







Lone Flower, hemmed in with snows and white as they But hardier far,

Chaste Snowdrop, venturous harbinger of Spring,
William Wordsworth

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Bramshall News

## March publication deadline is Friday 17th February

To bramshallnews@gmail.com

## **Road Closures**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Staffordshire County Council on 20th December 2022 made an Order the effect of which will be to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Bennetts Lane & Loxley Lane in Bramshall \*between the Junction on Stafford Road and Stone Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works.

An alternative route for traffic is available via Stone Road, Bramshall Road, Oldfields Road, Hockley Road, Stafford Road \*add vice versa as appropriate\*. For more information, visit: <a href="https://one.network/?tm=131334439">https://one.network/?tm=131334439</a>. The order will come into operation on 14 January 2023 and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date taking place in February as follows:

- for 2 nights from 4th February 2023 Until 5th February 2023 between 21:00 and 14:30
- from 5th February 2023 until 6th February 2023, between 21:00 and 06:00, for 1 night.
- from 11th February 2023 Until 12th February 2023 between 21:00 and 14:30
- from 12th February 2023 until 13th February 2023, between 21:00 and 06:00, for 1 night.

It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 13th February 2023. The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months, or until the level Crossing and Track Renewal works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

#### Parish Hall



Many people will be aware that there was a 'non-structural' failure to the brickwork at one end of the parish hall. appears to have happened early on New Year's Eve and. thankfully. this caused injury or damage to people or vehicles. This was the same end that was struck by lightning a few years ago, but this time there was no electrical storm or strong wind. Until repair work can commence. please keep clear of the immediate area.

#### Hall Floor Refurbishment

It is good to report that the flooring has been refurbished. This involved professional sanding down and coating with a protective lacquer - unfortunately, due to the cold temperatures the drying time took a little longer than expected, and we are sorry if the residual volatiles impacted on any of the classes that resumed during the following week. I'm sure you will agree that the result is fantastic, and hope that everyone will assist in ensuring it remains in good condition for years to come.

#### Warm Hub with helpers

A request went out last month with the aim of gauging the viability of opening the Hall as a warm hub. Sadly, there appears to be no support for this community venture – at least we mooted the idea!

#### Milwich Playgroup for toddlers 0-school age

This is held in Milwich Parish Hall on Tuesday Mornings 10 - 12 noon. All are welcome to join them.

#### **Church News**

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

Vicar Revd John Lander revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

## **Services for February**

5th February	11.00am	Morning Prayer
12th February	11.00am	Holy Communion
19th February	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th February	11.00am	Family Communion

#### Ash Wednesday:

There will be an Area 'Ashing ' Service on 22nd February at 7.30 pm in Bramshall Church.

Sidespersons Rota:		Flowers for February:	
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb 19 <sup>th</sup> Feb 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Mrs J Corbishley Mrs M Jones Mrs L Corbishley Mrs C Postlethwaite	Mrs M Jones & Mrs L Corbishley NB 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> February only as no Altar flowers during Lent.	

**Refreshments:** Mrs SA Lander & Mrs N Eyre

#### **Lent Lunches**

We are currently organising light lunches during the season of Lent, the first of which will take place at 9, Overcroft on Wednesday 1st March commencing at 12.30pm. More details next month.

#### **Christmas Hamper Update**

The contents of the two hampers that Cliff & Dot Cotterill won at the Hamper Prize Draw were kindly donated to the Food Bank in the Renew Church in time for Christmas. A very kind gesture – thanks Cliff & Dot.

#### BRAMSHALL 100 CLUB

The first draw of the 2023 100 Club took place following the morning service on Sunday 22nd Jan.

Many thanks to all who have supported us again this year — a lot are anxious they may have missed the first draw ... do not worry all the numbers went into the hat for the first draw. However, if you wish to continue your membership do let us know 01889-565228 or <a href="mailto:sallyannelander@gmail.com">sallyannelander@gmail.com</a> or pay direct into the bank... NATWEST Sort code: 60-22-09 Account: 64540138 Bramshall 100 Club and use your surname as a reference please.

If you have already paid and are wondering what your number is do get in touch and we can oblige.

#### **BRAMSHALL 100 CLUB DRAW - JANUARY**

$1^{st}$	Jane Sargeant	No 176	£30
$2^{\text{nd}}$	Sharon & Ian	No 47	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Amanda Wilkes	No 156	£20
$4^{th}$	Liz & Bernie	No 154	£15



#### **Children's Society Boxes**

Could all society supporters please return their boxes to Carole Postlethwaite as soon as possible, so that the contents can be counted and added to the collections before Christmas and sent off to the Children's Society.

The church is open Sat and Sun between 10-3pm this time of year so any boxes can be left there for Carole to collect.

Any problems please do contact Carole (563982).

#### Recycled inkjet cartridges and postage stamps

Thank you for all the donations. Also thank you to those who leave unused new inkjet cartridges when they change their printer – these are most useful.



### BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT **GARDENING CLUB**



After the festivities of Christmas we return to our regular meetings in the Bramshall Village Hall.

Over the next three months there will be a presentations on gardens we can go and see, birds which choose to visit our gardens and practical ideas for growing plants in containers.

The February meeting will take place at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm when popular presenter Jeff Bates will be providing an evening on 'Great British Gardens'.

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 a 2017-18 Membership Card.



## Discover fascinating local history with events at Redfern's Cottage

Heritage Talk - Uttoxeter on Film

Join us at Wilfred House for the opportunity to see rare, historic film footage of Uttoxeter during the 20th Century.

£10 per person, includes a drink & cake, 7pm, Sat 25th Feb. To book your tickets phone or pop into the museum.

#### Memories of Uttoxeter

Join us to share memories of Uttoxeter's changing Streets

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Please contact Uttoxeter Golf Club directly on email <a href="mailto:admin@uttoxetergolfclub.com">admin@uttoxetergolfclub.com</a> or <a href="mailto:jackypopiolkowski@hotmail.co.uk">jackypopiolkowski@hotmail.co.uk</a> for more info.

#### DIGGING INTO THE PAST

Please note just one meeting took place in 1943 and one in 1944

#### **BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING**

The Combined Vestry and Annual Church meeting was held on Thursday,6th May 1943 at 8pm in the Parish Hall, the Vicar the Rev W E Charlton in the chair.

#### **Present:**

Mrs Statham, Mrs Talbot, Messrs R & E Whittaker, G Talbot, H Statham, F S Searle, J Adams, H Durose, H L Potter, J W Sargeant and the Rev. D E Morris.

#### **Minutes / Election of Wardens**

After prayer and the reading of the minutes Mr J E Ward and Mr G Talbot were re-appointed

Church Wardens and thanks expressed for their services during the past year.

#### Sidesmen

These were re-elected en bloc.: Messrs J H Statham, G. Martin, J H Lindop, H Durose, R Whittaker, E Whittaker, R Statham, F S Searle, J Sargeant, J W Sargeant, D Steele, D Ward, J Statham, A Whittaker.

#### Ruridecanal

Mrs Talbot was reappointed as representative to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal conferences.

#### **Church Council**

The Church Council was re-elected with the omission of Mrs DeVille and the addition of Mrs

Arthur Dawson and Mr F S Searle. as follows: Mrs Statham, Mrs Lindop, Mrs Searle, Messrs J H Statham, Mr Lindop, Mr R Whittaker, Mr E Whjittaker, Mr G Martin, Mr H Potter, Mr J Adams, Mr D Ward, Mr D Steele, Mr J Sargeant, Mr J W Sargeant, Mr H Durose, Mr R Statham with Mrs Talbot and Church Wardens (ex officios)

#### Vice Chairman

Mr J H Statham withdrew his name when proposed and Mr H Durose was elected vice chairman for the ensuing year.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer

Mr J W Sargeant and Mr F S Searle were appointed a joint Hon. Secretary/ Treasurers to the Church Council.

#### **Auditor**

Mr H Statham auditor of the church accounts for the ensuing year.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to the Secretary / Treasurers and auditor for their interest and work on behalf of the Church.

#### Accounts

The statement of accounts for the years Jan 1942 – 13th March 1943 was then presented by Mr J W Sargeant. He said that the balance at the beginning of 1942 was £33.15.11 receipts amounted to £169.5.3 making a total of £203.1.2. Balance in hand on March 13th 1943 £68.17.1 after paying all expenses.

#### Blower

It was proposed by Mr Ward that we should make some present to Mr Jack Sankey for his loyal services as Blower for a period of 12 years. £5 was agreed upon as the sum.

It was proposed that the two new blowers should be paid the sum of £5 to be paid to their mother, an amendment to £4 was carried and finally agreed.

#### **Donation**

The Vicar reported that they would notice an amount of £5.5 in the receipts, which had come from the funds of a unit stationed at Loxley Hall; it was agreed that the Vicar should use this for the benefit of the Church at his discretion a suggestion was made of a Pulpit light – and Mr Adams asked for a light in the stoke hole. It was agreed that a candle lamp should be procured for this purpose until such time as the cabling would be available to put a proper light in them. After further discussion the accounts were approved and adopted.

From the balance of £68.17.1 a grant was made to the Bishop's Campaign fund of £10 and a further £25 invested in the Leek & Moorland B.Soc. The meeting agreed that all shares and deeds and policies should be kept in the Parish Church Deed Box which would be placed in the strongroom of the Westminster bank.

The Rev D E Morris then presented a brief statement of accounts of the Bramshall Sunday School which it was agreed should still be kept separate from the ordinary accounts. These showed that the amounts in bank on March 1st was £11.1.6. Collections in March and April amounted to £1.5.10 making a total of £12.7.4 of that they had made donations to various charities and societies amounting to £8.1.0, leaving a balance in hand of £4.6.4. He went on to thank the ladies for all they did for the Church in keeping it so tidy. To Mr Potter and Mr Adams for their share; for the flowers which the ladies made look so nice and a special thanks to Mrs Talbot for looking after the Sunday School for almost a year on her own.

The Vicar heartily endorsed these remarks and then asked whether the ladies needed any dusters or floorcloths as he had been able to obtain some for church cleaning. Mr Potter promised to make their cost a present to the church.

On this generous note there being no further business the meeting closed with the grace.

W E Charlton 19/4/44

## Penny's Recipe of the Month

## **Mucky Curry**

Well hello everyone, A happy New Year and we are now starting 2023 - so what's for tea tonight?

Goodness knows! Let's start with a Mucky Curry so easy to do!

You will need:

1 Chicken breast, 1 small onion, 1tbsp oil, 1 tin of coconut cream, Korma paste, 2tbsp double cream, 1 clove of garlic, Fresh coriander.

#### Method

Dice the onion up and fry in a pan with 1tbsp of oil, when soft add chopped garlic and then 2 tbsp of korma paste. Cook for a couple of minutes then add

50ml of water.



Add diced chicken breast and the coconut milk. You can if you wish add a teaspoon of sugar.

Simmer uncovered for 10-15 mins until the chicken is cooked.

Now is the time to garnish with chopped coriander and serve with rice and a nice garlic naan bread. This recipe will feed 2 people, if you are feeding more than two then use 2 chicken breasts.

I am sitting in the kitchen it is Saturday and it has been overcast, wet with temperature of 9 deg, now the sky is blue and sunshine! It is early January what is going on with the seasons?

#### **Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council**

Bramshall Village is represented by Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council, being the first tier of local government.

The Parish Council website has lists of your local Councillors, planning applications along with other information, including a News area.

All residents are invited to the monthly meetings. https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/



#### Reducing food waste

The 7 million tonnes of food wasted from UK homes annually costs the average UK household £720 a year, but this could be saved by planning meals, storing food properly, knowing your dates, measuring portion sizes, using your leftovers and sharing food with each other.

#### Reusing

- Whether reusable coffee cups, refillable water bottles or real nappies, a reusable item is always
  the greenest option (if you use it enough times), and often the cheapest long term too
- We can keep things in use by passing on to friends, families, neighbours, community groups or charities, but you can sell (and buy!) unwanted electricals, clothes, books, toys etc online.

#### Repairing

Save £100s a year by repairing your broken items with the help of a volunteer at your local Repair Café or by having a go yourself with the aid of YouTube videos or the guides on the iFixit website.

#### **Home Composting**

- Some households can save money by composting at home instead of paying for a garden waste
  collection or regularly making journeys to drive just their garden waste to the local Household
  Recycling Centre. At a discounted price of just £10 (plus P&P) at www.getcomposting.com for
  Staffordshire residents, you make this back easily in the first year.
- Save money on buying compost, although you will probably have to wait until the next year!
- Mulching well with a layer of compost can save money (if you're on a water meter) by helping hold more water in the soil and reduce watering
- · Using compost can save money by reducing the need for expensive fertilisers & plant feeds.

#### Recycling

- Contamination of recycling costs local authorities a lot of money every year. You might not
  think this impacts on you directly, but less money earned from recycling can mean less money
  for other valuable services.
- Some shops like H&M and Schuh offer vouchers when you drop back old items for recycling.

Thanks to the reader who sent this information, she also included this link to the local Repair Room at the Globe Foundation

https://www.globefoundation.org.uk/projects/repair-room/ or contact 01889 560986.

## **Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall**

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	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Sewing Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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	Laura Hill (07944 910711)
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd Saturdays	9.30 - 10.30am	Andy Fox (565796) email: foxaj80@hotmail.com

#### PARISH HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

Good News - We are just in the process of appointing a new booking secretary, details of this appointment are, hopefully, to be published in the next edition

#### **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.





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