

# BRAMSHALL NEWS



*'In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy.'*

W Blake

## September 2022

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

## **October publication deadline is Friday 23rd September**

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### *September*

September always seems like a new start of sorts, new school years starting , some with school changes or first days away, students off to start at colleges and universities . Every where there are ways to equip yourself for this new start. It's a new page waiting to be written on—probably a good time to revisit those New Year's resolutions...

This happens in the last third of the year when ,traditionally, we are gathering up the harvest and preparing for winter. The name September comes from the Roman word Septem which means seven as it was their seventh month. They believed September was nurtured by Vulcan , god of fire and forge.

September's flower is the aster which can be any of a range of colours from white to red to pink, purple or yellow. Star shaped they were named after the Greek word for star and the god Astraea who cried because there were not enough stars in the sky ... as her tears hit the ground they turned to asters. Also known as Michaelmas daisies because of their flowering time the first one to enter England probably came in 1633 brought back by botanist John Tradescant the younger.



Abbots Bromley celebrates in September with their Horn Dance , a ritual custom from 1226, where the Horn Dancers – 6 Deermen, a Fool, a Hobby Horse, Bowman, and Maid Marian perform their dance at locations round and through the village starting at St Nicholas Church with a blessing.

### Quick September Quiz.

- 1.On which day in September does the Horn Dance take place this year?
  - 2.Which famous monarch was born on 7<sup>th</sup> September 1533?
  - 3.What went on sale for the first time on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1955?
  - 4.What raged through London destroying houses and churches from 2<sup>nd</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> September 1666?
  - 5.Which planet in the solar system was first observed on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> , 1846?
- Answers on P 17

# BRAMSHALL EVENTS *presents*

## **SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER FAMILY FUN MORNING**

10am-12 noon

An exciting date for your diary, full of fun activities ahead of going back to school.

**Free entry**

## **SATURDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER CHEESE & WINE EVENING IN AID OF THE BRAINS TRUST**

7pm-9pm

This will be a fun fundraising evening for a great cause. Could you correctly guess 12 different wines and 8 cheeses? If so, join us to be in with a chance to take home a special prize while raising money for a very important charity.

**Tickets: £25 per person**

## **SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER THE HARVEST LUNCH**

The lunch immediately follows the Harvest Church service and is open to everyone.

If you would like to join, please speak to SallyAnne (565228) before 20th September.

Ticket price includes a sherry reception, roast lunch and sweet, with wine/soft drinks.

**Tickets: £20 per person**

## **SATURDAY 22ND OCTOBER JUBILEE DANCE & BUFFET**

This belated Jubilee Buffet Dance is a chance to get your glad rags on and enjoy a fantastic buffet followed by dancing with music provided by Dave Dee Disco. (Please bring your own drinks and glasses).

**Tickets available soon**

## **SATURDAY 29TH OCTOBER OCTOBER COFFEE MORNING**

10am-12 noon in the Village Hall

**A free event which includes:**

### **GHOSTBUSTERS MEET & GREET**

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

### **MEMORIAL POPPY SALE**

We will be creating a memorial poppy field in the village from poppies hand-made from recycled materials. You will be able to make a donation to have a poppy in memory of a loved one.

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFTING**

Help us create decorations for our village Christmas tree.

### **LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS & REFRESHMENTS**

## **SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AUTUMN FAIR**

More details nearer the time.

**Free entry.**

## **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?**

Please feel free to email us at [bramshallevents@outlook.com](mailto:bramshallevents@outlook.com) or call **07910 155851**

# Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes  
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall  
Local Vicar Revd John Lander  
revjls@btinternet.com  
tel: 565228 or mob: 07706 058689

## Services for September

4th September	11.00am	Morning Worship
11th September	11.00am	Holy Communion
18th September	10.00am	Holy Communion
25th September	11.00am	Family Communion Harvest Thanksgiving

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<b>Sidespersons Rota:</b>	4th September	Mrs L Corbishley
	11th September	Mrs C Postlethwaite
	18th September	Mrs SA Lander
	25th September	Mrs M Jones

**Flowers:** Mrs S Kent and Mrs K Brookes  
**Refreshments:** Mrs SA Lander



Junior Church will recommence on Sunday 18th Sept.  
10.30am in the Parish Hall.  
For further info please contact Laura Hill on  
07944910711

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Congratulations to  
David & Margaret Sargeant who celebrated their Golden  
Wedding Anniversary on 5<sup>th</sup> August.

## From the Registers

### Baptism :

Sunday 7th August

Aletheia May GREEN

### Funeral:

Wednesday 17th August

George Edward BROOKES



Revd John baptising Aletheia assisted by SallyAnne, with Mum Lydia & Dad Kevin looking on.

Congratulations to Peter and Sandra Kent, pictured right, whose Golden Wedding Anniversary was celebrated with cake and fizz following the morning service in church, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug.



### Harvest Lunch

Following the Harvest service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a harvest lunch in the Parish Hall – cost £20 per person (including a sherry reception and glass of wine). All parishioners are warmly welcome to join in the celebration. For tickets please contact SallyAnne (565228 or email: [Sallyannelander@gmail.com](mailto:Sallyannelander@gmail.com)) before Tuesday 20th September.





## Penny's Recipe of the Month

### Salad of boiled potatoes, avocado, and cress

1 large avocado (ripe ),  
700g of scrubbed new potatoes  
3 packs of cress (washed).  
Olive oil, juice of 1-2 lemons,  
salt and freshly ground pepper



Cook new potatoes in salted boiling water until tender then drain.  
Slice the avocado in half and remove the stone then slice into thick chunks and place in a bowl.  
Slice any big potatoes in half otherwise leave them whole and add to the bowl.  
Throw in the cress and add a couple of lugs of olive oil, lemon juice, then season to taste. Put on a large plate and scatter any remaining cress.  
This is great with cold chicken or any other cold meats.  
Enjoy while summer is here! Penny

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## Jubilee

## Buffet & Dance

In celebration of the centenary of the founding of the original Parish Hall, the 25th anniversary of the current building, and as a finale to the year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are holding a buffet and dance on Saturday 22nd October at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Dave Dee Disco is providing the music, and Woodland Catering will be preparing the buffet - this is a winning combination. Tickets priced £30 will be available from SallyAnne or John (tel: 01889 565228). Do remember to bring your own drinks and glasses as there will be no bar facility. Let's get ready to party!!

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**Saturday 3rd  
September  
10am-12 noon**

**Free  
entry!**

# FAMILY FUN MORNING

**BRAMSHALL  
VILLAGE  
HALL**

Meet a llama Have your face painted  
Meet Jade the Dinosaur Have your  
picture taken with a tractor Play  
some games Enjoy a delicious bacon  
buttie Have a go at table tennis  
Pick up a yummy brownie  
**PLUS LOADS MORE!**

## DIGGING INTO THE PAST - 1938

### **BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING**

The Annual Vestry Meeting was held on April 20<sup>th</sup> 1938 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Before opening the meeting the Vicar satisfied himself that all had signed the Electoral Roll.

Present: Rev W E Charlton BA in the chair,  
Rev. A G Prime- Curate  
Mr H Statham – Vice Chairman  
Mr J H Lindop – Vicars Warden, Mr F. Searle – People's Warden  
Mesdames: Statham, Bayley, Talbot, Durose (Caverswall)  
Miss Statham & Miss Sargeant.  
Messrs: Talbot, Sargeant, Durose, Statham, Steele, Adams,  
T Eden, Potter, Cotton and the Wardens.

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

**Wardens:** The Vicar expressed his gratitude to the Wardens. All others who had given their services in any way during the year and congratulated them on the cleanliness of the Church, also pleased with the attendance and the happy atmosphere at Bramshall Church.

The Vicar nominated Mr Searle his Warden and Mr Lindop proposed Mr J C DeVile as the Peoples Warden, seconded by Mr Adams.

This concluded the Vestry meeting.

W E Charlton 13/4/39

### **BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING**

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting was held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1938 in the Parish Hall immediately after the Vestry and the same people were present.

#### **Church Council:**

Mr J H Statham	Vice Chairman
Mesdames:	Lindop, Statham, DeVile, Searle, Bailey, Talbot
Messrs:	R Whittaker, E. Whittaker, G Martin, J H Statham, Potter, Adams, Steele, J Sargeant, T Eden, Durose of Caverswall, Talbot, R Statham, E J Brown



**Auditor:** Mr R. Whittaker Jnr was duly elected  
**Secretary:** Proposed by Mr J C DeVille and seconded by Mr Statham that Mr Lindop be Secretary.  
**Sidesmen:** Messrs: G Martin, J H Lindop, R Whittaker, J Sargeant, E Whittaker, J Steele,  
J H Statham, B. Blore, H Durose (Caverswall), R Statham, J Colton (Caverswall) J Ward, T Fradley  
**Ruridecanal:** Mrs Lindop was appointed representative to the Ruridecanal conference – failing Mrs Lindop, Mrs Talbot kindly consented.

**Accounts:** The accounts for the past year were presented showing a balance in hand of £35.16.7 after discussing various items it was considered very satisfactory. Mr Searle proposed, and Mr Durose seconded that the accounts be adopted.

**Heating:** It was unanimously agreed and accepted by Mr Adams that he would do the heating of the Church and his usual work such as mowing the grass, cutting the hedges etc for seven pounds ten shillings per annum.

**Sunday School:** The Sunday School was again granted five pounds from the church funds for the children's outing.

There being no other business the meeting closed with prayer.

W E Charlton                      13/4/39

### Harvest Donations

Many people are finding it increasingly more difficult to afford sufficient food for their families. In support of the Uttoxeter Food Bank, the church will remain open each weekend to receive gifts for Harvest. Contributions of packet or tinned items will be gratefully received, and all donations will be taken to the food bank after the service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>.



## Bramshall Spotlight on... David Howell

Another fascinating story from a Bramshall resident ...

In September this year, David will be publishing his first book entitled - “Speak Up, Listen Down”

After serving for 30 years in Staffordshire Police, David decided to put pen to paper and log the ups and downs of his amazing career. It was literally “ups and downs” as David spent 18 fascinating years working within police air support, initially managing the Central Counties Air Operations Unit at Halfpenny Green Airport. This was the consortium helicopter unit serving both Staffordshire Police and West Mercia Police. Whilst managing and being the training officer at the unit he was fortunate in 2008 to travel to Jamaica to train their military and police in helicopter operations. Following the tragic police helicopter crash in Glasgow in 2013, which crashed onto the Clutha Pub, David was asked to organise a team and helicopter to travel to Scotland to support their police service in their hour of need. Being the first police officer in the UK to have been authorised by the Civil Aviation Authority to train Crew Resource Management, his training skills were sort after across the whole country - allowing David to visit and train police officers and pilots.



After his unit at Halfpenny Green was sadly closed in 2016, following three years working with the newly formed National Police Air Service, David moved to London to manage the UK's largest air base the world renowned Lippitts Hill. Some of his experiences there included flying with Presidents Obama's aerial security detail in 2016, attending the terrorist attack on Westminster Bridge in 2017 and dealing with the tragic fire at Grenfell Tower as well as policing Notting Hill Carnival.



Unfortunately, during the latter years of his career within air support, David experienced bullying in the workplace. This negative experience took its toll both mentally and physically, leaving a profound impact on David's experiences within policing.

The book seeks to unravel and reflect upon the spectrum of those remarkable experiences, from walking the streets of Stoke-on-Trent to flying with President Obama. A totally unique career that will never ever be replicated again but one that was very much focused on the very building block of any organisation - people. Specifically, the individual and what innate talents they have to offer whilst safely coping and dealing with the complexity of their specific role.

Why people seek to bully others and why people are themselves bullied within the workplace is also explained, based around his own very personal experiences and having obtained a deeper personal insight via psychometrics.

After leaving air support in 2019, David entered the world of change management, teamwork and leadership training utilising his people training skills whilst employing ground-breaking psychometrics. Those 30 years of policing experience are now aiding businesses and organisations better understand their people - highlighting who is suffering from burn out and in need of much needed support.

Watch out for a future date at Bramshall Village Hall when David will be providing a photographic history of his police career and will include an interactive question and answer session.

If you want to know more, or aspects of his story have resonated with you, you can contact David at:

[David.howell@ableandrush.com](mailto:David.howell@ableandrush.com)



## Bramshall & District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club recommences with a new season of meetings starting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, at which BBC radio presenter/broadcaster Darren Rudge will be presenting his talk 'Low Maintenance Gardening'. Darren (also known as 'the laughing gardener') has enjoyed over 15 years offering tips and advice on the radio, and over 30 years of experience in garden design and understands the importance of a garden as a place to relax and entertain. We look forward to welcoming Darren, and learning how to cut down the workload for our gardens.

Membership will be £15 for the year 2022-2023 (which entitles members to the usual 10% discount at The Strawberry Garden Centre – thanks to Russell Heath).

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### AUTUMN LEAVES

The leaves are falling early this year following the heat waves – perhaps if youngsters fancy filling a bucket or two and putting in your brown bins that would be really helpful – thank you.



### Super Sunflowers!

Sunflower seedlings were given to Junior Church children to see who could grow the largest. The honour goes to Braxton Edmonston, who is pictured here with his magnificent plant.

Well done, Braxton!



## Smile: A Poem by Spike Milligan

Smiling is infectious,  
you catch it like the flu,  
When someone smiled at me today,  
I started smiling too.

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw my grin.  
When he smiled I realized  
I'd passed it on to him.

I thought about that smile,  
then I realized its worth.  
A single smile, just like mine  
could travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin,  
don't leave it undetected.  
Let's start an epidemic quick,  
and get the world infected!



Thanks to Dick Jones for sharing this poem—if you have a poem you would like to share please send it in!

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I have a brand-new set of genuine Canon 551XL printer ink cartridges (Black, Cyan, Yellow & Magenta).

If anyone would like these, please contact Rev John on 07706 058689 to arrange collection.

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### PARISH HALL FENCE

Parents, please note that in May the Village Tidy up gang repaired the holes in the parish hall fence and painted it. We now find missing slats and holes appearing! Can we encourage them to not make short cuts through the fence please?





## **STAFFORDSHIRE FAMILY**

### **HANDS OVER COMPANY TO EMPLOYEES**

On the 1st of July, Pym and Wildsmith went from a family-owned business to a 100% Employee-Owned business, making them pioneers of going 'Employee Owned' in the region.

Founded in 1979 by Stephen Pym and Tony Wildsmith, Pym and Wildsmith has established itself as a leading metal finishing business in the Midlands.

The change in ownership will have a positive impact on the Bramshall-based firm, with the leadership of the business continuing to be supported by both Sarah Pym-Eaton and Ian Pym who will remain as directors. The business has chosen to have Indirect employee ownership in which 100% of the shares are held collectively on behalf of employees through an employee ownership trust.

The Founders believe employee ownership offers the best opportunities to uphold the legacy and values of the company, whilst enhancing job security and employee engagement. EO also allows employees to look at the bigger picture rather than just focusing on their own role in the business. They said: "As a Family, we have committed our lives to this Company. Now we want to see it continue to provide for our employee's families, for generations to come."

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## **NOAH & THE BRAINS TRUST**

Two-year-old Noah lives in Tean and is being treated for a dysembryoplastic neuroepithelial tumour (DNET). This is a low grade tumour that causes epilepsy but which also endangered his vision. Thankfully Noah is currently doing well. His parents have set up a fund in his name to support The Brains Trust and the profits of this event will be donated to this important charity.

The Brains Trust ([brainstrust.org.uk](http://brainstrust.org.uk)) provides personalised support for those living with brain tumours as well as those who are caring for or know someone who has one.

## Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall

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 ( <a href="mailto:Colclough_italy@yahoo.co.uk">Colclough_italy@yahoo.co.uk</a> )
Sewing Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harris 01283-732248
Lift Lean Resistance Training	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Funday School	1st & 3rd Sundays only	11.00 - 12.00pm	Laura Hill (07944910711)

### **Just to remind you of the new rates for hiring the hall are:**

Regular Hirers: £15/hr. Village Hirers: £20/hr.

Non Village Hirers: £25/hr

Evening Hire: Villagers: £100 (5-6 hrs) 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.

Booking Secretary Geoff Gamble may be contacted via mobile 07940 326463 please do not call after 7.30pm, thank you.



## The Bramshall Young Photographers Competition

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The closing date for the Young Photographer Competition is Saturday 3rd September. Please see August edition for details and rules, or visit the Bramshall Village Community Facebook page.

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We are delighted that the Bramshall Meadows First School is opening this month, and we wish every success to all involved, along with much joy, happiness and blessings to staff, pupils, and parents.

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### Quiz answers:

1. Monday 12th September.
  2. Queen Elizabeth I.
  3. Bird's Eye fish fingers
  4. The Great Fire of London
  5. Neptune
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*We look forward to hearing from you.*