

# BRAMSHALL NEWS

## *A View of Old Bramshall*

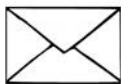


The Old Rectory circa 1900 – featuring the Revd Roger Oakden

**October 2017**

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

**November issue deadline is noon Tuesday 24th October 2017**



Marie Lowe, Bramshall News Editor  
4 Church Croft. Bramshall. ST14 5DE  
Tel: 563096. Email: bramshallnews@gmail.com

*Since my unfortunate fall three weeks ago, I have been touched by the amount of "Get well" cards and concern shown by people of Bramshall. You will never know how much it means to me and I feel privileged to be part of the village. Thank you. Penny.*

### 100 Club Winners

#### August

1 <sup>st</sup>	No. 17	Val Evans	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 50	Jon Gibbons	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 80	Mick Eyre	£15
4 <sup>th</sup>	No. 61	Paddy Hind	£10

#### September

1 <sup>st</sup>	No. 41	Dave Leadbetter	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No. 90	Thornton Ward	£20
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No. 91	Keith Hunt	£15
4 <sup>h</sup>	No. 2	Geoff Gamble	£10

**Attempted theft of Audi. Buckley Close** - overnight Wed. 20th - 21st September.

The alarm had not been activated which suggests they had an immobiliser.

**Be aware** of the incident as the offenders are possibly targeting high class vehicles in the area and are obviously 'professional' with sophisticated equipment. If anyone has CCTV for their properties ,if could they check for suspicious people or vehicles, I would be extremely grateful. David Howell 07980 718872

# Next One Fashion Show

At  
Stone House Hotel  
Stafford Road  
Stone  
ST15 0BQ

**TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER**

7-30 PM START

**TICKETS £5 IN ADVANCE OR £8 ON THE NIGHT, WHICH INCLUDES A COMPLIMENTARY GLASS OF PROSECCO OR FRUIT JUICE ON ARRIVAL**

Fashion show by 'Next One', followed by the chance to try on and buy top quality branded items at bargain prices.

Tickets available from:  
Home-Start, The Hub, East-gate Street, Stafford  
Tel: Liz 01785 283022

Or  
Stone House Hotel, Stafford Road, Stone  
Tel: Lynne Yates 01785 815531

Grateful thanks to The Stone House Hotel for supporting Home-Start by hosting this fundraising event

**Home Start** in aid of



Monica and Robert's wedding -  
 Congratulations to  
 Robert & Monica Hill,  
 who were married on  
 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September  
 at the Parish Church of St. Margaret,  
 Bodelwyddan  
 (that beautiful marble church on the  
 main road to Colwyn Bay).

**Fashion Show** – Many thanks to all who attended this event – Tom had a good mix of fashion to show us and not many of us went home without buying something they liked! We are hoping to book another Fashion Show in February next year. £135 was raised this time which was split three ways, Parish Hall, News Sheet and Church – thank you very much for supporting.

**TABLE TOP SALE – SATURDAY  
 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER – 2- 4pm**

If you are thinking of having a clear out before Christmas, how about booking a table in the Parish Hall to sell unwanted items?

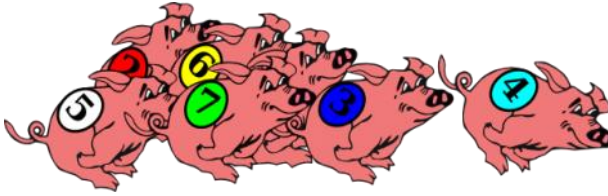
Anyone interested please phone John or SallyAnne 565228 – tables charged at £5 – refreshments will be served. Proceeds will go towards the Defibrillator fund.

The next meeting of Gathering Threads (Utttoxeter branch of Embroiderers' Guild) is on Wednesday 4th October 10am until 12pm at Marchington Village Hall. It is a talk and activity "Ideas for Presentation" Everyone welcome. £5  
 For more information email: [gatheringthreads@hotmail.com](mailto:gatheringthreads@hotmail.com)

**Mislaid** - Ladies garden fork. Left opposite the Trim Trail and children's play area. If found, please return to 24 Oakden Close. Many thanks.

## PIG RACE

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7pm for 7.30 pm prompt**



**Final calls** for Pig Race tickets – please order asap as they are going fast! (might even be sold out by the time you read this)

Tickets £10 to include supper: ring SallyAnne 565228

It is a family evening so do come along and have some fun!

## Live & Local

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm:**

Final calls for **Live and Local** tickets to see Sarah Moule perform from the Ella Fitzgerald songbook.

Tickets £9.50 - ring John 565228

Doors open at 7.00pm with the performance starting at 7.30pm.

Usual 'café style' so please bring your own drinks and nibbles



### **Please note:-**

**Anyone hiring the Parish Hall MUST NOT use the NCT toys/mats etc.**

During September their equipment was used; not put back tidily (for which they took the flack) and some toys were broken ,(they cannot replace because of low funds) and to cap it all the bubble machine was taken. A small item but babies and young children do enjoy the bubble machine.

They would appreciate all hirers noting the fact they must not use NCT items and take along their own toys and equipment for children's parties etc. Thank you.

**Parish Hall Committee – next meeting  
Monday 23rd October at 7.15pm**



## BRAMSHALL AND DIS-

## TRICT GARDENING

The new season of meetings has now started, the first being a very fascinating and useful talk on Hedgehogs. Over the coming months there will be two other presentations on our wildlife; on these occasions the subjects will be Dragonflies and Kingfishers. Wildlife photographer Andy Holt has spent many days photographing the kingfishers on the river Trent at Shugborough and he is due to present some of the stunning results.

Gardening subjects featured in the forthcoming programme are visits by Byron Lewis of Lichfield Garden Centre who will bring along a wide range of plants for sale and give some useful tips on how to get the best displays from them and Gerald Ingram of Planters Garden Centre who will explain how to design and plant a successful patio garden. In contrast, at the November meeting, Nigel Wiggin, whose family ran the Old Hall stainless steel tableware business, is coming to talk about the history of Old Hall and he is bringing some items of the tableware which will be for sale.

As well as the opportunity to enjoy interesting and useful meetings, Gardening Club members are able to enjoy a 10% discount at the Strawberry Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) on presentation of their Membership Card.

The next meeting of the new season will be at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7:45pm. Former teacher at Denstone, Michael Swales MBE, will give a well informed talk on Climate Change – its probable causes and the influence it will undoubtedly have on our lives. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Clive Tuck*

**Ballroom/Latin Dancing** – still taking names of those interested – we now await names from surrounding parishes to see if they would like to join us and make it a viable class. Watch this space.....

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017** - full details on page 9

# Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander  
revjsl@aol.com 565228

## Services for October 2017

1st October	11.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion Baptismal Relights
8th October	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
15th October	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd October	11.00am	Family Communion (followed by refreshments)
29th October	11.00am	Songs of Praise for All Souls

### Sidespersons Rota:

1st Mrs A Harris  
8th Mrs L Corbishley  
15th Mrs C Postlethwaite  
22nd Mrs M Talbot  
29th Mrs G Lovatt

### Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

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

Flowers: Mrs P Chesters & Mrs G Lovatt  
Refreshments : Mrs L Corbishley & Mrs B Kinch

**PCC Meeting:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October in Church  
(hosting Uttoxeter & Gratwich parishes too)

## From the Registers

Baptism:

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September Zosia Learna Lily MANSELL



Zosia with her parents William & Cheryl  
– totally contented following her Christening

### All Souls

As we enter the season of remembrance, there will be a special ‘songs of praise’ service in memory of loved ones departed. This will include an opportunity to light a candle in prayer for those who are no longer with us. Please contact Revd John (565228 or [revjsl@aol.com](mailto:revjsl@aol.com)) if you would like to include the name of a loved one during that service – we would be pleased to welcome and support you at this time.

**Baptismal Re-lights** – this is being held on 1<sup>st</sup> October at 4pm – do come along and join us – it is only a short service where those baptised bring along their candles to relight. This is open to everyone, young or old, and if you cannot find your candles we are sure we can oblige.

**Harvest** – Our three course harvest lunch went well with over 30 meals being cooked. Thanks go to Lucy Sargeant for cooking the huge joint of beef and then turned round and did all the washing up for us!! **What a star!**

Thank you to everyone who left provisions in the church – these items have now been taken to the food bank at the Pentecostal church in town for distribution. The car was full this year and the Pentecostal church send their thanks for thinking of their work at our harvest service.



#### **St Lawrence Churchyard -**

We have just been advised that we have been awarded **BRONZE** in the Lichfield Diocese Best Kept Churchyard Competition

#### **Church Extension Update**

Most of the ‘deconstruction’ has now been completed, and over the next couple of weeks we should see the new extension take shape. Access to the church is currently via the South door only as the tower section is temporarily sealed off during this phase of works.

#### **Chain of Faith**

Members of Christ Church, Tean have sent us an invitation to join them in “The chain of faith”. Basically they knit chains and link them together.

If anyone is interested and likes knitting, the knitting pattern is very simple. You will need 4.5mm needles and oddments of double knitting wool. Cast on 40 stitches and knit 8 rows (garter stitch). Cast off and sew the ends together and on the second link put through the first before sewing together to form a chain effect.

Perhaps now the darker nights are coming some may like to have a go?? Do let us know if you are going to knit a chain!

Thank you. (SallyAnne 565228)



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2017

Christmas is fast approaching and I will be doing the **Christmas Shoe Boxes** again this year. Last year was a huge success and we packed 193 boxes from your kind donations. These boxes bring so much joy to the children who receive them (view on the Samaritan's purse web-site [www.samaritan'spurse.org.uk](http://www.samaritan'spurse.org.uk))

Ideas for donations to go into the boxes are printed below and all donations will be gratefully received. They can be dropped off at The Sycamores, Church Lane. In order to make packing the boxes quicker and easier, we wrap the boxes a few days before packing. It is an opportunity to sit and have a chat over some light refreshments on both days.

The dates are as follows:-

**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

### **Ideas for donations.**

Hygiene items - toothbrush/paste, bar wrapped soap, flannel, comb & brush  
Boys & Girls - dolls/stuffed toys, small ball, puppet, small puzzles, yo-yo, balloons, small musical instrument, felt pens, pens, pencils, puzzle book, pencil case, stickers, crayons, hat/cap, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, colouring book, bag, notepad, pencil sharpener, wrapped sweets (best before date March 2018).

Boys - Cars, trucks, cap, shirt, comb

Girls - Doll, clip-on earrings, bangles, necklace, hair bands, hairbrush, soft toy.

Thank you. Linda Walmsley.

## Recipe

### Leek and Potato dauphinoise.

Gently sauté 2 chopped leeks in a frying pan. Peel 500g potatoes and slice thinly. Arrange some slices in a buttered dish, scatter with leeks and add another potato layer. Crush 3 cloves of garlic into single cream, season well and pour over the vegetables. Add knobs of butter to the top and bake in hot oven for 45mins or until cooked.

When cooking using cream I very often use single Elmlea as it doesn't go lumpy with heat.

### Caramelised carrots.

1kg whole smaller size new seasons carrots. 2 tsp sugar, 2tbsp butter.

Put carrots in a heavy based pan and cover with water. Add a pinch of salt and bring to the boil. Simmer for 7-10mins until the carrots are tender. Drain and return to the pan with the sugar and butter, add a tablespoon of water and stir to coat the carrots with the glaze. Cook over a medium heat stirring now and then.

The butter sugar mixture will cook to a toffee-like stickiness, the carrots will be tinged brown in places. Serve hot.

Both the above dishes are delicious with roast lamb or whatever you fancy.

I hope you enjoy.

*Penny Gilpin*

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE 2017 - JUDGES' COMMENTS - BRAMSHALL

BKV awareness was tackled through items in the Bramshall News and the village website. There was a large BKV banner at the Bramshall Road /Stocks Lane entrance feature and some BKV posters on notice boards and throughout the village.

The notice boards at the Village Hall, in the open space and at the butcher's shop were all in good condition: and notices were displayed neatly. There was a good range of up to date local information on Parish Council matters, local activities and groups, recycling and dog fouling awareness, and local events.

In May and early June the churchyard was "very neat and tidy" with well mown grass, good planting, interesting wildlife areas and an unusual and very tidy small allotment area.

The Village Hall car park was very neat and tidy during the judging period, with no weeds or litter and the attractive planted areas were very well maintained.. Congratulations to all those involved for maintaining such a high standard throughout the competition.

(Judges were sorry to see the state of the Robin Hood pub). The Old Bramshall Inn surrounds and car park were tidy with no litter. The bin area was well screened and the garden looked attractive. There was an impressive shrub border at the front of the car park but many weeds and action needs to be taken soon or they could overwhelm the very attractive shrubs.

The bus shelter was in excellent condition. It was 'gleaming' inside, and there were no weeds or litter in its surrounds.

The two benches near the play area needed a clean and some paint/preservative; but their surrounds were very tidy.

There was an attractive and very well maintained stone feature "Welcome to Bramshall" with lovely planting areas at the Stocks Lane entrance. There were also a number of attractive and very tidy planters throughout the village and the former phone box was a real feature and used to display children's posters and local information. Judges felt that the Old Milestone, which was in good order, could be identified as a 'village feature' in the future.

The open space near the Village Hall was very well maintained and judges noted that the community maintains this area on a weekly basis. The grass was very well mown; the planted areas were completely weed free and there was no litter except in late July. The dead trees noted last year had been felled. All the verges were very well mown and judges wondered if individual residents were responsible for this good work.

Private gardens were maintained to a very high standard indeed and the judges praised those in the Mallens Croft area as "being particularly good".

The equipment and safety surfaces in the children's play area were in good condition and the Adventure play equipment was also in good order. And no litter seen.

The maps were very detailed with much information. Clearly a great deal of work had gone into their production to help judges and highlight the points of interest in Bramshall.

Bramshall was clean and tidy; and no dog mess was seen. There was clear evidence of awareness and involvement in BKV. Judges describe Bramshall as a clean, well kept, attractive village and a lot of hard work had been put in to maintain standards reached in recent years. The central open space area and standard of all the private gardens were particular highlights. Hard work has paid off and Bramshall is again the Best Kept Small Village in the East Staffordshire area. Good luck in 2018.

John T Perry, MBE

Chairman. BKV Working Group. August 2017



# DOG GROOMING AT BRAMSHALL

**Trust The Grooming Shack  
with all your dog's needs.**

**Professional**

**Caring**

**Friendly**

**Local**

**Collection and delivery**

**Call today**

**07542 168 035**

**thegroomingshack@hotmail.co.uk**



*Thy Will be done*

*and in addition to drafting Wills,  
we offer advice and assistance with  
Probate, Estate Administration  
and also Powers of Attorney,*

MARK REDLER & CO solicitors  
for an efficient and professional service  
at

23 Greengate Street  
Stafford  
ST16 2HS

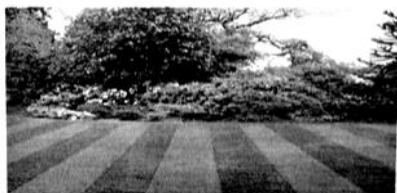
call Louise McCann on  
01785 – 256445

or

email : [post@markredler.co.uk](mailto:post@markredler.co.uk)



**CALL US FOR A FREE QUOTE ON LAWN TREATMENT AND  
GARDEN IMPROVEMENT!**



Quality lawn treatments, maintenance, turfing and all other garden work carried out to a high standard. A personal approach by a fully qualified and experienced green keeper. Also hedge cutting, tree pruning and driveway/patio cleaning.

Contact : Peter Whitworth

**07472765834**

[www.toplawncompany.co.uk](http://www.toplawncompany.co.uk)  
[info@toplawncompany.co.uk](mailto:info@toplawncompany.co.uk)

**QUALITY TLC FOR YOUR LAWN!**

**Family business since 2005**

**POLEKLEAN**

*Cleaning your windows with pride*

*Water fed pole system  
Jet washing, Patios, Drives etc  
Conservatory roof cleaning  
UPVC Cleaning  
Gutter cleaning -  
using gutter vac system*

**ANY JOB CONSIDERED**

**Dave, Tracey & Simon Carroll**

**Mobile: 07754 267 511**

**Landline: 01785 604318**

**Email: [traceycarroll1966@msn.com](mailto:traceycarroll1966@msn.com)**

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

# 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**

**7<sup>th</sup> October**                      **Pig Race See page 4**  
**14<sup>th</sup> October**                    **(Lady be Good) - Live & Local See page 4**  
**4<sup>th</sup> November**                **Breeze & Wilson**  
**24<sup>th</sup> February 2018**       **(Old Hat Jazz Band) - Live & Local**

***MORE DETAILS LATER!***