

BRAMSHALL NEWS



November 2023



Please send your stories, photos, and news

for the next edition of Bramshall News

Do send in your photos of Bramshall for our cover.

December publication deadline is Friday 24th November

To : bramshallnews@gmail.com

Thank you

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Beetle Drive

On **Saturday 11th November** there will be a family Beetle Drive starting at **6pm**.

Tickets will be available at a charge of £2 for adults £1 for children or £5 for family of 4 from John & SallyAnne- 9 Overcroft.

Anyone attending at the last minute will be welcome too, but it just helps on costings if we know a rough figure before the event – thank you.



Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall

For anybody wishing to book the village hall for a party or event please contact Dan or Trudy Hazlehurst for availability. Lots of availability for weekends at the moment.

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.

Email: bramshallvillagehall@yahoo.com

Trudy: 07717 305819

Dan: 07707 877727



Autumn Fayre

Saturday 18th November, 2-4pm
Bramshall Village Hall

To book a stall or donate a raffle
prize contact Carole Postlethwaite on
01889 563982 or postlethwaitec@aol.com

Cake donations welcome.
Please bring them on the day.



A GREAT
CHRISTMAS
SHOPPING
OPPORTUNITY

Church News

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

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

Services for November

5th November	11.00am	Holy Communion
12th November	10.55am	Holy Communion (Remembrance Sunday)
19th November	11.00am	Morning Prayer
26th November	11.00am	Family Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

5 th November	Mrs C Postlethwaite
12 th November	Mrs L Corbishley
19 th November	Miss L Leiter
26 th November	Mrs M Jones

Refreshments

Mrs SA Lander & Mrs S Kent

Flowers

Mrs G Grogan & Mrs B Gibbons

Diocese of Lichfield Best Kept Churchyard Competition

In spite of the incredible growing season for grass during the late spring and early summer months, the desire to continue with the 'No Mow May' initiative, and our limited opportunities to continue with improvements; we have once again been recognised with a **Gold Award** for our churchyard, and an acknowledgment of offering a **Nature Friendly** environment.

Thanks to everyone who has assisted in any way, and allowing us to receive such a prestigious award for the third year in succession.

From the Registers

Baptism

Sunday 22nd October

Hallie Rae READE



Pictured left is Hallie with parents Michael & Charlotte following her Baptism



Community Group

This will be on Thursday 2nd November around 10am in the Parish Hall area to continue to tackle small jobs together in the village before enjoying a cuppa. Do join us even if it's just for a chat.

September 100 Club Winners

1 st	Tom Postlethwaite	No. 26	£30
2 nd	Gill Grogan	No. 109	£25
3 rd	Andrew & Jane Brookes	No. 104	£20
4 th	Luke Jones	No. 185	£15

October 100 Club Winners

1 st	No 110	Helen Corbishley	£30
2 nd	No. 134	Carol Brayne	£25
3 rd	No. 198	Mary Bagnall	£20
4 th	No. 30	Robert & Carol Statham	£15

PCC Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the PCC is Monday 20th November
7pm in the church.

Inkjet Cartridges

Please continue to drop off your inkjet cartridges and help us continue to raise funds.

The inkjet cartridges the village kindly leave at church raised £43 in the first 6 months and we have recently received a further £36.60. All proceeds will be handed to Linda to help with the transportation costs.

Thank you Bramshall!

It would be fantastic if Bramshall could concentrate on getting items to go in shoeboxes this year – you do not have to do a complete shoebox you can just get items when you are shopping.

The Bramshall Memorial Poppy Field 2023

Following the success of the 2022 Memorial Poppy Field, we will be reinstalling the poppies this year along with hundreds more that villagers have been busy making. We would like to invite you to join us for two events to celebrate this special installation.

Memorial Poppy Sale & Coffee Morning

Saturday 4th November, 10am-12 noon

Bramshall Village Hall

Purchase a poppy in memory of a loved one or just come to enjoy a coffee and a piece of cake with neighbours. Poppies are £2 each

Purple Poppies in memory of animals lost during warfare

A new addition to this year's poppy field, purple poppies will also be for sale in memory of pets lost but never forgotten.

Remembrance Sunday Period of Reflection

Sunday 12th November, 10.45am

Bramshall Memorial Poppy Field



Bramshall & District Gardening Club

The first meeting of the season featured a ‘Gardener’s Question Time’ event at which Mick Eyre successfully answered a tremendous range of questions on gardening posed by the audience. Mick trained at Rodbaston and he spent 31 years with the Parks Department of Stoke on Trent City Council, being responsible for all the parks at the southern end of the city. He won a gold medal at the Royal Horticultural Society show at Tatton Park and, although now retired, his work can be seen around Uttoxeter, for instance at the Railway Station, Community Centre and Cemetery.

His main recommendation of the evening was to pay more attention to feeding and mulching, particularly for perennial beds in autumn and roses after the flowering season. Interestingly, he advised against using any artificial fertilisers with Polyanthus and to be very restrictive with water when over-wintering Pelargoniums.

His advice on when to prune was very simple – prune straight after the plant has flowered, as this will ensure that next year’s flower-bearing growth is largely retained. He advocated leaving the flower heads on Hydrangea as they look very attractive when they die off.

The next meeting will be on Monday 27th November at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall when David Moreton will present an evening on The Oaktree Farm Project which has successfully given worthwhile opportunities in life to many people. Annual membership is £15 and presentation of the membership card at the Strawberry Garden Centre gives 10% discount to members on purchases of non-discounted items totalling over £10.

Children’s Society Boxes

To all who have Children’s Society boxes please note after the Christingle Service in December Carole Postlethwaite has asked for these boxes to be returned, please, so that the proceeds can be forwarded to this worthwhile charity.

Anyone wishing to have a collection box for their odd change please do get in touch with her. If anyone would like to just drop their odd coins into a box, there is one in church.

Mini Christmas tree Festival!

St Lawrence Church, Bramshall

Dates of festival – 10th December – 17th December, 2023

A festival of mini-Christmas trees in the church !

Come and join us for what will be a first for St Lawrence Church Bramshall!

An opportunity for local businesses and organisations, groups, and families to enter a competition for the best dressed tree, and to decorate a tree and be in with the chance of winning a trophy!

Trees will be judged by the local community with visitors to the church selecting their favorite tree by depositing a counter in a jar placed in front of each tree. At the end of the festival, the contents of the jars will then be counted. The winning entry will receive a trophy.

Trees will be provided for those wishing to sponsor a tree and enter the competition at a cost of £30 per tree. The trees will be 80cm rooted and potted sustainable trees. They would be delivered (to the Church) the first week in December and a date and time can be arranged for collection from church prior to the event.

The decorated tree should be available for display and in position in church by Saturday 9th December in readiness for viewing Sunday 10th. Trees remain in Church until Monday 18th when they can be collected and re used or planted.

Entrants must provide their own battery lights with timers (so automatically turn on and off) and their own decorations to represent their business, group or family. Decorations can be as fun and creative as they like. Flyers and business cards welcomed.

We are limited on space so there will be a restriction on the number of trees available.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact:

sallyannelander@gmail.com or revjsl@btinternet.com or phone 01889565228 for an entry form and further details.





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Penny's Recipe of the Month

Yorkshire Puddings

How many people make Yorkshire Pudding these days ? Probably not that many when you can go to supermarket and buy Aunt Bessie's which are very good. However being born and raised in Yorkshire several years ago I was shown how to make them by my mother and in the 1950s we were very fortunate to have a solid fuel 4 oven Aga.

Ingredients.

3oz plain flour,

1 egg,

3oz milk,

2oz of water,

salt and pepper,

2oz fat for roasting tin.



To make the batter sift the flour into a bowl, when sifting the flour hold the sieve fairly high above the bowl so that the flour gets fresh air this is a good idea as it gets air into flour and this makes the Yorkshire puddings lighter - which is how they should be when cooked.

Break an egg into the flour and beat gradually adding the milk and water plus seasoning.

15 minutes before the beef comes out of the oven increase the heat to 220deg put into the oven your Yorkshire pudding batter tin and add fat.

After 15mins remove beef and leave to cool , then take out the Yorkshire pudding tin make the sure the fat has melted and is sizzling pour in the batter.

Cook in oven for 15- 20mins. Try not to open oven door whilst pudding is cooking as doing so will flatten the pudding. Enjoy.

Penny



Bramshall Seed Bank

Bramshall village seed bank is located in the old Telephone box. Please help yourselves and feel free to replace and share your own seeds for someone else to use. Envelopes provided, please label your seeds and check they are still in date.

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Closing date for contributions was the end of October.
If you still have items please contact Linda immediately.

Contributions towards postage are also gratefully received.
Should you kindly wish to donate I can be contacted at:
The Sycamores, Church Lane
Tel 07711338881 or
email linda.walsmsley@bramshall.com
Thank You.



Who gets the shoeboxes?

Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. Our aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children. Please be a part of this ongoing story that is continuing to impact and change lives by donating a shoebox to this year's appeal.

Where do the shoeboxes go?

This year the shoeboxes will be heading to the Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Romania.

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BRAMSHALL LITTLE TREASURES

The Toddler group is on Fridays, 9.30 – 11.30am.

Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome – further details from SallyAnne ([Tel:565228](tel:565228)).

The charge for the session will be £2.50 which includes tea and coffee for adults and a drink and toast for the little ones.



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to register your interest or to
arrange a visit.



AED Donate

It has been requested to remind everyone that appropriate donations for the collection bin on The Parish Hall Car Park should be **only clothes or paired shoes**. Please assist by placing items in a tied bag. This allows the bin to be emptied more efficiently. Thank you.

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A meeting of the Bramshall Church Council meeting was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday 1st June 1949 at 7.30pm.

Present: Mesdames: A Dawson, G Middleton, F Searle, G Talbot, E Goodwin,
A Cart, G. McCann

Messrs: R & E Whittaker, J Sargeant, F Searle, D Steel, G Talbot,
S Lander, H Statham, J Adams, T Ward, A A Cart,
Revd R J Taylor

Apologies were received from Mrs Arnett, Mrs Ward and Mrs Statham

The Vicar, Revd M C Clarke, presiding and opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes - The Minutes of the previous PCC meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers

Vice-Chairman – F Searle (prop. H Statham and sec. R Whittaker)

Joint Secretaries – Mr J W Sargeant/Mr H Potter – (prop H Statham sec. J Adams)

Auditor – Mr H Statham (prop. The Vicar sec. Mr G Talbot)

Letter from Revd R P Powell - A letter from the Revd R P Powell was read expressing his apology with regards to donations amounting to £5 he had received and had through oversight omitted to buy a Pulpit light, for which the donations had been received. The Secretary was instructed to write and thank him and assure him that the Council fully understood the circumstances. The question of whether the donations received could be put to a better use than a Pulpit light was raised, and it was decided to leave it to the Vicar to obtain particulars to buy Altar Linen.

Replacement of Commandments - The question of replacing the Commandments was again brought up and the Vicar informed the Council that he and the Churchwardens had seen the Archdeacon and was told that there was no law valid and therefore under no obligation to replace them, and he proposed that they should not be replaced. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Setting of Trees in Churchyard - Mr Torrance's letter of suggestion of planting trees in the churchyard was read again, and it was proposed by Mr Sargeant seconded by Mr E Whittaker that the Council accept his kind offer – carried. It was agreed that the Vicar and the Churchwardens meet Mr Torrance to make the necessary arrangements. It will be noticed that Mr W Torrance had kindly offered to give a tree and the question of meeting the expense of the remainder was soon

overcome by councillors offering to give further trees, but as no one knew the exact cost of a particular tree it was decided to purchase the trees and proportion the account amongst the subscribers.

The following offered to subscribe: H Statham, T Ward, A Cart, G Talbot, H Potter, The Vicar, E Whittaker, F Searle, J Sargeant, R Whittaker, S Lander, Revd Taylor, Mrs G McCann, Mrs A Dawson and Mrs J Ward. Collected £16.2.4 paid to Bank.

Leave Church Door Unlocked - The question of leaving the Church door unlocked was raised by the Revd Taylor and it was decided to ask Mrs Corbishley if she would kindly consent to be responsible for holding the key for anyone wishing to use the church.

Donation for British & Foreign Bible Society - The Vicar asked for a donation, and it was proposed by Mr E Whittaker that £1 be given this was seconded by Mr S Lander – carried.

Sunday School - The annual subscription towards the Sunday School outing was raised by Revd R J Taylor and it was decided to give £7 on the proposition of Mr R Whittaker seconded by Mr S Lander.

There being no other business the Vicar closed the meeting with prayers.

M C Clarke

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A meeting of the Bramshall PCC was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday Oct 11 1949 at 7.45pm.

Present: Mesdames: G. Talbot, H Statham, A Dawson and A. Cart.
Messrs: H & J Statham, R & E Whittaker, J Sargeant, S Lander,
F Searle, T Ward, AA Cart, D Ward, G Talbot, J Adams,
Revd R J Taylor

Apologies were received from Mrs Searle and Mrs Ward

The Vicar, Revd M C Clarke, presiding and opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes - The Minutes of the previous PCC meeting were read and the Revd R J Taylor stated that the minute regarding opening of the Church door was not correct and asked that it be altered. This being done they were approved, and the Vicar signed the minutes.

Arising out of the Minutes - It was proposed by Mr H Statham seconded by Mr E Whittaker that £5.10/- be spent on Fair Linen.

Trees - Mr Torrance had informed the Vicar that the trees for the churchyard would cost approximately 10/6 each and this was approved.

Harvest Collections - The amount of the Harvest collections amounted to £12.2.10 and it was proposed by Mr H Statham seconded by Mr E Whittaker that £5 be given to the R A B I and a further proposed by Mr H Statham seconded by Mrs Talbot that £1.17.2 be added to the Harvest collections to enable to send £4 each to the Mission to Seamen and S P G. – This was approved.

School of Prayer - The Vicar announced that a School of Prayer had been arranged in the Parish Church and he hoped that Bramshall parishioners would attend.

Holy Communion - The Revd Taylor asked if a Holy Communion service could be held on “All Saints Day” but no decision was definitely arrived at.

Social - The question of whether a social could be arranged was discussed and it was decided to leave the arrangements to Mr Taylor.

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	Sylvia 566378
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Sewing Club	2 nd 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	SallyAnne Lander (565228)

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