

BRAMSHALL NEWS



Making hay while the sun shines.

July 2022



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**Sponsored Concert 'Haydn, Tea and Cakes'
in aid of the St Lawrence Church Organ Fund
Saturday July 16th 10am to 4pm**



The organ at St Lawrence's was built in 1868 as one of the first by the famous British organ builder, Charles Brindley. It is in need of refurbishment as one of the main components, the sound board, has split in several places meaning that the higher notes in particular are permanently out of tune. The sum required for repair is around £15,000 and we are pleased to say that £7,000 has already been raised. As a specific event to support the project, a sponsored 6-hour long concert, 'Haydn, Tea and Cakes' will take place on Saturday July 16th 2022 (10am to 4pm) at St Lawrence's Church. Clive Tuck, the organist, will play the 20 better known Sonatas of Josef Haydn on the organ and keyboard whilst tea, coffee and cakes are being served. This year is the 290th anniversary of Haydn's birth. If you would like to sponsor Clive for the event, sponsor forms are available in the church or the red telephone box library by the village hall. On the day of the concert, please pop in the church to enjoy the music and have a cuppa. Thank you for your support.

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THE VILLAGE BREAKFAST

Join fellow villagers for a Full English catered breakfast.

Doors open @ 09.30am

Adult – **£11.95**

Children - **£7.00**

SATURDAY
JULY
9th
2022

10.00am – 12.00pm

**BRAMSHALL
VILLAGE HALL**

It's a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and to meet new ones.

To book your place at this event please
email:

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07802600546

Note this is a ticketed event



Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall
Vicar Revd John Lander

Services for July

3rd July	11.00am Morning Prayer
10th July	11.00am Holy Communion
17th July	11.00am Holy Communion
24th July	11.00am Family Communion
31st July	11.00 am Family Praise

Sidespersons Rota:	3rd July	Mrs C Postlethwaite
	10th July	Mrs M Jones
	17th July	Mrs G Lovatt
	24th July	Mrs SA Lander
	31st July	Mrs L Corbishley

Flowers: Mrs S Kent and Mrs N Eyre

Refreshments: Mrs SA Lander and Mrs N Eyre

‘Funday School’ For July

Sunday 3rd July and Sunday 17th July
in the Parish Hall
commencing at 10.30 am.
ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

For further info please contact Laura Hill on
07944910711



From the Registers

Baptism:

Sunday 29th May

Nathan SHEPHERD
Harper Esme-Rae PEARCE

Sunday 12th June

Blake George Paul ESPLIN
Brekan George Paul ESPLIN



Pictured left is Harper with
big sister Harlow
along with parents
Nathan and Cassandra

Pictured right are Blake and
younger brother Brekan,
along with parents Rebecca
and Scott.



An Exhibition of Local Memorabilia was held in Church over the Jubilee period on the Friday and Saturday. We were grateful for those who offered precious items dating back to 1953, particularly those relating to the Queen's Coronation, to be placed on display. Over 70 people came along to view these, along with the many photographs around Bramshall taken at different times during the reign of The Queen, and these generated conversations reminiscing about people and occasions. A special Jubilee service was held on the Sunday, and this concluded with a group photograph to remember the occasion.



The congregation
at the
Jubilee Service.

The exhibition generated a lot of interest.



Eulogy for Evelyn Blurton

Sometimes it can appear to be almost clichéd to refer to the loss of someone as being the end of an era, but in the case of Evelyn it seems most fitting. Her passing is not just a loss to the family, but also to the village – a village in which she was born and lived all her life. And it is within the context of family and community that she flourished and fulfilled her sense of being. Aunt Eve was one of those who held on to the stories of people of the past, she was a mine of information and brought colour to the history of this place. She could remember families, who lived where, and she would speak of people like Nanny Goat Fan, who would graze her flock on the grass verges around the village.

Evelyn was the younger sister to Sarah (mum), younger by some 6 years, but soon started demonstrating her strength of character. The main road was a lot quieter back in the 1930's but even so the girls were not encouraged to play in the road, so when Sarah happened to play ball there Evelyn would shout at her "Come out of the thoad Airdie" and then tell their mother "Airdie's in the thoad again!"

As a girl, Evelyn forged a friendship with Gilly Dainton – this came about as Fred Searle (who lived at the post office come shop) worked as chauffeur to the Dainton family associated with the dairy in Uttoxeter. We have a photograph of them sitting on a fallen tree trunk in the field which is now Hall Orchard. On leaving school, Evelyn went to work at Melia's grocer's shop in Uttoxeter (and that meant cycling from home and back), and this proved most formative as it sharpened her mental arithmetic skills, and she found delight in serving and engaging with customers. Evelyn may have had a touch of the glamour latent within her, as she said on a few occasions that she wanted high heel shoes, wear lipstick and be like Rio Rita. Well, she did fancy a crafty cigarette and was once spotted smoking in what was the old gravel hole at the rear of the Smithy. As she would say "be sure your sins will find you out!"

At some point she met Leslie, who she went on to marry. Les (from Doveridge) was a bus driver for Stevenson's at that time, and she was obviously besotted with him as she would meet him on the bus at the end of his shift then walk back to Bramshall from the depot at Spath. 1955 was a bitter/sweet year for Aunt Eve; she lost her mother in the April, and married Les in the June. That meant she started married life with her grandfather, father and husband living with her under the same roof. A challenge for any newly-wed! A few years later her grandfather died, and Les (having obtained his HGV licence) started work at, what was then, the Shell-Mex & BP Company in Uttoxeter.

It was there that a big friendship was made with Gebby and Betty Stainsby, with whom they would share holidays and days away. Later, another good friendship was forged with another Shell colleague, Tom Allport and his wife Edith.

It was also through Shell that Uncle Les learned to fly, and in that context another lasting friendship was generated with flying instructor Alan Jeffs and wife Mavis. And, as well as being a popular and friendly figure within this village, there was always a strong connection with the Sargeant family.

Evelyn could hardly have been classed as an ordinary housewife, she took great pride in keeping her home impeccably clean, she couldn't abide untidiness. The close proximity of the Aunt Jane's village shop naturally saw Evelyn gravitate to helping out there. A role which took more of her time over the years as Aunt Jane relied greatly on Aunt Eve to drive most weeks over to the wholesalers in Burton for shop supplies. The shop was a great meeting place, not just for convenience shopping but also for general chat, for getting to know what's going on around and about, and for being community.

Music was also important for Evelyn; she learned to play the electronic organ – they were larger than modern instruments and the choice of a Wurlitzer meant a major alteration to the cottage, with the two main downstairs rooms being made into one to house the beast. She also enjoyed singing and said, in hindsight, that she would have liked to have joined a choir.

Aunt Eve would openly say that she was not very maternal, and she very much looked on us two as her sons; even as adults she would take pride in our successes, but also tell us in no uncertain terms if we did or said something she wasn't happy with. And when the next generation came along it was quite appropriate that instead of being a great-aunt she was affectionately referred to as 'Aunty-Gran'. Evelyn did adore dogs, she had a soft spot for them, and there was always a dog in the family. She had a particular fondness for boxers, and she would walk miles up to Loxley, or along the track of the old 'Northern Line' and think nothing of it.

Hospitality was also dear to her heart helped by virtue of her skills in the kitchen. Evelyn's signature recipes were for Lemon drizzle cake, coffee & walnut cake, and most famously Bramshall trifle. Lyndhurst was affectionately referred to as the Bramshall Café by members of the family, as it was always a welcome pit-stop when travelling through the area. That hospitality also saw her readily volunteering to provide refreshments at all sorts of village occasions.

I suppose this was driven largely by her faith and desire to live out a Christian lifestyle. The church was always a bedrock for her, and through her increasing

involvement she discovered another talent – that of flower arranging, and she would demonstrate her skills with the altar flowers and beautiful stand arrangements for weddings and other special occasions. Evelyn was a constant in the life of this church, there weren't many Sundays that she missed attending. She was a member of the PCC for a long time (being secretary for a few years), she was called to become part of the ministry team, took on the role of vergers, and was most precise in ensuring the church linen was laundered and ironed. Her faith was more than just a Sunday faith, as she was an avid listener to the daily morning service on the radio. It also spilled over into charitable giving; she supported many organisations from the British Heart Foundation to Blind Veterans, and her biggest joy was supporting Guide dogs.

A sense of humour was also an obvious part of her character, and she enjoyed a good laugh – “laughter is the best medicine” was another of her sayings. It was the comedy of Morecambe & Wise, The Two Ronnies, Last of the Summer Wine that she really appreciated and could resonate with. She enjoyed reading, from Pam Ayres poems to Nigel Slater's cook books, and from Gervaise Phinn's novels about his life as teacher and school inspector to Ronald Blythe's 'Word from Wormingford'. No wonder she was good with words, she always seemed to know the right thing to say, particularly at sad times.

Wine became a surprising (and I must say enjoyable) feature for Aunt Eve. It all started in a very modest way with a bottle of Sicilian red from Tesco, and developed into a humble 'cellar' from the brochures of Laithwaites. She was very good detecting flavours within the different grape varieties. Again, a significant amount was generously given to family, friends, and occasions like the Harvest Lunch. It gave her much pleasure to be able to do this.

Evelyn would delight in feeding birds (not necessarily the pigeons, though), and would happily watch them from her living room window – and the excitement of seeing a woodpecker! Her garden was also a place of joy, and in later years this was where she could be seen, and she would chat with anyone passing by or who stopped to go to the butcher's shop.

After celebrating her 90th birthday, her last 18 months were far from the best, but we do acknowledge the wonderful care and attention she received from the staff at The Hermitage, and also her very close friends.

Amongst her many sayings, the one which resonates as a motto for life would be 'Carry your cup level' – in other words behave yourself. Aunt Eve strove for the best in herself and encouraged the best in others.

BRAMSHALL EVENTS *presents*

BRAMSHALL'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS Sunday 5th June





Despite the wet weather, our village celebrations for her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee took place in the Village Hall, which was a little disappointing as had the weather been dry, we had hoped to invite the whole village. Weather aside, fun was had by all. Guests brought their own refreshments, but T G Sargent & Sons were on hand with their delicious hog roast and we were inundated with cakes and puddings, a highlight being a magnificent bomb.

Entertainment ran throughout the day. Children's karaoke was kindly provided by Dave and Bec Edmundson, Damien Griffiths returned with his ever-popular sing-along and music quiz and the evening was topped off by Joni Talks, West End singer, actor and dancer who entertained us all with her renditions of songs from the 70 years of Her Majesty's reign.

Games kept children and adults alike entertained, and each child was presented with a packet of wildflower seeds to plant, a nod to the wildflower project at The Tower of London commemorating the Jubilee. They also received a commemorative badge and thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, a commemorative coin.

The Bramshall Events Team would like to thank the Parish Council for their support of this event.

DIGGING INTO THE PAST...1936

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on April 22nd 1936 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Present: Rev W E Charlton BA in the chair
Mr H Statham – Vice Chairman
Rev. A G Prime – Curate
Mr J H Lindop – Vicars Warden
Mr F. Searle – People's Warden
Mesdames Talbot, Searle, Miss Statham
Messrs: R & E Whittaker, T. Durose, H. Potter, B. Bloor, J. Adams, J C DeVille Secretary.

Minutes - The minutes of the last Vestry were read, confirmed and signed by the Vicar

Wardens - Proposed by Mr Statham and seconded by Mr E Whittaker that both Wardens be re-elected – carried.

Ruridecanal Representative - The Vicar thought it would be unkind to ask Mrs Goodwin to act again considering the state of her health. Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by Mr R. Whittaker that Mrs Lindop be elected – carried.

The Vicar expressed his thanks to all who had helped to carry on the services especially the Church Wardens and also to the congregation. The Easter offering which gave him much pleasure to distribute to the sick and poor of Bramshall and which is greatly appreciated by the recipients.

This ended the meeting.

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A Parochial Church Council Meeting was held on 22nd April 1936 immediately after the Vestry the same being present.

Minutes - The minutes of the last Council were read and signed by the Chairman.

Council - It was agreed they be elected en bloc with the addition of Mr E. Brown in place of Mr Woodward.

Vice Chairman - Proposed by Mr Whittaker seconded by Mr Potter that Mr Statham be elected – carried.

Secretary - Proposed by Mr Statham seconded by Mr E. Whittaker that J C DeVille be re-elected.

Auditor - Proposed by the Secretary and seconded by Mr Lindop that Mr R. Whittaker be re-elected – carried.

Sidesmen - It was proposed they be re-elected en bloc with the addition of Mr J.S. Sargeant and Mr Steele.

Heating - The heating in the Church was next Mr Ward and it was proposed by Mr Statham and seconded by Mr Searle that the fire be started six hours earlier and the Wardens promised to see about it.

Accounts - The Secretary presented the accounts which showed a balance in hand of £28.16.8 against £24.16.5 the previous year. This was thought very satisfactory in spite of the fact that the working expenses for a small Church like Bramshall were very heavy.

Fabric of Church - The fabric of the Church was next discussed particularly the walls which showed peeling in many places. This was thought to be due to dampness and after a very keen though healthy discussion it was thought the old lead in the roof was porous and this described for a good deal of the trouble – The Vicar and Mr Searle arranged to go on the roof sometime and investigate.

Sunday School - Mr Prime raised the question of the children using the Parish Hall. The meeting thought this the best place and Mr Potter agreed to pay coal used which was greatly appreciated. Mr Lindop offered to give hymn books required for the Sunday School and he was thanked for this kind act. Mr Statham proposed that £5 be given to the Sunday School as usual.

Gravestone - A gravestone in the churchyard was in a dangerous position and it was decided to have it attended to.

Civic Sunday - May 10th being Civic Sunday it was decided that the 11 o'clock service be dispensed with.

Diocesan Quota -It was proposed by Mr Lindop seconded by Mr Statham that the Quota of Ambition be paid.

Electric Light - It was decided to have this installed in the Church when it came in the village.

This ended the business and before departing the Vicar again expressed his thanks to all who had helped to carry on the work of the Church during the past year. He thought we could look back on a very happy and successful year. The Church Wardens suitably responded.

W E Charlton 9/4/37

Bramshall Spotlight on...Catherine Mann, MBE

This is a wonderful event to celebrate - Catherine Mann of Bramshall , has been awarded an MBE for her national work promoting a literate, kinder society, and for services to Public Libraries .

Catherine has been head of the county's library service for more than a decade, until recently led the national Libraries Connected Universal Library Offer for Reading and remains a committed advocate for the role that books and reading play in changing lives and the power libraries have in making a difference.



Catherine told us: "I am extremely surprised and very honoured to be nominated. Public libraries have always been part of my life. For me this is also a recognition for the work we have undertaken in Staffordshire to keep libraries relevant and at the heart of their communities. Libraries remain hugely important and can make a real difference to people by offering safe, welcoming creative spaces where they can come and connect and where we can encourage them to read for pleasure which supports literacy, learning and well-being."

As Libraries & Arts Manager, Catherine led the transformation of Staffordshire's Library Service and worked with partners to implement a Community Managed Library model where 27 libraries transferred to community management yet importantly no libraries closed. County Councillor Victoria Wilson, said: "Staffordshire's network of 43 libraries have remained relevant, popular and vibrant hubs at a time of change in how the written word is consumed is in no small part due to the work that Catherine and her team have invested over the years."

We would all like to congratulate Catherine on her award and on the work she has done to encourage and support reading , develop literacy and keep services open.

If you would like to share the story of a Bramshall resident please contact us and get the story told.

Penny's Recipe of the Month

Home Made Burgers

Well hello everyone! It seems like spring is on its way then you get a cold day and wet similar to Sunday June 5th and we are back in cold wet weather. This morning I walked the dog at 8am in lovely warm sunshine, by the time I got back at 8.25 it was spitting with rain and a cooler breeze. Nevertheless let's stay - positive spring is here and it's time to get the barbecues out and make our own burgers again.

Buy your mince from the local butcher which has far less fat in it than any supermarket mince,.

Chop up an onion and grate a carrot and a parsnip, finely dice a clove of garlic, add some chilli flakes and mix together with some seasoning. Grated parmesan cheese approx 1tbsp mixed in will help to bind the burgers into shape which you do with your hands, and fry on the barbecue.



Some of you will recognise this recipe from a year or so ago . The beauty is though that it works out so much cheaper than buying ready made burgers and takes so little time. The meat is locally sourced which is also a plus.

Penny

Despite the mixed weather the vegetables we are growing in the garden is growing so quickly it won't be long before we are eating our own potatoes, cabbage and lettuces which all helps to keeping the food bills down.

June 100 CLUB WINNERS

1 st	James Lander	No.23	£30
2 nd	Russell Heath	No.22	£25
3 rd	Dick Jones	No.59	£20
4 th	Liz and Bernie Greenhough	No.154	£15

Calendared Meetings—July

Parish Hall Meeting , in church, on Monday 11th July at 7.15 pm.

PCC meeting , in church, on Monday 18th July at 7pm.

Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall

At the Annual General Meeting for the Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall the increased costs of running the Parish Hall - and the fact that charges have not been increased since 2017 - led to the decision to raise the hire rates as follows:

Regular Hirers: To increase from £10/hr to £15/hr.

Village Hirers: To increase from £12/hr to £20/hr.

Non Village Hirers: To increase from £17/hr to £25/hr

Evening Hire (Villagers): To increase from £80 to £100 (5-6 hrs)

Evening Hire (Non Villagers): To increase from £120 to £150 (5-6 hrs)

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

Village Events fundraising will also be subject to a charge.

Hire rates are to increase from 1st September 2022.

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
Yoga	Wednesdays	7.00 – 8.00pm	Dawn Colclough (Colclough_italy@yahoo.co.uk)
Sewing Club	2 nd Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harris 01283-732248
Lift Lean Resistance Training	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Bramshall Little Treasures	Fridays	9.30 – 11.30am	Laura Hill (07944910711)
Funday School	1st & 3rd Sundays on- ly	11.00 - 12.00pm	Laura Hill (07944910711)

BRAMSHALL'S LITTLE TREASURES

Fridays 9:30-11:30am
at Bramshall and Loxley Village Hall

Tea and Toast for Parents, Grandparents, Carers and
Children aged 0-4

£2 per adult for refreshments and toast for the children
An informal opportunity to meet and chat with other
parents whilst young children play, learn and make
friends.

Everyone welcome, just turn up when you can!



Bramshall Little Treasurers Toddler Group

Please note, there will be a 6-week summer break, with the last session 15th July and resuming 2nd September.

Bramshall Old Rectory – Summer Fete

Saturday 6th August from 12.00-4.00pm.



The staff and residents of The Old Rectory would be delighted to see you at their summer fete, where there will be games and stalls, a bouncy castle, an 'all-day' singer, refreshments (including pulled pork rolls), and the local llamas will be paying a visit.

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SATURDAY 9TH JULY THE VILLAGE BREAKFAST

10am-12 noon (doors open 9.30am)
Join fellow villagers at Bramshall Village Hall for a catered full English breakfast. It's a great opportunity to catch up with neighbours and to meet new ones.
TICKETS: Adults £11.95 • Children £7
For tickets, please email us (see below) or call Laura on 07802 600546.

SATURDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER THE HARVEST LUNCH

More details to follow very soon.
Ticketed event.

SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER GHOSTBUSTERS MEET & GREET

FREE
EVENT

Following the success of the Jurassic Park event last year, we have invited a Ghostbuster to the village with his Ghostbuster car.
Times TBC

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS SING-ALONG

We have had numerous requests for a non-denominational Christmas event, so that's what we are going to do! More details to follow later in the year.
Ticketed event.

ANY QUESTIONS OR IDEAS?

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