BRAMSHALL NEWS



Sunrise over Bramshall

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Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council are delighted to be able to announce a couple of changes to Bramshall Village. The first being that two speed indicator signs have been installed, the first one by Bramshall Inn(Butchers Arms) and the second on Stocks Lane. Both signs will remind drivers of the speed they are travelling and thank them if they are doing the correct speed and ask them to slow down, if necessary. Research shows that these visual reminders help to change driver behaviour and will complement the chicane that was installed a couple of years ago.

The second change is to the village entrance on Bennetts Lane, the land owner kindly allowed the Parish Council to install Gateways before the narrow bridge and to complement these, the railings have been painted white, by a few volunteers from the Village. This change is again a visual reminder to drivers they are entering a residential area and to drive accordingly. Later in the year a Bramshall village sign will be installed on the Gateway.

Finally, the Parish Council and local businesses continue to liaise with South Staffs Water about the timing and installation of the mains replacement and updates are always on the Parish Council website in the News area:







BRAMSHALL'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A FUN FAMILY DAY OUT!

Sunday 5th June 2022 at Bramshall Village Hall

TICKETS

Tickets are £1 each and include all entertainment, a commemorative Jubilee badge for every child and a commemorative Jubilee crown for every guest.

There are currently 120 tickets available based on the capacity of the Village Hall in the event of bad weather. If the weather is good, the event will be held in the car park and entry can be bought on the day. But please note that those buying entry on the day will need to bring their own tables and chairs due to limited availability.

Tickets are available from:

- Amanda Macbeth
 E: amanda.macbeth@yahoo.co.uk
 M: 07910 155851
- SallyAnne Lander
 E sallyannelander@gmail.com
 M:07817 391960

REFRESHMENTS

You are welcome to bring your own refreshments, but Sargeants will be selling their ever-popular hog roast at £3 per bap and there will also be cake and desserts on sale. Cake and pudding donations welcome – please bring them with you on the day!

ENTERTAINMENT

Ham Church service at St Lawrence's Church (not part of entry)

Ipm Welcome & hog roast available (get in quick as it's very popular!)

2pm Kids Karaoke – a chance for the children of the village to show the adults how it's done!

3.30pm Damien Griffiths, back by popular demand with his famous sing-alongs

6pm Joni Talks, a professional singer, actor & dancer from London's West End, will be singing songs from the 70 years of Her Majesty's reign

> 70 YEARS OF BRAMSHALL EXHIBITION St Lawrence's Church

Friday 3rd to Saturday 4th June

This event has been made possible by the kind support of the Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Vicar Revd John Lander

Services for May

1st May 11.00am Morning Prayer

8th May 11.00am Holy Communion

15th May 10.00am Holy Communion

22nd May 11.00am Family Communion

29th May 11.00am Family Praise

Sidespersons Rota: 1st May Mrs L Corbishley

8th May Mrs SA Lander 15th May Mr R Jones 22nd May Mrs G Lovatt 29th May Mrs A Harris

Flowers: Mrs SA Lander and Mrs P Hind

Refreshments: Mrs SA Lander and Mrs N Eyre



'Funday School' For May

Sunday 1st & 15th commencing at 11am. ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

For further info please contact Laura Hill on 07944910711

Annual Parochial Meetings

The annual meetings are scheduled for Monday 30th May, 7.00pm in church. All parishioners are welcome to attend the first of these meetings, and all electoral role members can remain for the following meeting.

From the Registers

Funeral:

Friday 11th March Thomas William Thornton WARD

Baptism:

Sunday 10th April Lydia May BIRD

Finlay James TURNER

Renewal of Marriage Vows:

Saturday 16th April Harold and Sylvia RICHARDSON

Interment of Ashes:

Saturday 9th April Barry GALLIMORE

Wednesday 13th April David John MARTIN (Snr)



Pictured above:

Finlay James Turner with parents Sally and Scott and big sister Norah.

MARCH 100 CLUB WINNERS

1^{st}	Penny Gilpin	No. 72	£30
2^{nd}	Helen Corbishley	No 115	£25
$3^{\rm rd}$	Linzi Hopkinson	No 119	£20
4^{th}	Paul Gascoigne	No 173	£15



Harold and Sylvia Richardson celebrated their 55th (Emerald) Wedding Anniversary on Friday 15th April, and on Saturday 16th April they marked this special occasion by renewing their marriage vows in front of family and friends in church.

VILLAGE TIDY UP & COFFEE MORNING UPDATE PLUS CAKE REQUEST!

SATURDAY 7th May at 9am

This is just a reminder about the Village Tidy Up which is fast-approaching and to let you know that we have decided to include a coffee morning which is **open to all, whether you are able to help or not.**

It's a great opportunity to help out with keeping our village looking great and to meet and catch up with neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. Talking of cake, any donations of cakes would be very gratefully received and can be brought to the Village Hall on the day.

Other jobs on the day will include among other things, weeding, planting, painting fences, clearing paths etc. Children are also welcome as Laura Hill has kindly agreed to run a creche for the event for those who might prefer to play rather than plant!

If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Macbeth at: amanda.macbeth@yahoo.co.uk or on 07910 155851.

Bramshall Spotlight on... Jodie Mountford

Hi - I'm Jodie Mountford and live on Mallens Croft. My husband is Ben and we've two children, Isla and Gracie. Isla was born in 2018 and Gracie was born in 2019, when it was time to go back to work the world went into lockdown. It was a hard juggle, but I needed an outlet too, and turned to triathlons. We bought a Wattbike and started to train in the garage regularly through all the lockdown madness - given we weren't allowed to do much else.



In 2020 I decided to start competing in triathlons... my first race I qualified to represent Great Britain in the Age Group team for the European Championships which are set to take place in Poland in May 2022. I absolutely loved every bit of racing and my coach told me to try for the World Championships too. So with 4 weeks notice I signed up and to my utter surprise I came first in my age group - I had trained leading up to this race so had learnt a lot more than my first and the progress made was incredible. Now I am hooked on the sport. The World Championships are to take place in Abu Dhabi in November 2022.

In addition to focusing on sport, I also took to children's book writing and illustrating. After a few conversations and offers with publishers, I am proud to say I am going to launch my first children's book this year.

It's a really busy and exciting time! None of it possible without the support of my friends and family - who are just incredible. You will likely see me on the bike or jogging, or 'getting the steps in' with my hubby around the village.



Bramshall Memories

Two lovely articles this month this month and our thanks to Ann and Penny for sharing these with us. If you have some memories please email them in so we can all share them.

1951-1960

Most of the village children went to Sunday School, including several of us from Loxley Bank passing on the way Mr and Mrs Powner's house at the side of the railway track which was terrifying if you happened to be standing in their living room when a large steam engine went past – it felt as if the whole house was shaking!



Bromshall Junction (now Loxley Lane) level crossing - photo courtesy of BarkingBill

When we reached the village there was sometimes a stop at Mrs Searle's shop – her front room with a counter in it actually! This shop was a gem for all the villagers as she sold all basic needs...soap powder, sugar, tea but, most importantly sweets! Not that we had more than a penny to spend. After careful choices we made our way to church by the path at the side of the shop.

Every year we had a Sunday School trip to the seaside, a different destination was chosen each year, a bus was arranged and all the mothers and children got on with large packs of sandwiches- most of which were devoured by the time we left the village.

As we got into our early teens we all joined the Youth Club which was held in the old village hall and run by Mr Stanley Lander assisted by Anne Sargeant. We all had a great time, boys came from Leigh village on push bikes and motor bikes. One year a bus was booked for several weeks to take us to Burton swimming baths to learn how to swim.

Several village teenagers, myself included, went potato picking every year at Statham's Farm , which is where the Strawberry Farm is now. I also remember a farmer in Church Lane having a peacock – something we had never seen before which seemed very exotic!

Ann Hollins (nee Bentley).

My recipe for this month isn't what you expected - I did warn you a few months ago about this - it is a memory I have to share with you all.



This time of year, when we see the little lambs in the fields with their mums, it is hard to imagine that within few months the lambs will look just like their mums. 60 years ago, when my parents were farming and I was working on the farm we would bring our ewes in from the field to our fold yard which was behind the farm kitchen. My father and I would take it in turns to stay up through the night and every hour check the ewes to see if any wanted assistance with giving birth to their lambs. Two lambs were great, but three lambs could be a problem as female sheep only have two teats which meant one lamb could be very weak. If this happened, we would bring the little weakling into the farm kitchen where we had a 4 oven Aga with an aga-matic attached to the side of the main oven and, in the corner next to oven, we made a lovely bed for the weak lambs to lie in. They would be given warm milk with a little drop of brandy in, wrapped in a blanket and put on the bed. If, however, a baby lamb was really weak we would open the warm oven door, put the lamb wrapped in its blanket inside - leave the oven door open and after a little sleep the lamb would wake up rejuvenated.

One Sunday morning my father popped his head through the back door and shouted to my mother who was in the kitchen, "What's for lunch today?" to which she replied, "Roast leg of lamb" which there was as we always had a roast lunch on Sundays. A little lamb which was sleeping in the open warm oven suddenly woke up - looked aghast and shot out of the oven bleating,

"Flipping heck- I am getting out of here!"

Penny

DIGGING INTO THE PAST

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on Thursday, April 12th 1934 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Present: Rev G C F Edwards MA – Curate presiding.

Mesdames Searle, Talbot, Miss Bentley,

Messrs: J Bentley, R. Whittaker Jnr (Wardens) H. Sneyd-Kynnersley, J C DeVille, R. Whittaker Snr, H. Statham, J. Adams, F. Searle and JH Lindop Secretary.

Before opening the meeting the Chairman apologised for the absence of the Vicar who was not well enough to be present. Mr DeVille immediately expressed the sympathy of the meeting with the Vicar and wished him a speedy recovery to his normal health.

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

On behalf of the Parishioners Mr J C DeVille again thanked the Vicar, for his kindness in giving his Easter offering to the needy of Bramshall. On behalf of the Vicar the Chairman wished to thank the Wardens and all Church workers during the year for their loyalty and zeal.

Election of Wardens - J H Lindop proposed and Mr J C DeVille being seconder that Messrs J Bentley and R. Whittaker Jnr be re-elected Church Wardens for the ensuing year. There being no other names suggest the proposition was unanimously carried. The Wardens thanked the meeting for their confidence.

Signed: W E Charlton 3/5/35

Best Kept Churchyard

Judging for the best kept churchyard competition will commence this month, and we appreciate everyone's efforts in helping to maintain the area looking so beautiful.

You may have noticed some roped off areas; one by the yew tree is to protect some old English bluebells, while a strip in the west area by the car park has recently been seeded with a special wild-flower meadow mixture. This may take a little while to become established, but we should see some insect attracting flowers this year.



Gratwich Church Fund Raiser Event

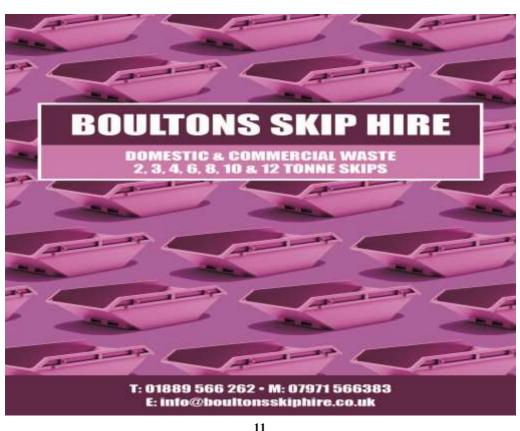
Come and join us for a Seasonal Flower Arranging Demonstration

Sally Edwards Kingstone Flowers In St. Mary's Church Gratwich at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May 2022

Tickets £10 available from 01889 502471 or 01889 500428

With a free glass of Prosecco and nibbles







FAMILY CHOCOLATE BINGO

On Friday 8th April we held our family chocolate bingo. This proved to be a popular event, especially with the youngsters – some of whom had never played bingo before. The evening saw 10 cards with everything to play for with prizes for both the first complete line and the 'full house' for each card. We will be holding a similar event, so look out for details soon.





Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall

The Annual General Meeting for the Parish Hall will be on Monday 23rd May starting at 7.00pm in St. Lawrence's Church. All parishioners are invited to attend as this is everyone's hall. Among other items we will be reviewing charges to cover the increased utility costs. The rate for hiring the hall has not been increased for many years and we think everybody will understand the need to review them this year.

Remember, the hall is a community facility and is run by volunteers. If you have an interest in what the hall can offer, or would like to be involved in its running, then come along to the AGM.

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 Harrison 01283-732248
Fitness	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Bramshall's Little Treasures	Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Laura Hill (07944910711)
Funday School	1st & 3rd Sundays only	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!



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