

BRAMSHALL NEWS



*Best Wishes for
Christmas*



December 2016

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

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Greetings from the Vicarage.

*John & SallyAnne wish everyone a Blessed & Joyful
Christmas, and a very Happy & Peaceful New Year.*



Carol Service



We warmly invite everyone to our traditional service of Carols and Readings on Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm, after which we shall be drawing the Hamper raffle and also the last draw this year for the village 100 Club.

The very popular **Christingles Event** is on Sunday 18th December; with a workshop in the Parish Hall at 3.00pm (for which we encourage young families to come along and help to make the Christingles and then dress up for the nativity scene. If you have an outfit for your child that is excellent do bring them along. We do have outfits but children may get disappointed if there isn't the correct size for them). This will be followed by a service in church at 4.00pm. You are warmly invited to prepare for the true meaning of Christmas by joining in these favourite of occasions. There is a welcome for everybody at St. Lawrence's.

"Deck the church with boughs of holly"

Well, if anybody is willing to help decorate the church in readiness for Christmas please let us know, as more hands make light work.....or so they say!! Our Christmas Tree will be put up on Thursday 8th Dec at 5pm so do come along and help us in church.

Erratum – the landlady standing in front of the Butchers Arms (November News Sheet) was not as stated but Peggy Sargeant (nee Buckley).
Many apologies for the error.

Lest we forget



James Kent, grandson to Peter and Sandra Kent of Bramshall, had the honour of laying the poppy wreath on behalf of the Cadets at the Uttoxeter Remembrance Sunday ceremony.

Centenary of the Battle of the Somme – a DVD presentation will be shown in St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday 4th December at 6.00pm depicting images from this historic battle. This was specially commissioned for screening at the Brew House, Burton and, courtesy of Cllr. Colin Whitaker, we are lucky to have been offered the opportunity of seeing it here in Bramshall. There will be no admission charge.

Posting Sunday - Christmas cards for people in the **village only** can be brought along to church on the 11th December – a donation of 10p per card would be appreciated - and these will be delivered for you the following week.

If you are unable to get them to church please let John & SallyAnne know so that they can arrange collection.

Join us for a Festive Cuppa

*Jack and Glenda are inviting you to our Annual Festive Cuppa.
There will be homemade mince pies, coffee, tea, mulled wine,
and a cosy log fire.*

*Enjoy good company and have a relaxing time out
before the festivities begin.*

Make a diary note and put it on your calendar
Wednesday 7th December 2016
2pm to 4pm
Bowmore House
Stone Road
Bramshall
01889 564452

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be gratefully received and will go entirely to St Lawrence's
Church, Bramshall.*

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be gratefully received and will go entirely to St Lawrence's
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*A total of £367 was raised to be divided between the Church, Parish Hall and Bramshall News. Thank you to all the stallholders: everyone who gave contributions, helpers and those who supported on the day.
Carole Postlethwaite.*



BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At the last meeting we were fascinated to hear about the successful resurrection of a traditional pottery in Burslem which failed in 1999. The speaker, Bryan Holmes, showed a film he had made for television about the story behind this. A young couple who ran a craft shop in Winchester decided to sell up and buy the Burleigh pottery, founded in 1851, which had made quite a name for itself in the early part of the twentieth century. The products have mainly been hand-crafted home ware with distinctive blue patterns, created from printed transfers incorporated in the glaze.

People with the right skills were hard to find but enough were attracted to the new venture to successfully relaunch the company. It was interesting seeing the meticulous work being undertaken throughout the organisation and the delight of the workers when they saw the finished products emerge from the final firing. Since the film was made, the pottery has been sold to Denby and the products have continued to find a wide market around the globe. Altogether, a very rewarding evening.

The next meeting will be on **Monday 28th November** (7:45pm in the Bramshall Parish Hall) when John Hawkins will tell some exciting stories surrounding the plant hunters. These intrepid explorers brought us many of the plants and flowers which we now find familiar from far off and remote lands, often with extreme difficulty.

The December meeting will be the Christmas dinner, organised for **Monday, 12th December** and the 2017 programme will begin with a talk entitled Hidden Places of Staffordshire given by Ruth Williams which will take place on **Monday 30th January 2017**.

Please put these dates 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 2016-17 Membership Card, price £13.

Clive Tuck

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall
Vicar Revd John Lander
revjsl@aol.com 565228

Services for December 2016

4th December	11.00am	Holy Communion
11th December	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Service Cancelled
	4.00pm	Carol Service
18th December	11.00am	Holy Communion
	3.00pm	Christingle Workshop (in Parish Hall)
	4.00pm	Christingle Service
24th December (Christmas Eve)	11.00am	Carol Singing at the Old Rectory Care Home
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25th December (Christmas Day)	10.00am	Holy Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

4th Mrs L Corbishley
11th No 11.00am service
18th Mrs SA Lander
24th Volunteer
25th Volunteer

Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

4th Mrs SA Lander
11th Mrs L Corbishley
18th Mrs M Jones
25th Mrs SA Lander

Flowers: Christmas day only Mrs P Hind & Mrs P Chesters

Refreshments : None this month

From the Registers:

Funerals Monday 31st October
Monday 14th November

Vera Mary ALLEN
James Llewellyn ROUND

<p>Confirmation: Anyone considering confirmation please see Rev. John or phone him on 565228 as the classes will start in the New Year.</p>

BRAMSHALL 100 CLUB

Our established “100 Club” is entering its tenth year and we are hoping that you will consider joining or renew your membership for 2017.

For those new to the village – whether you have a direct connection with Church or not – this can be a way of showing your care and support by purchasing a number for £12 (or more if you are feeling very generous!). We pay out half the proceeds in winnings and the other half is put towards keeping our lovely Church in the condition it is in at the moment.

The cost remains at £12 for the year for each number (£1 per month up front), and follows the usual format of monthly draws with the winners being notified and their names published in the Bramshall News Sheet.

Cheques should be made payable to: Bramshall 100 Club and return in an **envelope stating your name, address, phone number and email address please** to: Rev. John Lander, 9 Overcroft or phone 565228 to arrange collection

On behalf of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) we thank you very much for supporting the Church in this way.

Churchyard - dog ban.

The following email was received by John Lander from Carol Flannery (East Staffs Borough Council Community Enforcement Team Leader) regarding the church yard being included in the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)

“ I can confirm that this PSPO was transferred across from the old Dog Control Order (DCO) put in place in 2010. I have also since spoken with Cllr. Whittaker regarding this church yard, which I believe to be in the centre of the village with significant pathway links.

I have advised that although this PSPO is in place, it is not the intention of the Council's Enforcement Officers to uphold the enforcement rigorously. As such, I will be displaying a further sign on the area to advise residents, congregation and visitors that the churchyard pathways are not included in this PSPO and therefore will not be enforced. I imagine it was put in place originally to protect the grave areas from dogs roaming or being allowed to foul this sacred land.”

So, carry on walking your dogs (on leads) through the church yard.

Thank you to John and SallyAnne for all the time and effort spent gathering the facts and speaking with those concerned at East Staffs Borough Council.



A very big thank you to all who contributed and helped with the packing of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We managed to pack an amazing **193** boxes. It is very humbling to know how kind people have been to those less fortunate.

With many thanks,

Linda (on behalf of Operation Christmas Child.)

This is your Bramshall News - be part of it.

Send your news, photographs, special celebrations, “Lost & Found”

If it is happening in the village, please share it.

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed in 2016 and I wish all residents of Bramshall a very happy Christmas.

Marie Lowe.

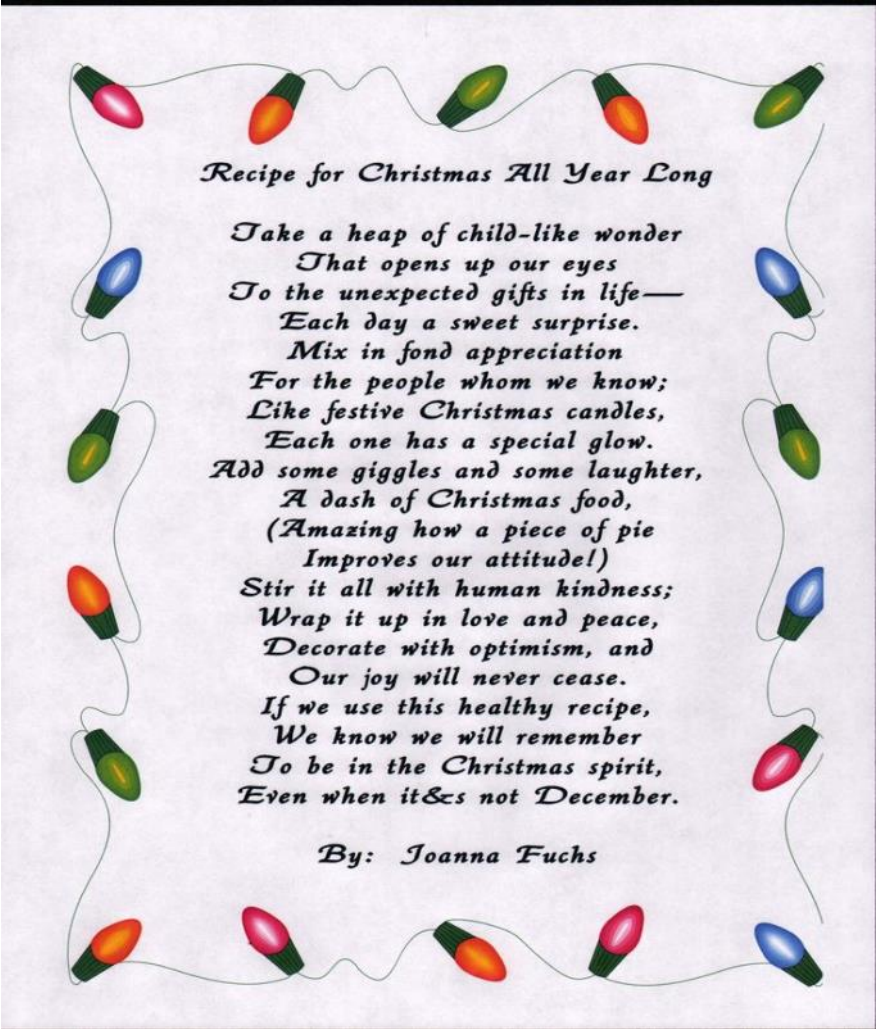
Christmas Wishes

As we are coming up to Christmas, there is no recipe as you readers of Bramshall News will be cooking your own special Christmas meal - Turkey and all the trimmings.

I shall be cooking a capon with roast potatoes, brussel sprouts (taking care not to overcook them), gravy and, of course, bread sauce. All washed down with a subtle glass of red wine.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and I look forward to new recipes for the New Year.

Penny Gilpin



Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

*Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life—
Each day a sweet surprise.
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)
Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.
If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.*

By: Joanna Fuchs

Bramshall Quilt and Craft Club

We meet in Bramshall Parish Hall once a month.

Come along to finish your sewing projects or start a new one.

Help will be on hand so beginners are very welcome.

You could even bring some knitting.

The club is friendly and relaxed with tea or coffee and biscuits

The next dates are :-

Thursday 8th December 2016

and Thursday 9th February 2017

10am to 12.30pm

The cost is just £5 a session.

Call Sue at The Sewing Patch on 01889 562553 or 07875 344 036
or just pop in to see us on the day.



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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 December - Carols & Christingle see page 2 for details.

Festive Cuppa 7th December 2pm - 4pm see page 4 for details.

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

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

June 10th *Midsummer Ball*

June 24th - 25th *Bramshall Art Group Annual Exhibition*