## BRAMSHALL NEWS September 2023



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#### **SPEEDERS!**

During one afternoon walk along the main road round the corner to Church Lane I had three near misses! This was quite a frightening experience! What if it had been a Mum pushing a pram - it scares you to think. The Speedwatch Team does sessions on the main road but still motorists take little notice of the speed they are doing and the flashing red sign is ignored!! Nine times out of ten it reads in excess of 40mph.

(A concerned parishioner)



Thanks to Ian & Sharon of Overcroft for sharing these wonderful family photographs of recent special occasions. Above and below the wedding of Sharon's daughter Sarah Ede and Sam Dale at Waterfall Gardens Malta in front of 53 family and friends. While pictured right is her son Second Lieutenant Jack George Anderson commissioned from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst into the Army Air Corps.





## **Church News**

### Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall Vicar Revd John Lander revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

## **Services for September**

3rd Sept	11.00am	Morning Prayer
10th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion
17th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion
24th Sept	11.00am	Family Communion (Harvest)

Sidespersons Rota:		Refreshments will not be served	
3rd Sept	Mrs S Siegler	after the fourth Sunday Service as we are having our Harvest Lunch.	
10th Sept	Mrs L Corbishley		
17th Sept	Mrs C Postlethwaite	Flowers	
24th Sept	Mrs A Harris	Mrs P Hind & Mrs L Corbishley	

## Harvest Lunch

Following the service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a Harvest Lunch in the Parish Hall – cost £20 per person (including a sherry reception at approx. 12.15pm). All parishioners are warmly welcome to join in the celebration. For tickets please contact SallyAnne (565228 or email: Sallyannelander@gmail.com) before Wednesday 20th September.

Pat from Woodland Catering will be preparing Roast Beef followed by a choice of puddings.

#### From the Registers

**Baptism**:

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

Heidi Grace ROBERTS



Pictured left is Heidi with parents Emily & Harry and big sister Francesca following her Christening.

#### **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 24<sup>th</sup>.





#### **Projects Update**

While the church organ is away for refurbishment, we are using an electronic organ to accompany singing during our regular services. Sandra Kent has used her flower arranging skills to create a more appealing feel to the open area generated by the pipe organ removal.

#### **Community Spirited?**

We are hoping to arrange a fortnightly/monthly meeting to chat and action clearing up areas around the village starting with the grassed areas around the children's play park/parish hall?? If you can help, please come prepared with a few garden tools and we will see how it goes?! Suggest we meet at **10am Thursday** 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – even if it rains as we can always have a cuppa.



## Bramshall & District Gardening Club

The Bramshall Gardening Club will begin a new season on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall. We are pleased to be holding our own version of Gardener's Question Time as we welcome local gardening expert Mick Eyre who will answer questions about gardening put to him by the audience.

Mick trained as a horticulturalist at Reaseheath and Rodbaston Colleges and he is a member of the Royal Chartered Institute of Horticulture. He spent 31 years with the Parks Department of Stoke on Trent City Council and was responsible for all the parks at the southern end of the city.

Mick has won numerous medals during his time at the Parks Department, including gold and best garden at the Royal Horticultural Society Show at Tatton Park. He has also won many awards (including gold medal) through Uttoxeter in Bloom and last year he received a gold medal from the RHS for outstanding individual achievement in recognition of all his local community work. If you have a question on gardening which you would like Mick to answer at the meeting, then please e-mail it to revjsl@btinternet.com. Otherwise, please bring it along to the meeting.

Other events planned for the 2023-2024 season include ways of getting more colour in your garden during Winter, dealing with shadier parts of the garden and a practical session on Hanging Baskets. Also in the programme are: finding out about life on a narrowboat, the inspiring Oaktree farm project and the National Arboretum.

Membership will remain at £15 for the year and we are very grateful to Adam Burton of the Strawberry Garden Centre who is offering 10% discount to members on purchases over £10 (non-discounted items). In order to receive this discount, please show your Membership card at the check-out.



## Penny's Recipe of the Month

## Pasta cream bean dream.

11oz Spaghetti,
11oz fresh runner beans, sliced on a diagonal,
1tbls olive oil,
1 onion sliced,
6 rashers streaky bacon cut into strips,
7oz creme fraiche,
3tbls vegetable stock,
1 Little gem lettuce finely cut,
salt and pepper,
freshly grated parmesan to serve.



Cook spaghetti in a pan of boiling salted water until tender adding the runner beans for the last four mins of cooking time. Meanwhile heat the oil in a frying pan and cook the onion and bacon for 5mins until nicely browned. Stir in creme fraiche and stock and simmer gently for a minute without boiling. Drain the spaghetti and beans and put back into pan, stir in the creme fraiche sauce and shredded lettuce season to taste. transfer to plates and sprinkle with the parmesan and black pepper.

It is a joy to go out into the garden and pick my own fresh runner beans, as I grow them every year and are far nicer than any bought beans.

I hope you enjoy	Penny
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#### **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**, and please assist by placing items in a tied bag. This allows the bin to be emptied more efficiently. Thank you.

## **TELEPHONE KIOSK**

Please note this is a book library, and Catherine & Penny would appreciate that no toys are left there. Thank you.

## **Digging Into The Past - 1948 part 2**

## BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A meeting of the Bramshall Parochial Church Council was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday April 28th 1948 at 7.30pm

Present: Mesdames: W Goodwin, F Searle, A Dawson, G Boyd, E Whittaker, G Talbot, H Statham. Messrs: D Ward, D Steele, T Ward, J Statham, J Sargeant, J Adams, E Whittaker, G Talbot, F Searle, S Lander, Revd R J Taylor.

Apologies were received from Mr A Cart and Mr H Statham.

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayers.

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

Arising out of Minutes - The Vicar said how pleased they all must be now that the work on the church was finished and were now able to have the services again, and that the services in the Parish Hall had been well attended during the re-decoration of the church.

Memorial Tablet - The Memorial table to the late Mr W J Goodwin had been fixed and dedicated.

Church Wardens - Mr E Whittaker had accepted office for the ensuing year as Church Warden.

Revd Powell - A letter from the Revd Powell had been received thanking the People of Bramshall for the gift which was much appreciated, and the letter of thanks was being inserted in the magazine.

Rogationtide Service - It was decided to hold a service in Church on Wednesday April 5th at 7.30 and invite the Revd W E Charlton to preach.

Congregational Practices - Mr H Potter asked if we could have Congregational Practices and it was decided to commence on Wednesday April 12th at 7.30pm. Mr Boyd though some of the Hymns were being sung in a key much too high that most of the congregation could attain and very kindly offered to buy a Hymn Tune Book specially arranged in lower keys which was graciously accepted.

Psalm Board - Mr H Potter said he would like to give a new Psalm Board similar to the present Hymn Board and this was accepted.

Repairs to Clock - Mr Adams said he knew of a person likely to repair the

Church Clock and it was proposed by Mr J Sargeant, seconded by Mr G Talbot that the work be done.

Donations to the Church Decoration - The matter of making a collection in the village was brought up by Mr J Adams and the following districts were allocated. Mr J Adams & Mr W Goodwin (Dagdale), Mrs E Whittaker (Loxley), Mrs H Statham (Town end of Village), Mrs F Searle and Mrs A Dawson (The Village)

The Vicar closed the meeting with prayers.

F S Searle 16.11.48

## **BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING**

A meeting of the Bramshall Parochial Church Council was held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, Nov 16th 1948 at 7.30pm

Present: Mesdames: G Talbot, H Statham, E Goodwin, A Dawson, J Boyd.

Messrs: E Whittaker, G Talbot, H Statham, S Lander, D Steele, T Ward, A Cart, D Ward, J Sargeant, F Searle.

Apologies were received from the Chairman (Revd M C Clarke), Mrs Ward, Mr J Statham.

Mr F Searle presiding owing to the Vicar being indisposed.

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

Arising out of Minutes - Mr J Adams reported that he had been unable to carry out the repairs to the Clock as new parts were required.

Donations to the Church Decoration - The Chairman thanked the collectors for their efforts and was pleased to say the result had amounted to  $\pounds 115.12.6$  being collected towards the cost of re-decorating the interior of the Church.

Harvest Collection - The Harvest collections amounted to  $\pm 13.4.6$  and on the proposition of Mrs H Statham seconded by Mrs Talbot it was decided:  $\pm 5$  R A B I,  $\pm 5$  Mission to Seamen and  $\pm 3.4.6$  to S P G.

Church Repairs - Mr Adams reported the gutters on the church required cleaning out, also the main wooden gates repairing. Mrs Boyd asked if the windows could be repaired, and it was agreed that Mr T Ward for Messrs Ward & Godbehere carry out the necessary repairs with the help of Mr Adams.

Revd R J Taylor Allowance - Mr Talbot informed the meeting that he had received information that the Revd R J Taylor had unfortunately decided to surrender the Licence of his motor car and had been in conversation with the

Vicar who said the Uttoxeter PCC were allowing Revd R J Taylor £25 towards the expenses of running the car to enable him to fulfil the demands of the parishes.

Tree in Churchyard - Mr Adams asked for disposal instructions of the tree trunk in the churchyard and it was decided the Churchwardens communicate with the Vicar.

Vote of Thanks - The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs Ward & Godbehere for the work on the church also to the ladies for cleaning same which was seconded by Mr J Sargeant and Mr G Talbot.

Memorial Tablet - Mrs E Goodwin also thanked the Church for the Tablet dedicated to her husband.

Clock - Mr S Lander asked if we might have a new clock but as this was out of the question as regards cost Mr J Sargeant said he might be able to help in obtaining spare parts for the old clock and this was gratefully accepted.

Holy Communion Service - Mrs Statham proposed that we ask for a Midnight Holy Communion service on Xmas Eve, and this was seconded by Mr S Lander.

Congregational Practices - Mr H Potter asked if we might have Congregational Practices for Christmas and it was decided to commence on December 6th (Wednesday) at 7.45.

M C Clarke

## **BRAMSHALL LITTLE TREASURES**

The Toddler group will start back after the summer break on Friday  $8^{\text{th}}$  September, 9.30 - 11.30 am. Anyone wishing to attend will be most welcome – further details from SallyAnne (Tel:565228).

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





Forthcoming concert dates for this locally based early music group (singers & instrumentalists):

Sunday 1st October, 3.00pm at All Saints' Church, Church Leigh.

**Sunday 8th October**, 2.00pm at St. Michael & All Angels Church, Hamstall Ridware.

Both events are free entry, but donations are encouraged



## President Sue and members of the Inner Wheel Club of Uttoxeter Invite you to ... Fall into an Autumn Quiz

To be held on Friday September 29th 2023 in Kingstone Village Hall, 7 for 7.15pm Teams of four £40 including a two course home made supper. Please bring your own drink and glasses.

All profits to Inner Wheel Charities

Please fill in and return to Mrs Sally Herbert, Footpath House, Bramshall, Uttoxeter ST14 5BG by September 22nd at the latest. (Preferably before!)

Name of your team.....

## Names of team members:

1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 .....

Any special dietary requirements:

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Contact email (or telephone number):

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Please make cheque(s) out to: '*The Inner Wheel Club of Uttoxeter*' (Pre-booking essential for catering purposes please. No tickets will be issued but a confirmation email sent / telephone call.)

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## Scarecrow Festival

Create your own scarecrow ready for our festival - No theme so let your imagination run wild!

£2.50 to enter your scarecrow & all entries need to be in by the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2023 to Laura (07802600546) or Janet (07803127566) - Scarecrows to be ready to be displayed from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Maps and voting forms will be available on the day for £1.00 - prizes for 1", 2"" and 3" place - Voted for by the public.



BRAMSHALL EVENTS presents

## **Events Planned For The Village Of Gratwich**

**2nd September** 2.00pm - 4.00pm Craft Fayre & Cream Teas on the croft. Craft Stalls £5.00 (phone Carolyn if you would like to have a craft stall 01889 502680) Free entry Cream Teas £5.00

Gratwich is a small community, and it is good to support their events if you are able to.



Play East Staffordshire Community Lottery and support your community with a fundraising lottery.

At least 60% from each ticket sold goes to support East Staffordshire, and there's a chance to win the £25,000 jackpot every week!

From every £1 ticket you buy, 60p will go to local good causes in East Staffordshire and improving our community - for us that is the Parish Hall. We have already received a small amount, so do consider supporting this.



## **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 through the summer 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

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 566378
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Sewing Club	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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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