'm waiting to see them. More details later. Cathy Phipps.



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#### A quick recipe for the French dish:- BEEF BOURGUIGNON.

500g cubed braising beef, 200g smoked bacon lardons. 2 cloves garlic peeled and chopped. 1 medium onion peeled, halved and sliced. 180g baby onions peeled and left whole, 110g small whole chestnut mushroom, 6 sprigs fresh thyme. 2 bay leaves. 1 heaped tablespoon plain flour. 425ml red Burgundy wine.

Preheat oven to gas mark 1 or 140degrees C. Place all the ingredients in a medium sized flameproof casserole and season well. Then sprinkle over the flour and using both hands toss it all over so that ingredients are well covered with flour. Next pour in the wine and stir well. Despite the appearance of the casserole put into the oven on the centre shelf and leave for 3hours. After 1 1/2hrs I take out the casserole and give a stir before putting back into oven for the remaining 1 1/2hrs.

Serve with soft fluffy mashed potatoes and enjoy with a lovely glass of red burgundy !!.

Penny Gilpin





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#### **Dolls House Bramshall**

Review by Porsche Eastwood

It is so lovely to have a great beauty salon on our doorstep.

The Dolls house has many treatments to offer and is situated on Mallens Croft. I have visited and I have been very impressed with the great service and professionalism of Laura and I would recommend the Dolls House. Laura is very friendly and welcoming. I felt I was chatting to a good friend while my beauty treatment was carried out: feeling very relaxed and chilled even though I was having my legs waxed!

I would recommend trying the Dolls house for your beauty treatments. It is a great new local business that you should try and support and I fully recommend it. Contact Laura 07712 545299

Thursday 28th September 2017



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On behalf of our charity, may I acknowledge receipt and thank you and the members of Bramshall Art Group for your generous donation of  $\mathfrak{L}100$  following your summer exhibition. Also, thank you for selecting the blood bikes to receive the money for this year.

As you already know, the service we provide is entirely free and involves transporting urgent deliveries between local hospitals and blood banks. Our delivery service is operated solely by volunteers and the government provide us with no monetary support. We carry many important items such as blood samples, platelets, bone marrow, frozen breast milk and medical documentation. With all of the miles that our riders cover, our fuel bill adds up to almost £2000 a month! With your donation we can do more, help more and expand our charity even further.

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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	Vicky Smith
Dance Aerobics	Mondays	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Parish Hall	Sair Lovatt 07817323095
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
Yoga	Wednesdays	6-45pm - 7.45pm	Parish Hall	Jayne 07765769979
Circuit Training	Thursdays	6.00pm- 7.00pm	Parish Hall	Sair Lovatt 07817323095
Fitness Class	Fridays	10 - 11am	Parish Hall	Barrie Taylor 01543 418242

#### Events in the Parish Hall - future dates for your 2017/2018 diary

4thNovember Breeze & Wilson Contact John or SallyAnne 565228 18th November AUTUMN FAYRE See page 3

4th February 2018 (Old Hat Jazz Band) - Live & Local

**MORE DETAILS LATER!**