

BRAMSHALL NEWS

THE MARCHINGTON
SINGERS present

*All in an
April
Evening*

**A CONCERT OF LIGHT MUSIC
FOR SPRINGTIME**

Saturday 16th April 2016 at 7.30 pm
at St Lawrence Church, Bramshall

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April 2016

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

May issue deadline is Monday 25th April 2016



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Best Kept Village Competition 2016 (BKV)

Yes, it's the time of year again when everyone is encouraged to take pride in our village by helping to tidy up litter, cut back unruly vegetation and generally enhance our properties with neat gardens and possibly containerised plants / hanging baskets.

We can win with your help.

Exhibition of memorabilia

Don't forget to keep looking out for photographs, cuttings or anything that could be used in an exhibition of 'Life in the Village' from 1926 onwards. We hope to incorporate as much as possible in a display in the church in celebration of HM the Queen's 90th birthday.

February 100 Club winners

1st	Paul Walker	£30	No 148
2nd	Chris Tortoiseshell	£20	No 111
3rd	Carole Postlethwaite	£15	No 58
4th	Margaret Jones	£10	No 2

March 100 Club winners

1 st	Margaret Jones	£30	No 2
2 nd	Mary Sargeant	£20	No. 149
3 rd	Joyce McCann	£15	No. 124
4 th	Geoff & Sue Bettany	£10	No. 120

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CELEBRATORY BALL
in

BRAMSHALL PARISH HALL

Sat 11th June

7pm prompt – 12 midnight

Dancing to Dave Dee

Tickets: £32.50

from

Anne Harris 566006

Sally Anne Lander....565228

Includes a Three Course Meal
Licensed Bar

Dress code: Black Tie or Lounge suit

Recent Live Music at the Parish Hall

The Parish Hall committee continues to promote 'Live Music' in the village, with a recent fund-raiser by Breeze & Wilson....



... and a 'Live & Local' performance by Mambo Jambo. If anyone has ideas or suggestions about the type of music you would like to hear then please contact John or SallyAnne on 565228 / email revjsl@aol.com

'All in an April Evening'



The Marchington Singers will be performing a concert at St. Lawrence's Church on **Saturday 16th April at 7.30pm**. We are delighted to see the return of this local choir who have gained a tremendous reputation for the quality of their singing, which will be given full scope within the wonderful acoustics of the church. Tickets for this are now available from Revd John Lander (tel: 565228 or email revjsl@aol.com), and for the sum of £8.00 you can also enjoy a complimentary glass of wine (or soft drink) and a selection of nibbles. The proceeds from this concert will go towards the 'toilet project' so please come along, be entertained and support us at the same time.



Bramshall & District Gardening Club

Where in England is a public park which has the turf stripped off each year so that it can be stored and re-laid later? Geoff Smith, the speaker at the last Gardening Club meeting gave the answer - it is the 14-acre park next to Chelsea Hospital where the Chelsea Show is held. Each year the park spends two weeks in April looking like a building site with hundreds of tons of earth being moved and two of the biggest tents in the world being erected.

Geoff, who regularly exhibits Fuchsias at the show, took us behind the scenes to give us an idea of the tremendous organisational feat which makes the show possible. For instance, there is no water in the park, so 2½ miles of blue plastic pipe have to be laid and hidden from view. During the presentation, Geoff showed many of the best prizewinning garden designs from the last few years which were all very impressive. Some of them were transported there complete with full size trees from as far away as Abu Dhabi!

At the end of the show, all the plants are sold off and the streets are filled with people struggling with heavy pots, trees and 10 foot delphiniums. Somehow, the London transport system is able to cope. A very entertaining evening.

The next meeting is about making gardening a lot easier with 'No Dig' Cultivation. Mick Poultney will be presenting this useful subject on **Monday 25th April** at 7:45pm in the Bramshall Parish Hall.

Please put these date in your diary and don't forget - Gardening Club members can claim a 10% discount at the Strawberry Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) – just present a 2016 Membership Card (Membership fee: £13.00).

Clive Tuck

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Team Vicar Revd Sue Willetts ♦ Local Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for April 2016

3rd April	11.00am	Holy Communion
10th April	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
17th April	11.00am	Holy Communion
24th April	11.00am	4th Sunday Worship

Sidespersons Rota:

3rd	Mrs L Corbishley
10th	Mrs C Postlethwaite
17th	Mr J Lovatt
24th	Mrs A Harris

Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

3rd	Mrs SA Lander
10th	Mrs L Corbishley
17th	Mrs M Jones
24th	Mrs SA Lander

Flowers for April : Mrs P Hind & Mrs L Corbishley

Refreshments : Mrs B Kinch & Mrs L Corbishley

The Annual Parochial Church meeting was held in church on Monday, 14th March. Mr Jack Lovatt was re-elected as Churchwarden. The PCC now comprises: Mrs Glenda Lovatt (Treasurer/Stewardship officer), Mrs SallyAnne Lander (Secretary/Electoral Roll officer), Mrs Mary Talbot (Safeguarding Officer), Mrs Evelyn Blurton, Mrs Paddy Hind, Mrs Carole Postlethwaite, Mrs Sandra Kent, Mr Dick Jones, Mr Peter Kent, Mr Graham Needham. Anyone on the Electoral Roll wishing to be co-opted onto the PCC please contact Revd John Lander (565228)

Lenten Lunches

On behalf of St Lawrence Church I would like to thank everyone who hosted the Lenten Lunches. The food was absolutely delicious as was the company. Thanks must go also to all those who managed to attend. Five different venues and hosts proved a most successful recipe to enjoy friendship and fellowship during the weeks of Lent. The total raised for the church at these lunches and including donations from those who were unable to attend, was an awesome £550.10. A big thank you to you all for being so generous.

Glenda Lovatt

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY of PRAYER hosted by St Lawrence Church

Women's

World Day of Prayer held on March 4th at our church. Glenda Lovatt led the service for parishioners from Bramshall, Kingstone, Marchington Woodlands, Marchington and Gratwich. The church was decorated with everything we could find to represent Cuba – thanks to Sandra and Glenda for doing such a superb job. The evening ended with refreshments kindly offered by our congregation.



Photographs by Louise McCann

The main project the PCC is working on at the moment is an extension to the north side of the tower which will incorporate a toilet, baby changing unit and small kitchenette together with upgrading the heating system. This hopefully will bring the church up to date and having facilities for people who travel for baptism, weddings and funerals. Again anyone who feels they might be able to assist us through this project would be most welcome to join us and offer their ideas.



Received from Clive Lawton Area Co-ordinator of Operation Christmas Child – Shoeboxes for Children

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support with the 2015 annual appeal. The total number of boxes which were sent from the Warehouse in Burton totalled **8000** and these were sent to needy children in Macedonia. Your contribution to this figure is very much appreciated and made a difference to children throughout the world at Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child is a small part of the Samaritan's Purse Organisation which has a worldwide network. Thirteen donor countries last year donated 10.5 million boxes which were delivered to 111 recipient countries throughout the world.

Samaritan's Purse works throughout the year to provide clean water through its arm called "Turn on the Tap" employing geologists and drilling specialists to provide bore-holes to tap subterranean clean water.

Through its emergency fund it provides immediate assistance when major disasters strike such as the Nepalese earthquake. There is also a U.K. arm which last year supported people on the Somerset Levels and also the flooding in Cumbria.

We trust you will be in a position to offer your assistance again with this year's appeal.

Many thanks
Clive Lawton.

Bramshall & District Indoor Bowls

Following a very successful year we recently held our AGM. Our Treasurer Colin Hobdell has sadly retired and a new Treasurer Sylvia Richardson was elected. In April we are to hold a Sunday Lunch at the Shrewsbury Arms for members and partners. We are looking forward to another good year of bowling and hope all our members continue to enjoy it. A big thank you to all involved.
Harold Richardson



**All Saints CE First School
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The school year seems to fly by so quickly – we are now practicing our Easter Service. The children are leading the service and will retell the Easter story through the emotions of all involved. The children will narrate the story, sing songs and lead the prayers. It will take place on the 18th March in All Saints Church. We are very grateful to the Rev Sue Willetts for her continued support to the school. The

children will have a special Easter lunch in school and are inviting a guest to join them and these events are always very popular and enjoyed by both the children and their guests.

Our older children are looking forward to their annual outdoor, residential trip to Laches Wood this year and we are sure that they will have a fabulous time! They will take part in a range of different activities from climbing, archery and caving as well as team building activities and of course they will also have jobs to complete around the centre.

The children took part in a special sponsored obstacle race to help raise such much needed funds towards the extra special visits and visitors we have in school. The children had some great fun taking part and the staff couldn't help but have a go themselves too. The fastest child around was Rhys Brown and in total the children raised about £450. Well done to all for their efforts.

Later this term the school is holding a Pig Racing night on Thursday 24th March at 6pm. All are welcome to come along to this fun filled event. All proceeds will be going towards updating the computers in school.

Finally a big thank-you to all our parents and friends who kindly support the school in all we do. It is very much appreciated by all the staff and children.

Andrea Kenny
Headteacher

Fashion Show

A very enjoyable evening was had by the many ladies who attended, and plenty of bargains were snapped up too. A big 'Thank You' to all who helped and supported this event.



National Childbirth Trust

welcomes parents, grandparents and all minders of young children to an environment of friendship and support over a cuppa.

The group meets every **Monday morning (10am-12pm)** except Bank Holidays and is the only one in the area to include older siblings during school holiday periods.

No booking required, just come along to **Bramshall Parish Hall.**

RECIPES **Oxtail Stew - I always cook this recipe a day before I want to eat it.**

When my parents were farming up in North Yorkshire, we used to have a four oven Aga in the kitchen and my mother used to cook lunch for my father, herself plus 3 daughters and the 3 farm hands. A good winter lunch was Oxtail stew which was loved by one and all. The Aga was great for this dish as it needed to be slow cooked. I made an oxtail stew recently for my dear 83 year old friend who was a farmer's daughter in the Dales and had never had the stew: she never fancied it because of the fat!!

Try this recipe and guess what—you don't need an Aga!!

Ingredients

1 fresh oxtail (from your local butcher and have it chopped into lumps)
– don't buy a pre-packed one
2 medium onions sliced. 2 medium carrots cut into chunks
3/4 pint of beef stock. 3/4 pint of red wine
Seasoned flour. Salt & freshly milled black pepper
2 tablespoons of oil or beef dripping



Melt the oil in a large frying pan. Coat each piece of oxtail in the seasoned flour and fry to a nutty brown colour and place in a casserole dish. Next, fry the onion & carrot and add to the oxtail. Add the seasoned flour to the pan and slowly add the stock followed by the wine. Keep stirring so that no lumps appear. Season the sauce with pepper and pour into the casserole. Put on a close fitting lid and slow cook in oven at 150C for 3 hours. Take out, let it cool and add a sheet of kitchen paper on top of the stew. This will soak up any fat. The day of eating I put it back into the oven at 150C for another hour or so then serve with mashed potatoes and green vegetables.

By the way, my 83 year old friend loved the recipe and froze the remainder to have at a later date—whoopee!! Bear in mind, we can still have cold days in March/April.

Penny Gilpin

Recipe for **Bobotie** (a delicious South African dish served by Linda Walmsley at her Lenten lunch which can be served as a simple supper or as a main course)

Ingredients

60g butter or margarine
1 large onion chopped
15ml (1tbspoon) curry powder
2slices white bread, crusts removed
125ml (1/2 cup) milk
500g minced lamb or beef (lean)
125ml (1/2 cup) seedless raisins
45ml (3tbsp) lemon juice
30ml (2tbsp) fruit chutney
5ml (1tsp) salt
Black pepper
1egg
Lemon leaves or bay leaves

Melt the butter, add the onion and sauté until soft.
Stir in the curry powder.
Soak bread in the milk. Squeeze out and reserve the milk. Add the bread to the onion together with the mince, raisins, lemon juice, chutney, salt and pepper.
Cook for 5 minutes then transfer to a shallow casserole dish.
In a small bowl, beat the reserved milk with the egg and pour over the mince.
Bake at 160C for 30minutes.
Remove from the oven and insert a few rolled lemon leaves or bay leaves to garnish.



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Church of St. Lawrence

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NCT Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Group	Mondays	10am - 12pm	Parish Hall	Marie Hudson 07583086220
Pilates	Mondays	2pm -3pm	Parish Hall	Alison 07813508773
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
Zumba	Thursdays	6.30pm - 7.30pm	Parish Hall	Alison Smith 07903539325
Fitness Class	Fridays	10 - 11am	Parish Hall	Barrie Taylor 01543 418242

Events in April

All in an April Evening Concert	Saturday 16th April	7.30pm	Church of St. Lawrence	John Lander 565228
Bramshall & District Gardening Club	Monday 25th April	7.45pm	Parish Hall	Clive Tuck 568290

A note for your diary:

1926 Celebratory Ball 2016
Bramshall Parish Hall
Saturday 11th June
7pm — 12 midnight



Mobile Library

The mobile library will return to Mallens Croft in Bramshall
on Monday 11th April 2016 from 11.35 am - 11.45am