

BRAMSHALL NEWS

A View of Old Bramshall

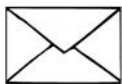


East View circa 1940 – showing Mr & Mrs Teddy Eyre.

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

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Church Extension



For several years the Parochial Church Council has been working towards the next (and most significant) phase in ongoing improvements to the access requirements for public buildings; that of providing toilet and hospitality facilities. The Church has just received permission to build an extension for a disabled toilet and small kitchenette and also to upgrade the heating system within the church. The project will involve the demolition of the two existing brick lean-to structures, and using the 'footprint' of the smaller to construct a single floor extension in matching 'Hollington' stone. The total project cost is expected to be £75,000.

We are a small Parish with only 55 on the Parish electoral roll and an average congregation of 20 each Sunday. Over the past couple of years we

have managed to meet our financial commitments through planned giving and fund-raising events; for which we would like to express our thanks to all who support the church in whatever way. However, this project sets another financial challenge.

The PCC of St. Lawrence does have a reserve fund, but the shortfall for financing this project is £25,000. We are making our case to local and national trusts which can make grants towards this type of improvement. The members of the Church will continue to fund raise in their traditional way. But it is obvious that the church in Bramshall is going to need all the help it can get. It is our hope and belief that those who live in the Parish, or have a close contact with it, will be prepared to make a contribution towards the cost of the work. It is our hope that even those who are not worshippers will recognise the importance of the Church, as a building, to the needs and ambience of the village.

Donations to the West End Extension Fund can be made by cheque (payable to 'Bramshall PCC') to:

Rev John Lander, 9 Overcroft, Bramshall, Uttoxeter, ST14 5NQ.

Should you wish to discuss 'Gift Aiding' or an alternative method of giving, please call John on 565228.

OPEN GARDENS

If anyone is interested in opening their gardens for our Church Extension Fund on the weekend of 24th – 25th June please contact John Lander on 565228

"NEXT ONE" Fashion Show held on Wednesday 15th February proved to be another success with forty people attending raising a grand total of £140 to be shared between the Hall, News Sheet and Church. A big thank you to all who came along and to those who helped on the night – it is much appreciated.

WINE TASTING Due to a variety of reasons we were unable to go ahead with the one scheduled for last month but for those who are keen wine tasters we shall organise another one!

Live and Local

**Kel Elliott, accompanied by Her Three Man Orchestra in
“The Truths and Tall Tales Tour”.**



**Bramshall Parish Hall on Saturday,
25th March 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm)
Tickets £9.00. Please bring your own
refreshments. For details and tickets /
reservations please contact John or
SallyAnne on 565228.**

**Please note: This may be the last
opportunity for a Live & Local
performance due to potential cuts in
Council funding. We should know more
regarding the situation later this year.**

**Do not miss the opportunity of
experiencing professional quality
entertainment on your doorstep.**

Kel is a double-bass playing singer/songwriter who takes her life experiences and views on the state of the nation, and hammers them out on stage with humour, irony, and with more than a touch of mischief! Kel's vocals are distinctly rich and powerful, ballsy and sweet, but it is the impressive combination of voice and double bass that sets her apart from her contemporaries. Drawing from influences as eclectic as Tom Waits, Bonnie Raitt, Regina Spektor and Rufus Wainwright, her set can be soft and sentimental one minute, and unflinchingly eccentric the next.

The line up of the band has changed since they last appeared in Crich in 2013. Kel is joined by Kelvin Leitch, Hugh Rashleigh, and Adam Cross, playing a wide range of stringed and brass instruments to bring an exciting new edge to her music.

**The next Parish Hall meeting will be on 13th March
.....please note start time of 7.35pm**



BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Where in Staffordshire is there a place mentioned in the Arthurian legends? The answer is hidden away in the Roaches, where there is a so-called Green Chapel which was mentioned in the story of Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. This was one of the places revealed by Ruth Williams during the last Gardening Club meeting. Her subject was 'Hidden Places of Staffordshire'.

Ruth took us on a tour of some very interesting places which included the largest floating bog in England at Chartley Moss, some hidden Castles at Tutbury, Caverswall and Alton; Maer Hall, Barlaston with its magnificent Rhododendrons and Loynton Moss, with its largest area of wild snowdrops in the country. The photography was stunning and the excellent presentation introduced some lovely places to visit which are not far away.

The next Gardening Club meeting is on **Monday 27th March** (7:45pm in the Bramshall Parish Hall). The speaker will be Martin Gee who will present the intriguing history and describe the interesting gardens of Weston Park, Shropshire.

The Gardening Club meetings are generally on the last Monday of each month and we are pleased that members can claim a 10% discount at the Strawberry Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) – just present a 2016/17 Membership Card (Membership fee [Jan-Apr 2017]: £6.50).

BREEZE AND WILSON – We have booked this popular duo to perform at the Parish Hall on Saturday 4th November (date for your diary). More details later!

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for February 2017

5th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
12th March	8.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
19th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th March	11.00am	Family Communion (Mothering Sunday)

Sidespersons Rota:

5th	Mr R Jones
12th	Mrs E Blurton
19th	Mrs B Kinch
26th	Mrs M Jones

Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

5th	Mrs SA Lander
12th	Mrs M Jones
19th	Mrs L Corbishley
26th	Mrs SA Lander

Flowers: No flowers during Lent
Refreshments : Mrs M Jones & Mrs E Blurton

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on

Monday 20th March commencing at 7.15pm in Church.

Everyone on the Electoral Roll is encouraged to join us to hear all that we have been doing “behind the scenes” during 2016.

Michael John "Jack" LOVATT – 18.09.1939 - 07.02.2017

The Funeral Service in Thanksgiving for his life was held at Christ Church, Biddulph Moor on Thursday, 16th February 2017.

A few people from Bramshall were able to be present but, as a mark of respect, there will be a Memorial Service in remembrance of Jack here in this village at St Lawrence's Church on Sunday 9th April at 11.00am for anyone who would like to attend.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This year we are celebrating WWDP at
St Johns, Marchington Woodlands on 3rd March at 7pm.
Following refreshments we shall be participating in the service
written by the Women of The Philippines.
All are welcome (men do attend!).

LENT LUNCHESES

As part of the Lent discipline we would like to offer the following opportunities to meet for companionship.

Thursday 9th March - SallyAnne (9 Overcroft)

Lunch 12 - 2pm

Tuesday 14th March - Lily & Anne (Crowtrees Farm)

Lunch 12 - 2.00pm

Thursday 23rd March - Marie (4 Church Croft)

Lunch 12 - 2.00pm

Wednesday 13th April - Glenda (Bowmore House)

'Come and have a Cuppa' 2.00 – 4.00pm

Building Work At Church – Please be aware that building work could start this month and we would ask everyone to be careful when walking through the churchyard at this time.

Congratulations



Sue Walker and family from Meadowbank, Stone Road
at her recent graduation.

Sue was awarded a PhD in respect of her thesis entitled “*Finding a voice at the end of life; exploring preferred place of death in a hospice context*”. She undertook the research project when she was a hospice chaplain and currently works as a minister of a church in Wolverhampton.

Sue is the third person in the family to have the title of Doctor - her husband Adrian (pictured left) is a medical doctor; as is daughter, Jessica (next right to Sue). Grace (extreme right) is a musician and a postgraduate student at the Royal College of Music in London.

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Best Kept Village 2017

**The first judging is in May so
we hope to be well prepared
Try to make it fun and we all
will reap the benefits.
All suggestions and help
welcomed.**



February 100 Winners are:-

1st	No 36	Margaret Needham	£30
2nd	No 12	Noreen Eyre	£20
3rd	No179	James McCarron	£15
4th	No 106	Dave Leadbetter	£10

Continuing Andrew Dartnell's article of his recent trip to China .

Beijing, with its population of some 22 million, has, since 1949, been the capital of China. It is world-famous both historically and culturally having a gathering of Chinese arts and customs from every dynasty. It is a city with numerous places to see and visit, among them the Forbidden City (the former Royal Palace from the Ming Dynasty), the Summer Palace and the largest city centre square in the world – Tiananmen Square. The Great Wall of China is close by the city.

The Forbidden City



Travelling in and around Beijing is extremely easy; the city is well provided with a modern subway and bus network which uses a fare system very similar to the 'Oyster' card in London. Alternatively there are ample supplies of taxis. There is an 'Airport Express' train directly to the city. The Chinese people are extremely friendly and always ready to help, even with obvious language differences.

Our visit this time was full of interest despite the problem of smog. Beijing, like many other Chinese cities, suffers from very poor air quality, particularly at this time of year, when on many days the atmosphere requires wearing of face-masks as protection. Notwithstanding we did have blue sky and sunshine occasionally during our stay.

On one day we rode on a Chinese express train, very similar to the Japanese 'bullet' trains, from Beijing to Tianjin and return. This reached a top speed of 286 kmph (about 180 mph) - truly impressive indeed.



Too soon our stay in Beijing came to an end. There were tears at the airport as we said our goodbyes and joined the flight that left at 01.45 (Chinese time). After more than 10 hours crossing three continents we landed back in Manchester at 04.30 in the morning, some 45 minutes early! Clearing customs, passports etc. we were able to take the first train to Crewe and Uttoxeter where daughter Nicola met us at the station to travel home.

STRAY TABBY CAT

A stray tabby cat has been seen for the past few days around Painleyhill Farm. Phone Margaret on 01889 502508 for further information.

Recipe - Cream cheese and chorizo chicken.

I saw this in a magazine and thought I would give it a try. I always say recipes are only a guide and I would tweak this recipe slightly** but the choice is yours.

2 heaped tablespoons of diced cooked chorizo (can be bought from Tesco and Waitrose chopped into lardoons)

170g carton of Philadelphia garlic and herb cheese

4 skinless chicken breasts

4 small ripe tomatoes, sliced

Olive oil for drizzling

Fresh thyme leaves (optional)

Salt & pepper

Preheat oven to 200-220C (gas mark 7). Mix chorizo into the cream cheese. **Here I dice a clove of garlic and add to the cream cheese. Season with salt &

pepper. Cut a slit into the chicken breasts and using the knife to open out into a pocket. Stuff each breast with a generous tablespoon of the cheese mixture and press down slightly. Lay each breast on a sheet of greaseproof paper and place on a baking tray. Arrange the sliced tomatoes on top of the chicken breasts, scatter over the thyme leaves (if using), then drizzle with olive oil. Bake in the oven for 20 minutes or until the chicken is cooked through. Serve with green beans or, as I did, with green salad. Hope you enjoy.

Penny Gilpin



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Diary Dates

Church Services and Events

Church of St. Lawrence

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for full details

NCT Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Group	Mondays	10am - 12pm	Parish Hall	Annie Brookes 07756836375
Dance Aerobics	Mondays	6pm - 7.00pm	Parish Hall	Sair Lovatt 07817323095
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2pm - 4pm	Parish Hall	Keith Lowson 564427
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30pm	Parish Hall	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am – 12pm	Parish Hall	Anne Harris 566006
CobraFit class	Thursdays	6.30pm	Parish Hall	Tamara 07778292039
Fitness Class	Fridays	10 - 11am	Parish Hall	Barrie Taylor 01543 418242

Events in March

March 25th Live & Local. Kel Elliott & her Three Man Orchestra :-

details on page 4

Events in the Parish Hall - future dates for your 2017 diary

June 10th Midsummer Ball
June 24th - 25th Bramshall Art Group Annual Exhibition /Open Gardens
November 4th Breeze & Wilson