



# BRAMSHALL NEWS

## March 2024



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The clocks change on the last Sunday of March, moving forward by one hour. There may still be a chill in the air but this marks the beginning of British Summer Time (BST).

**The clocks go forward on 31 March at 1am .**

# BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The first meeting of 2024 was a presentation on the National Memorial Arboretum given by Keith Forster, who has worked as a volunteer steward at the Arboretum since 2012.

The Arboretum was purposely sited in the heart of the UK and contains 24,500 trees and 418 memorials. It was the brainchild of David Child, a retired Naval Officer, who pondered what the future of Remembrance might be in this country. His promotion of a National Memorial linked to an Arboretum was warmly received by the then Prime Minister, John Major, who launched an appeal for the project in 1994. A suitable site was found at Alrewas. This had previously been a quarry, but the ground was fine for trees and the Merchant Navy wood began to be planted. The first memorial, which arrived in 1998, was a Polar Bear made of wood – this being the symbol of the 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry, West Riding who apparently spent a lot of time in the Arctic during the Second World War. Work on the project moved quickly and the Arboretum opened to the public in 2001.

During his presentation, Keith took us round the most significant memorials and told numerous touching stories about visitors he had had the privilege to accompany and for whom the purpose of the Arboretum had been very significant. It was a most memorable evening.

For the March meeting, we are pleased to welcome back Robert Barlow. He will be presenting an evening giving advice on what to do to make the most of the shadier places in the garden. This will take place at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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.



## Church News

### Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

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### Services for March

3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	11.00am	Morning Prayer
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion on Mothering Sunday
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am	Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	11.00am	Family Communion (Palm Sunday)
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10.00am	Good Friday Devotions
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	11.00am	Easter Sunday Holy Communion

#### Sidespersons Rota:

3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Mrs S. Siegler
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs L Corbishley
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mr R. Jones
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Mrs C Postlethwaite
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Ms L. Leiter

#### Flower Rota:

Easter Flowers:  
Mrs SA Lander & Mrs B Gray

#### Refreshment Rota:

Mrs S A Lander & Mrs N Eyre

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**Cleaning Church for Easter** – If anyone has a spare moment on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March around 10am to help clean church this would be much appreciated. If you are limited on what you are able to do, just come along and enjoy a cuppa and chat as we do the work. It will spur us on. Offers of help please let SallyAnne know. Thank you.

#### Christmas Wreaths

Please be aware that all Christmas wreaths should have been removed from graves by the end of last month (Diocesan regulations state by the end of January, but we allow a certain amount of latitude with this and extend to the end of February). Any remaining beyond this date will be removed – please see the Churchyard Regulations on the noticeboard.

## Chantry Book Entries

The church holds a chantry book which is used to record and remember the names of loved ones departed. There have not been any requests for entries for some time now, but if you would like a name entering into the book, please contact Rev John. There is a fee of £5 per entry to reflect the time to undertake the calligraphy writing involved.

## Lent Lunches

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.** The ‘events ladies’ are hosting a Come Together Lunch in the Parish Hall 12.00 – 2.00pm. This includes soup, roll, tea/coffee and cake for £5. This is an open invitation to everyone, but to assist catering please email Sue ([sueneeld1949@gmail.com](mailto:sueneeld1949@gmail.com)) if you are going to attend.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.** Linda is hosting another of her renowned lunches at The Sycamores from 12.30pm. Again, please indicate if you are going attend – either by email ([linda.walmsley@bramshall.com](mailto:linda.walmsley@bramshall.com)) or adding your name to the list in church.

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## 100 Club Winners for January

1 <sup>st</sup>	Larry Siegler	No.90	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Carole Postlethwaite	No.192	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brenda Brookes	No.159	£20
4 <sup>th</sup>	Russell Heath	No.22	£15

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Jacobi Chorale** – will be performing ‘Bach’s cantata 4’ in Church on Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm. Free admission, but any donations will be split between choir and church. All welcome

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April** 7.30pm there will be an Organ Recital, courtesy of Dr Clive Tuck, following the complete refurbishment of this 1868 organ. Free admission but donations would be greatly appreciated.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** we shall be holding a special service to give thanks for the support given to the church to raise funds and carry out works on an inner door and our organ. We also delighted our congregation by purchasing comfortable new pew cushions. Everyone most welcome.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting** is to be held in Church on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm and those on our Electoral Roll are duly invited to attend.



## **Report from the Chairman of our Parish Hall – Mr Dan Hazlehurst.**

**Heating:** The Parish Hall is currently heated by 4 x 6kw electric fan heaters which were installed 20 odd years ago when the hall was constructed. Electricity costs now are around 10 x the rate they were then which has made the inefficient electric heating unsustainable from a cost point of view. We are replacing the existing electric heaters with a gas boiler which will provide both heating and hot water on demand. The hall currently has no gas main installed, however Cadent are installing a new gas main during March which will be taken from the existing gas supply at the end of Church Croft. We expect a cost of heating by gas to be around 25% of the current costs heating by electric which will reduce our winter fuel bills which are unsustainable at the current regular hirer rates.

**Lighting** – We have replaced the florescent strip lighting in the main hall with LED lighting which gives both a better light and reduces the electricity consumption by around 50%. This new lighting also required minimal maintenance which was difficult due to the height of the ceiling in the main hall. We have also recently received a £500 grant from ESBC for energy saving modifications. We will be using this money to upgrade the lighting to LED in the toilets and outside the Parish Hall.

**Parish Hall next meeting in Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.15pm** All parishioners are warmly invited as we all have a say in the running of this parish building.

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## DIGGING INTO THE PAST - 1952 (part 1)

### BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Combined Annual Vestry and Church meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 1952 at 7.30. There being a very good attendance. Apology was received from Mrs Goodwin. The Vicar, The Revd M C Clarke, presided and opened the meeting with prayers.

**Minutes** - The minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed.

**Churchwardens** - The Vicar asked the Churchwardens (Mr G Talbot and Mr E Whittaker) if they would kindly consent to serve again, thanking them for their loyal support and they consented to do so. This was seconded by Mr H Statham.

**Sidesmen** - It was proposed by Mr F Searle and seconded by Mrs Talbot the sidesmen be re-elected en bloc – carried.

**PCC** - It was proposed by Mr Statham seconded by Mr Lander the PCC be re-elected en bloc with the addition of Mrs H Talbot, Mr H Potter, Mr Ben Bloor, Mr R Whittaker, Mr Corbishley. A special note to be made that all PCC member's names must be on the Electoral Roll.

**Diocesan Conference** - It was proposed by Mrs Whittaker seconded by Mrs Dawson that Mrs G Talbot be asked to serve again – carried. Mrs Talbot consented to do so.

**Ruridecanal Rep.** - It was proposed by Mrs Talbot that Mrs Ward and Mrs E Whittaker be asked to serve again and this was seconded and they consented to do so.

**Joint Hon. Secretaries** - It was proposed by Mrs E Whittaker seconded by Mrs G Talbot that Mr D Torrance be asked to serve as the Joint Secretary on the resignation of Mr H Potter. Mr D Torrance accepting the office – carried.

**Accounts** - Mr J Sargeant presented the accounts which were very satisfactory and on the proposition of Mr H Statham seconded by Mr R Whittaker, they were adopted.

### BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A Parochial Church Council was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1952.

**Apologies** were received from Mr & Mrs H J Statham, Mr R Whittaker, Mr Lander, Mr Cart, Mr Searle and others. The Vicar (The Rev M C Clarke) presided and opened the meeting with prayers.

**Minutes**-minutes of the previous meeting held on April 17<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

**Mr Cowan** - The Vicar reported that he had obtained the services of Mr Cowan for August, so that he hoped Mr Dawes would be ordained and commence duty



on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Vicar said that if more money were coming in he would try to get another Deacon, but that the situation was very difficult.

**Diocesan Conference** - Mrs Talbot gave a report of the Diocesan Conference she attended on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Letter from the Bishop** - The Vicar read a letter from the Bishop as regards the plans for this year and 1953; that a committee had been appointed; and a synod of clergy had been summoned. He stated that the matter of finance, especially financial schemes directed towards enabling the clergy to keep alive and do their job. He said that a special session of the House of Laity would be held and that he hoped all members of PCC would attend. The Vicar spoke about the question of freewill offering envelopes; after a discussion, it was agreed to hold the matter over until the next meeting.

**Vestry Wall** - It was reported that the wall in the Vestry, also the church doors needed attention; it was agreed that Messrs Ward & Godbehere inspect and repair.

**Bank** - It was agreed to put some money now in the bank into the building society. There being no other business the Vicar closed the meeting with prayers. M C Clarke. Chairman



Another photograph courtesy of John Whittaker, depicting the Sunday School (circa 1958). The 3 teachers are B Hudson (by the notice board), G. Corbishley and K. Whittaker. If you are able to identify any of the children, please let us know.

## Lemon garlic chicken with coriander

4 skinless chicken breast,  
3 cloves garlic crushed finely,  
zest of 3 lemons and juice,  
1 red chilli, 4tbsp of clear honey,  
2 tbsp of ground coriander,  
salt and ground black pepper,  
handful of fresh coriander plus lemon wedges and roasted vine tomatoes.



Season chicken, mix with together with garlic, lemon juice and zest mix chilli, honey and ground coriander, turn chicken making sure it is covered with marinade in a non-metallic dish for 2-3 hours or overnight in fridge.

Preheat oven to 200c/400f and roast chicken in marinade for 35-40 mins until chicken is tender.

Place chicken when cooked onto warmed plates and garnish with sprigs of fresh coriander and roasted lemon wedges. Serve with roasted vine tomatoes and if liked vegetable couscous.

Enjoy. Penny

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