

BRAMSHALL NEWS

December 2023



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for the next edition of Bramshall News

Do send in your photos of Bramshall for our cover.

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To : bramshallnews@gmail.com

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BRAMSHALL LITTLE TREASURES

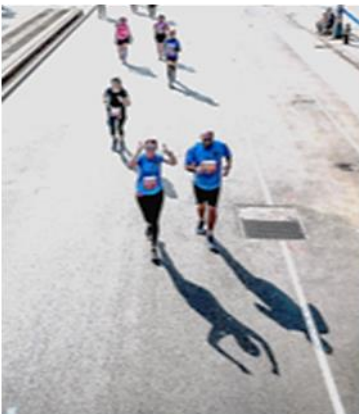
The Toddler group is on Fridays, 9.30 – 11.30am.

Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome – further details from SallyAnne ([Tel:565228](tel:565228)).

The charge for the session will be £2.50 which includes tea and



coffee for adults and a drink and toast for the little ones.



Marathon Success

Local couple Wendy and Vince completed the New York Marathon on the 5th of November raising over £1400 for the Flower Power Book charity. This is a local charity that provides books and activities to foster families.



You are invited to

Christmas Sing-along



15th
Dec

6.30
pm



Bramshall Village Hall Christmas Tree

Non alcoholic mulled drink and mince pies
available for £1

ALL WELCOME



Church News

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Vicar Revd John Lander

revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

Services for December

3 rd Dec	11.00am	Morning Prayer
10 th Dec	4.00 pm	Carol Service
17 th Dec	11.00am 4.00 pm	Holy Communion Christingle
24 th Dec (Christmas Eve)	11.00 am 11.15pm	Carols around the Crib Midnight Eucharist
25 th Dec (Christmas Day)	10.00 am	Holy Communion
31 st Dec	10.00am	Area service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's Uttoxeter

Sidespersons Rota:

3rd Dec	11.00 am	Ms L Leiter
10th Dec	4.00pm	Mrs S Siegler (Carol Service no morning service)
17th Dec	11.00am 4.00pm	Mrs L Corbishley Volunteer for the Christingle
24th Dec	11.00am 11.15 pm	Mrs C Postlethwaite Mrs SA Lander
25th Dec	10.00 am	Mrs SA Lander

Festive Cuppa

Glenda will be hosting her much looked forward to “festive cuppa” at Bowmore House, Stone Road (just over the level crossing on the right) on Wednesday 6th December between 2 – 4pm. Please do pop along and enjoy a chat over a lovely cuppa.

From the Registers
Baptism

Sunday 5th November

Olivia Rose BROOKES
Elsie Marie BROOKES
Rosie Mae GALLATLEY



Pictured left are Elsie and
Olivia Brookes with parents
Briony & Joe



Pictured right is Rosie Gallatley
with big sister Grace and parents
Amy & Sean.



The Revd John and SallyAnne Lander
wish everyone
A Peaceful & Blessed Christmas,
and all good wishes for
a very Happy New Year.



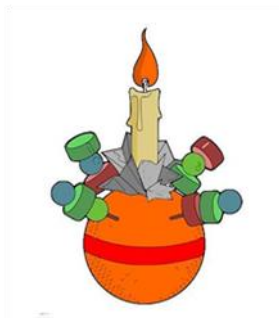
Carol Service

We will be holding our traditional service of Readings and Carols for Christmas on Sunday 10th December at 4pm. Following the service, we shall be making the Hamper Draw and also the Big December 100 Club draw so do hope you can join us. If you would like to help with a reading during the service, please contact Revd John.

Christingle Service

Sunday 17th December at 4pm we are holding our Christingle Service, a family time to be reminded of the importance of Christmas, and to help build up to the big day. Children can dress up in nativity clothes if they so wish and help make the Christingles during the service.

A lovely family service for all.



BEETLE DRIVE

John and SallyAnne were disappointed to have to cancel this event last month as only two people had shown interest for tickets. We plan to re-arrange another beetle drive in the spring, when we hope there will be a better response.

The Memorial Poppy Sale and Coffee Morning was really enjoyable, promoting the poppies and offering a chance to catch up with everyone. The sea of poppies around the Memorial bench was absolutely fantastic. Even in the wet weather people drove round to the hall to see the red and purple poppies. The short Remembrance Sunday Period of Reflection was well attended even though the weather was so unkind. Well done to all concerned with this event.

VILLAGE DISTRIBUTORS

John and SallyAnne would like to say a huge thanks to the volunteers who distribute the news sheet each month in all weathers, and also for those who offer to do the task when people are on holiday too – we really appreciate your support. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

INKJET CARTRIDGES – USED STAMPS – TABLET BLISTER PACKS

Please leave any donations in church (**church is always open every weekend 9 – 3pm**)

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

If anyone is willing to support this charity by having a box at home to pop loose change in over 2024 please contact Carole Postlethwaite on 563982. Please note we shall be giving the collection from our Christingle Service on Sunday 17th December to this worthy charity. Bramshall Parochial Church Council then adds their yearly donation. Please support if you can. Thank you.

Those who do have boxes, please return them to Carole as soon as possible for 2023 monies to be transferred to the charity, then she can re-issue the boxes for 2024. Thank you for all your support.



The recent Autumn Fayre was a hugely successful event that attracted lots of people, generating in excess of £600 which will be shared between the Parish Hall and Church. Many thanks to all who supported the event, the organisers, and stall holders.

100 CLUB 2024

We finish year 16 on the 31st December 2023 and we are now hoping you will join or renew your support for 2024 please.

For those new to the village – whether you have a direct connection with Church or not – this can be a way of showing your care and support by purchasing a number for £12 (or more if you are feeling very generous!). We pay out half the proceeds in winnings and the other half is put towards keeping our lovely church in the condition it is in at the moment.

The cost remains at £12 for the year for each number (£1 a month up front) and follows the usual format of monthly draws with the winners being notified and their names published in the Bramshall News Sheet.

Cheques should be made payable to: **Bramshall 100 Club**, placed in an envelope stating your **name, address, phone & email address please** and given to Rev John Lander, 9 Overcroft or phone 565228 to arrange collection.

For those of you who are more technically proficient (and there seems to be quite a lot who are) you may pay directly into the 100 Club Account. For this option please use: **Natwest, Uttoxeter Sort Code 60-22-09 Account 64540138 Bramshall 100 Club and use your surname as the reference please.**

An email to sallyannelander@gmail.com confirming your payment would be **exceedingly helpful, especially if you are a new member – we can then allocate your number(s).**



COMMUNITY GROUP

Thursday 7th December at 10 am

We continue to meet around the Parish Hall area – if you cannot make this and would like to contribute, please fill your own brown bin with leaves off the paths around the hall and churchyard please so that if we get any icy weather people do not slip on them. Perhaps you could encourage children to help you at weekends when the brown bin collection is due. We thank you for any assistance.

Penny's Recipe of the Month

Chicken and Sweetcorn soup

1 tablespoon vegetable oil,
1 chicken breast finely chopped.
1 clove of garlic finely chopped,
1cm piece of root ginger finely chopped.
4oz sweetcorn kernels
1 pint chicken stock,
Shredded salad onions
1 tbsp cornflour,
1tbsp fresh lemon juice.
1 egg



Heat oil in a deep pan and gently cook the chicken, garlic and ginger for 3-4mins without colouring,

Blend cornflour with little stock and add to soup pan with remaining stock and the sweetcorn.

Bring to the boil stirring continuously and simmer gently for 5-7mins.

Beat together the egg and lemon juice and then slowly trickle into soup pan, stirring with a fork to make egg strands.

Season to taste and garnish with shredded salad onions. Serve in warm soup bowls. You can then serve with a drizzle of soy sauce if you like.

We are now coming into the winter months and nothing is nicer than a bowl of homemade soup at lunchtime. I do like chicken and sweetcorn soup. Eat with some nice fresh bread rolls.

Remember Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat. Place your order with the butcher for that turkey, or chicken or whatever meat you want.

Penny



Bramshall & District Gardening Club

At October's meeting, we were pleased to welcome Steev Stamford who spoke about his life on a narrowboat, which he and his wife have been doing for the last twenty years. At first they tried it for a trial period, but they found they liked it, so here they still are.

Their boat is on the Trent and Mersey canal and they have tried various locations over the years. Currently they are at Kings Bromley, where there are 197 places for narrowboats to be stationed. It's very rural – lots of wildlife is on their doorstep. Steev's main hobby is wildlife photography and he included some of his photos in his presentation.

The canal network in this country comprises 3000 miles of water channels, mostly 20ft wide and 4ft deep. Amazingly, this was all dug out by hand between 1760 and 1840 by gangs of navvies (navigational engineers). Structural engineers were also involved to build aqueducts (the longest is at Edstone on the Stratford-on-Avon canal) and devices to lift boats from one canal to another one on a different level – at Anderton in Cheshire and Falkirk in Scotland. Steev presented these and other, more local, engineering features and gave us a glimpse of what life was like living on the water in quite a small space.

The December meeting will be the Christmas dinner, organised for Monday 11th December and the new year will begin with a presentation on the National Arboretum. This will take place at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 29th January 2024 at 7:30pm.

Please put this date in your diary and don't forget - Gardening Club members can claim a 10% discount at the Strawberry Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) – just present the 2023-24 Membership Card.

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BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A Combined Annual Vestry & Church meeting was held on Thursday April 20 1950 at 7.30.

The Vicar (Revd M C Clarke) presided and opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting were read and pass unanimously.

Church Wardens - Mr G Talbot and Mr E Whittaker were again elected Churchwardens on the proposition of Mr H Statham seconded by Mr D Steele.

Sidesmen - The sidesmen were again re-elected en bloc on the proposition of Mr E Whittaker seconded by Mr G Talbot. Mr H Statham proposed and Mr G Talbot seconded that "A Sidesman not attending during the year would have his name deleted from the list" – carried.

Church Council - The Church Council was elected en bloc and Mr B Bloor and H Smith were added on the proposition of Revd Taylor seconded by Mrs Ward.

D C Rep - Mrs Talbot was elected representative on the proposition of Mrs E Whittaker seconded by Mrs H Statham.

R D Rep - Mrs E Whittaker was elected representative on the proposition of Mrs Ward seconded by Mrs Talbot.

Church Accounts - The accounts were given in detail by Mr J Sargeant and were adopted on the proposition of Mr H Statham seconded by Mrs Talbot. Mr E Whittaker proposed and Mr F Searle seconded that £20 be transferred to the Leek & Moorlands Building Society – carried.

Windows - The conditions of the church windows was brought forward as they were in very poor condition and the Vicar suggested that Mr T Ward, The Churchwardens and Revd Taylor and himself should examine same and report at the next PCC meeting. An amount of £30 was mentioned as to the cost which might be spent on one window.

Bramshall Report - The Vicar said that he was asking Mr Taylor to give the report on Bramshall as he had spent much more time in the Parish than he had.

Revd Taylors Report - He spoke of his Ministry among the people of Bramshall

Rogationtide, last year and this

Social life, including the fete, pre-Lent social, whist drives etc

Work among children and hoping that they would learn more and more to worship with the adult congregation.

Lent this year and the Revd G Dickenson's mid-week Lent course

The Mothers Union and its work in keeping the church clean and tidy and the difficulty in bringing in young mothers.

Confirmation candidates and the need for our prayers.

The help given by Mr Waterfall and Mr John Smith and the hope that some of us may get to the latter's ordination on June 7th.

All who share in the work of the church.

The Verger - Mr Adams tendered his resignation on account of his health. He hoped to carry on until the end of this year. This was accepted with regret and it was left to the Church Council to try and find someone to fill his place.

This concluded the business and the Vicar closed the meeting with prayers.

Next PCC meeting Wednesday May 24 1950. M C Clarke

CHRISTMAS FAYRE AT THE OLD RECTORY

Come along to the Old Rectory Care Home on **Sunday 3rd December** from **2.00 – 5.00pm** where there will be a Christmas Fayre.

In addition to a raffle, there will be a tombola, a cake stall, and several other stall holders. The residents and staff would see you.



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Hall Booking fees:

Regular Hirers: £15/hr.

Village Hirers: £20/hr.

Non Village Hirers: £25/hr

Evening Hire (Villagers): £100 (5-6 hrs)

Evening Hire (Non Villagers): £150 (5-6 hrs)

Additional charge of £10 for events to cover cost of Premises Supervisor to check the state of the hall after.

Email: bramshallvillagehall@yahoo.com

Fitness	Mondays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2.00 – 4.00pm	Keith Lowson 564427
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Sylvia 566378
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Sewing Club	2 nd Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harrison 01283-732248
Lift Lean Resistance Training	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Bramshall's Little Treasures	Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	SallyAnne Lander (565228)

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