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Happy New Year

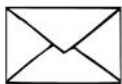


Mist over the Dagdale valley

January 2017

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

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FRIENDS OF BRAMSHALL – many organisations are challenged with limited personnel resources, particularly when faced with fund raising projects. To assist, groups known as “Friends” help by taking on some of those responsibilities and allowing committee members to focus on the many other issues associated with their position. Both the Parish Hall Committee and the Parochial Church Council find themselves in positions of limited members and increasing demands. Rather than having a ‘Friends of the Parish Hall’ and a ‘Friends of St. Lawrence’, would a ‘Friends of Bramshall’ be an attractive proposition, and would a few people feel called to help the village organisations in this way?

If this resonates with you then please contact John or SallyAnne on 565228.

Dusty is back home!

Thank you to everyone who looked for her. Lucy & Pauline.



@ Email distribution list

If you would like to be added to the village email distribution list for urgent requests, important reminders, Lost & Found items/pets, and useful information: then please let the Editor know by emailing:

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Observations of our Local Vicar.

As a Parishioner of Bramshall I am amazed at the volume of work he undertakes. Rev. John is an OLM (ordained local minister) undertaking the work of our Church on a voluntary basis.

His rare days off from his vocational work are taken up with organising events that take place in Bramshall, or he can be seen tidying up the churchyard and getting to know people: welcoming new residents to the village. He seems to be forever working on our behalf.

Sally, Rev. John's wife, is another gem we have: she is well organised and is always ready to help out with problems and, again, managing to juggle her own daily work. When do you have time off for yourselves?

We are indeed very fortunate to have such a dedicated couple.

My sincere thanks

A Bramshall Parishioner.

Bramshall 100 Club

The first draw of the new season will take place after the 4th Sunday service so, if you wish to join or continue your membership please ensure subscriptions (£12 per number for 12 months) are forwarded to John & SallyAnne before 22nd January.

This has become an important fund raiser for the church and we appreciate your continued support – thank you.

Festive Cuppa

We would like to thank everyone who came to our Festive Cuppa on 7th December and hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did hosting it. £139 was raised for St. Lawrence's Church, Bramshall, and all monies donated went entirely to the church. Truly amazing!

*Many, many thanks,
Jack & Glenda Lovatt*

Again Jack and Glenda opened their home for a Christmas get together in early December which was a big success enjoying the mulled wine and homemade mince pies and shortbread – thank you Jack and Glenda.

John Lander

**Bramshall News is available to read on
the Bramshall Parish website
www.bramshallparish.org.uk**

Live and Local

The evening of Saturday 25th March sees a return to Bramshall Parish Hall for Kel Elliott, accompanied by Her Three Man Orchestra in “The Truths and Tall Tales Tour”. More details next month, but put this date on your calendar.

Kel Elliott is a sassy double-bass playing singer who likes to tell stories: her own and other people's. She spends lots of her time striking up conversations, and whenever she can, records them, turning the bits that inspire her most into songs. Next, she takes these songs and then hammers them out on stage with humour, irony and a touch of mischief. The audience describes her performances as a journey of emotion, many laugh and then shed a tear all within the space of a few moments - others describe it as a 'Drama for the ears'.

With a love for artists such as Tom Waits, Bonnie Raitt, Regina Spektor and Rufus Wainwright her set can be soft and sentimental one minute and unflinchingly eccentric the next.

Kel is joined on stage by her song writing partner Kelvin Leitch, her husband Hugh Rashleigh and their very good friend Adam Cross. The three guys perform on such a wide, and sometimes unusual, array of instruments that they have earned the tag line 'three man orchestra'. They often play multiple instruments at the same time making them visually alluring too.

Recent achievements include being hand picked by Jo Whiley and Jamie Cullum for The BBC Introducing stage at The Cheltenham Jazz Festival. The show was recorded for air on BBC Radio 2 and hosted by Jo Whiley who said she had really enjoyed their set.



Currently, they are finishing their third album, the

content of which

complements their current touring show 'Truths and tall tales' If you are lucky enough to find yourself at one of their shows, come and say hi, tell them a tale, but beware, you may find your story on the next album...

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BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Looking around our gardens, it is surprising how many of the familiar plants and flowers are from very different parts of the world – they were first brought here by explorers who often risked their lives to obtain them. Some of their fascinating stories were told by John Hawkins at the last Gardening Club meeting.

Exotic trees and plants were in demand by stately home owners and there was keen competition to get there first. David Douglas was sent on three expeditions to North America in the 18th century and brought back Lupins and Penstemons, George Forrest went to the Far East and brought back remarkable species of Primula and the most prolific explorer, Ernest Wilson, went to China and brought back Tiger Lilies, Magnolia and the remarkable Handkerchief tree (*Davidia involucre*).

The plants from Australia were largely brought back by Sir Joseph Banks who paid to go with Captain Cook on his exploratory voyage to the Pacific. They anchored along the East Coast in the location of present day Sydney and found so many new specimens that they called the place Botany Bay. It was a very interesting evening – it gave us a new way of looking at the many plants in our gardens!

The next meeting will be on **Monday 30th January** (7:45pm in the Parish Hall) when Ruth Williams will give an intriguing and revealing talk on the Hidden Places of Staffordshire.

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 2016-17 Membership Card, price £13.

Clive Tuck

Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for January 2017

1st January	11.00am	Holy Communion
8th January	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
15th January	11.00am	Holy Communion
22nd January	11.00am	Family Communion
29th January	11.00am	Songs of praise for “Plough Sunday”

Sidespersons Rota:

1st Mrs G Lovatt
8th Mrs E Blurton
15th Mrs M Talbot
22nd Mrs B Kinch
29th Mr R Jones

Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

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

Flowers: Mrs C Whitehurst & Mrs J Corbishley
Refreshments for the 4th Sunday : Mrs L Corbishley & Mrs B Kinch

From the Registers:

Funeral:

Wednesday 14th December Marjorie Eileen MARKWELL

PCC next meeting: Monday 9th January, 7.00pm at 9 Overcroft.

The Grand Christmas Prize Draw

I would like to thank everyone for the amazing support that I received from both the church people and the Jacobi Chorale. The hampers looked amazing after Sandra Kent had dressed up the baskets so professionally, but there would be no hampers if it wasn't for the generosity shown by everyone who donated.

Thanks to you all, we raised for our church an amazing £1024.00

A big "well done" to all who contributed and to those who generously bought raffle tickets. Glenda.

A full list of prize winners can be found on page 9

Christmas Wreaths – a gentle reminder that, in accordance with Diocesan Regulations, these should be removed by the end of January; however we will allow a month's grace – but we shall remove any that are left on graves after the end of February in order to keep our churchyard tidy.

Christmas Tree

- Many thanks once again to Russell and Sarah Heath of the Strawberry Garden Centre, for generously donating the Christmas tree for Church.

As always it sets the scene for the decorations and services at this time of year – thank you.

Confirmation:

Anyone considering confirmation please see Rev. John or phone him on 565228 as the classes will start in the New Year.

100 Club draw for December:

1 st :	Andy Ball	No. 135	£50
2 nd	Geoff Gamble	No. 24	£40
3 rd	Wilkes family	No. 94	£30
4 th	Dave Leadbetter	No. 41	£20
5 th	Ray Pagett	No. 88	£15
6 th	John Whittaker	No. 14	£10
7 th	Sarah Jackson	No. 169	£10

Bramshall Quilt and Craft Club

We meet in Bramshall Parish Hall once a month.

Come along to finish your sewing projects or start a new one.

Help will be on hand so beginners are very welcome.

You could even bring some knitting.

The club is friendly and relaxed with tea or coffee and biscuits

The next meeting is on

Thursday 9th February 2017

10am to 12.30pm

The cost is just £5 a session.

Call Sue at The Sewing Patch on 01889 562553 or 07875 344 036
or just pop in to see us on the day.

This is your Bramshall News

- be part of it.

**Send your comments, news, photographs,
special celebrations, "Lost & Found" etc.**

If it is happening in the village, please share it.

Contact: Marie Lowe. 01889 563096

email: bramshallnews@gmail.com

The Winners and Winning Tickets of
The Grand Christmas Prize Draw, St. Lawrence's Church Bramshall,
are as follows:-

1. Luxury Hamper	699	J Pattinson Evans
2. Turkey	865	D Cotterill
3. Christmas Hamper (Box)	486	J Lander
4. Christmas Hamper (Open lid)	744	Dave Field
5. Meat Voucher (John Sargeants)	146	P Corbishley
6. Bottle Prosecco in hand made wooden bowl	529	B Bowcock
7. Christmas Hamper (Large plastic)	140	A Jones
8. Christmas Hamper (Basket)	657	M Stonier
9. Christmas Hamper (Basket)	001	N Eyre
10. Glass Bowl, nuts, nut cracker	1005	M Crosse
11. Bottle of wine	888	D Carr
12. Toiletry set	731	C Woolley
13. Bottle of wine in basket	352	Nora
14. Handmade bowl with candle	241	L Craven
15. Biscuits & chocolates	513	R Haynes
16. Tea towels	1210	Mo & Dave Hammersley
17. Irish cream & chocolates in basket	609	J Payne
18. Christmas hamper basket (large)	659	Mrs Martin
19. Christmas hamper plastic	028	R Dilliway
20. Drinks & chocolatess in basket	184	S Burrows
21. Christmas arrangement in hand turned bowl	343	L Peaty
22. Handmade Christmas cake	74	M Beeson
23. Book 1st edition "The Walnut Tree" by Caroline Wedd	0023	M Talbot
24. Peaches in Brandy		Geoff Gamble

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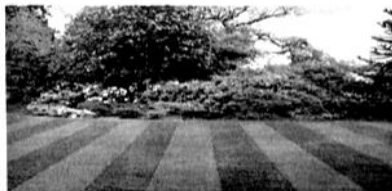
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Church Services and Events

Church of St. Lawrence

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for full details

NCT Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Group	Mondays	10am - 12pm	Parish Hall	Annie Brookes 07756836375
Dance Aerobics	Mondays	6pm - 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
CobraFit class	Thursdays	6.30pm	Parish Hall	Tamara 07778292039
Fitness Class	Fridays	10 - 11am	Parish Hall	Barrie Taylor 01543 418242

What's on in January ?

Bramshall Gardening Club Monday 30th January 7.45pm Parish Hall.

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

March 25th	Live & Local. Kel Elliott & her Three Man Orchestra
June 10th	Midsummer Ball
June 24th - 25th	Bramshall Art Group Annual Exhibition