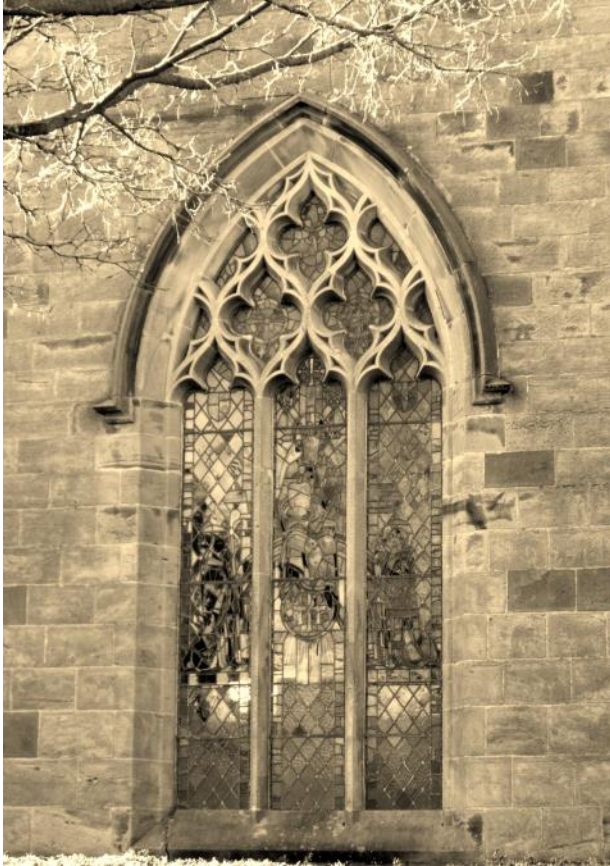


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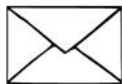


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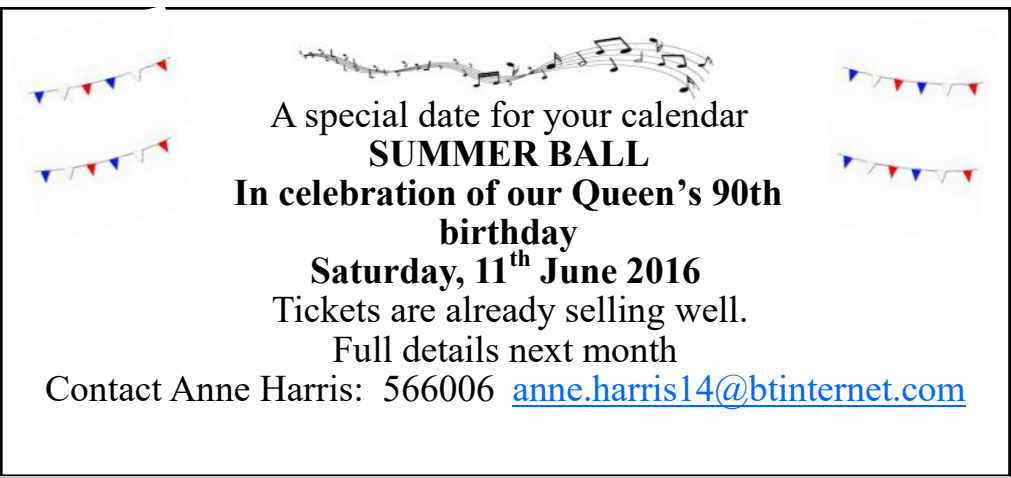
April issue deadline is Saturday 26th March 2016



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Fashion Show: Unfortunately we had to cancel this due to Tom Speake losing his son. He was very sorry to let us down but as everyone appreciated he was not in a good place and needed time with his family. We hope to arrange another date with him when convenient

In fact Tom has just agreed to put on his show on
Wednesday 16th March at 7.30pm for 8.00pm
in the Parish Hall.
Tickets £2.50 from SallyAnne (565228).



A special date for your calendar
SUMMER BALL
In celebration of our Queen's 90th
birthday

Saturday, 11th June 2016

Tickets are already selling well.

Full details next month

Contact Anne Harris: 566006 anne.harris14@btinternet.com

Found on the Stone Road Bramshall near to the bus stop for Utttoxeter -
a fold-up shopping bag in a cover with "Hazel" on the front. Phone 563096

The Parish Hall is run by villagers for villagers.
If you would like to be involved contact SallyAnne 565228

Exhibition of Bramshall memorabilia over the last 90 years:

There has currently been very little response to our general plea for memorabilia (particularly photographs) that can be incorporated into a display commemorating village life during the 90 years of Her Majesty the Queen. Surprisingly, everyone living in the village today is part of its ongoing history; and a good way of marking that would be to take a photo of all the family outside your home for this project – this could prove interesting for future years too. To those who have lived here many years, you may have photos and documents that you would be willing to share (history about your family, your home, family wedding group photos, funeral order of services, paper cuttings, and other memorabilia of village events over the years). We would be more than happy just to copy such items, knowing how precious they may be to you. Please consider how you could contribute to what should be a most fascinating insight into the life and people of Bramshall since 1926.
Contact John Lander 565228

Best Kept Village Competition (BKV)



Further details on
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Village Clean Up:

In readiness for the BKV we are organising a village clean-up day,
Wednesday, 30th March around 9am
in the Parish Hall/Church area.
Anyone willing to spend a few hours with us would be much appreciated – bring along gloves, brush etc or just come and assess the tasks and help where you can. If you are unable to do manual work then putting the kettle on is just as important – come and have a chat over a cuppa.



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.**

At the Parish Hall

Not to be missed!! **LIVE AND LOCAL**

Saturday 12th March
7.30pm

Tickets on sale now at £9

Contact John & SallyAnne 565228

CAFÉ STYLE - Bring your own drinks & nibbles.



In demand at home and abroad with a growing reputation for serving up quality, vibrant music, MAMBO JAMBO bring with them upbeat rhythms from Cuba and from all around Latin America and the Caribbean. They also bring plenty of instruments – guitar, sax, clarinet, flute, banjo, tres (traditional Cuban guitar), percussion and two voices - combining all this to create a joyously rootsy sound of their own, both familiar and at the same time new & exciting.

Two excellent musicians, MAMBO JAMBO create a spirited and entertaining Jazz sound right across the spectrum from the hot & swingin’ stuff to the mellow and laid back end of the scale. Yorkshire-based, and in regular demand around the UK and Europe, Pete & Frankie also spice up their jazzy mix with tasty Latino rhythms & styles such as mambo, calypso and rumba.

People often comment that MAMBO JAMBO on stage sound like more than two people. You could safely say that this is a duo with a difference.

“The sheer enthusiasm and joy of their music, along with their wonderful musicianship and great stage presence combine to create an act that will undoubtedly go down a storm wherever they play” – Jim McLaughlin, Whitby MusicPort Festival



Pig Race:

Yes, we have fixed a date for our next Pig Race
Please put **Saturday 1st October** on your calendar.

Anyone wishing to sponsor or help please contact John & SallyAnne
565228





Bramshall & District Gardening Club

For the first meeting of 2016 we were pleased to welcome Vicky Worrall, who is one of the Rangers of Cannock Chase who related the various histories of the Chase – Industrial History, Military History and Natural History.

Apparently, until 1600, the Chase was a dense forest used for Royal hunts (hence the name), but demand for charcoal for the production of iron led to the rapid disappearance of the trees and this converted the area to heath land – the only area on Britain where all the native heather species can be found together. The 26 square miles of the Chase began to be used as an army training ground in 1880 and it was particularly active in this role during both world wars.

The most common animals on the Chase are deer (700-800) consisting of Red Deer, Fallow Deer and Muntjac and much thought is taking place on how to keep everyone safe on the main roads through the Chase. Adders are also common – dog walkers should be aware of this. Less common animals and birds are water voles, white-tailed crayfish (an endangered species), Nightjars, Dartford warblers and Great Grey Shrikes. Altogether, a very informative evening.

Clive Tuck will be the speaker for the March meeting which, due to Easter, **is a week earlier than normal on Monday 21st March** (7:45pm in the Bramshall Parish Hall) The presentation will feature the Natural Wonders of New Zealand.

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

The next Zumba class will be held on Thursday, March 10th
when Alison returns from her holiday.

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Team Vicar Revd Sue Willetts ♦ Local Vicar Revd John Lander
sue.willetts@uttoxeterarea.org 568092 revjls@aol.com 565228

Services for March 2016

6th March	11.00am	Holy Communion	Mothering Sunday
13th March	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Passiontide
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	
20th March	11.00am	Holy Communion	Palm Sunday
25th March	10.00am	Devotions	Good Friday
27th March	11.00am	Holy Communion	Easter Sunday

Sidespersons Rota:

6th	Mrs B Kinch
13th	Mrs M Jones
20th	Mrs G Lovatt
27th	Mr R Jones

Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

6th	Mrs L Corbishley
13th	Mrs G Lovatt
20th	Mrs M Jones
27th	Mrs SA Lander

Flowers : Easter Sunday: Mrs E Blurton & Mrs S Kent

Refreshments : Mrs E Blurton & Mrs M Jones

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 14th March at 7pm in Church

All on the Electoral roll are duly invited to attend.

Church News

Church Spring Clean:

We are holding a church spring clean again this year as many hands last year certainly got a lot of work done in one morning!

We have put **Tuesday 29th March 9am – 9.30am** on the calendar so if you have a spare hour to help us dust, Hoover, polish whatever then please just come along. Again we say if you fancy a chat only – come and put the kettle on for us.

Lent Lunches : Thank you.

Many thanks to all who attended the first of the Lenten Lunches held at Bowmore House. We had an amazing turn out and a very positive feed back. Thanks must also go to the people who, very generously, sent donations for the church in lieu of being unable to attend. We raised an amazing £156.60p.

As many of you may know we are in the early throws of trying to get a toilet and baby changing facilities at the church and all this helps us to achieve our goal.

Again, many thanks to you all. Glenda Lovatt

Further information Tel: 01889 564452 or email: equies@bowmorehouse.com

These Lenten lunches will be held weekly at different venues for the 6 weeks prior to Easter. To those who have never been, give them a try. Everyone is welcome. They really are a pleasurable and excellent way to get to know your neighbours and have a friendly chat.

Wednesday 2nd March - at The Sycamores, Church Lane from 12.30pm hosted by Mrs Linda Walmsley Tel: 567340

Thursday 10th March - at Bramshall Parish Hall from 12 - 2.00pm hosted by Mrs Lily Corbishley and Mrs Anne Harris Tel: 566006

Thursday 17th March - at 4 Church Croft from 12.00 - 2.00pm hosted by Mrs Marie Lowe Tel: 563096

Women's World Day of Prayer –

Please note there will be a service on **Friday, March 4th in St Lawrence Church, Bramshall at 7pm.**

The service is open to **all** and this year it has been prepared by the Christian women of Cuba.

Further information from SallyAnne 565228 or Glenda 564452

Churchyard Awards

Recently we have received our 2015 awards for our churchyard – we were awarded Silver award for the churchyard and an extra award for our “Nature Friendly” category. As you can imagine this is really amazing and all down to a number of caring parishioners who help keep it so tidy.

Best Kept Village Competition 2016 (BKV)



Organised on behalf of the Community Council of Staffordshire and celebrating its 60th year. Last year Bramshall achieved 3rd place in the competition and we hope we will do even better this year.

We are entering this competition again and are hoping for everyone's assistance in keeping their gardens tidy, streets clear of rubbish and dog mess; also looking at ways to improve the appearance of the village. Some areas can look uncared for, so we urge everyone to be diligent and clear up rubbish and mess please.

Children's Poster Competition for age 5-7 and age 8-11 and a Poetry competition for the same age groups based on the subject **"My Village and Remembrance"**.

Last year Benji Ralph was awarded the children's prize in the "Spirit of the Best Kept Village" competition.

Age **12** and over the "In Remembrance" competition will be extended to all Secondary Schools.

Schools are often involved but local children are encouraged to submit individual entries.

These competitions will run from the end of February to the end of May.

For further information contact Anne Harris 01889 566006

A small willing band of volunteers help to keep the areas around the church and parish hall tidy and weed free.

This year, to celebrate our Queen's 90th birthday, we are planning red, white and blue themed plantings.

If you would like to be involved Contact Anne Harris 566006

Alternatively, you may like to join in with the theme of red, white and blue in your own garden.

DOG FOULING—it is illegal.

Sadly, dog mess is **still** a problem on pavements. **Stocks Lane** seems to be a black spot - with dogs fouling footpaths and private lawns! Also, it seems some owners let their dogs run free at night when it is impossible to see what they are doing.

There is no excuse. Please be vigilant and PICK IT UP!!



All Saints CE First School Church Leigh



Tel: 01889 502289

email: office@allsaints-leigh.staffs.sch.uk

The new term is flying by quickly with the children all working hard in their new topics. The Early Years are learning about Animals, KS1 are learning about Materials and the Great Fire of London and KS2 are learning about the Vikings.

We were delighted to welcome a new class teacher to school in January, Mrs Murray who is teaching our KS2 children. Mrs Murray has settled in well and is enjoying working in our school.

Our School Value this term is SERVICE and the children have been learning about serving and being served through their lessons and in assemblies as part of their worship.

"I did not come to be served but to serve."

Matthew 20.28

The annual Uttoxeter Gymnastics competition takes place on Thursday 3rd March and the school is delighted to take pupils from Y2, Y3 and Y4. Our children usually come away with some of the medals!

After the half term break, the school is holding a Creative day entitled "Five Loafs and Two Fishes". The children will work in their teams and take part in a range of activities linked to this Bible Story.

Looking further forward, the children will welcome their Mums into school for a special worship to celebrate Mothering Sunday on the 6th March and our Easter Service will take place in All Saints Church on Friday 18th March. Please feel free to join us for these special occasions.

Andrea Kenny
Headteacher, All Saints First School

100 Club

January:

1 st	Keith & Barbara Gibbons	£30	No. 116
2 nd	Lily Corbishley	£20	No. 29
3 rd	Portia Eastwood	£15	No. 141

It is not too late to join the 100 Club – just get £11 to us as soon as possible – payments made payable to Bramshall 100 Club. Everyone who has joined for 2016 we thank you very much indeed as this helps keep our village church in the good state it is currently in.

Poulet a l'estragon (Chicken with tarragon)

Ingredients

1 tablespoon olive oil
10 sprigs of fresh tarragon
4 chicken leg portions
9 fluid oz white wine
3 tbsp crème fraîche



Preheat oven to 200 degrees

Heat oil in a large frying pan and fry chicken leg portions until brown on both sides. Put chicken into an ovenproof dish - single layer only.

Tip fat out of the frying pan and pour in 9 fl. oz of white wine. Bring to the boil; stirring all the time to release the brown sediment from the bottom of the frying pan; then pour over the chicken and add 4 sprigs of tarragon. Bake in oven for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes take the chicken out of the oven and pour the juices into a small pan. Spoon off excess fat, if any. Bring juices to simmering point, stir in crème fraîche and add the rest of the tarragon. Season to taste and pour back over the chicken. Make sure the chicken is hot and serve with potatoes and courgettes.

Enjoy!

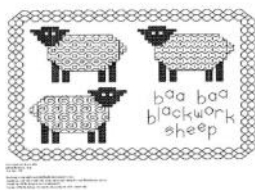
Penny Gilpin

"Gathering Threads"

(Embroiderers' Guild – Uttroter Branch)

We are a group of textile enthusiasts who have set up a branch of the Embroiderers' Guild in the area. We will be meeting each month for workshops, talks and general stitching fun.

We will have a workshop called "Baa Baa Blackwork" using a contemporary version of the Blackwork technique.



All members and visitors are welcome, no experience necessary, just come along with a small sewing kit, paper and pencil, black or coloured stranded thread and enjoy the fun!

Marchington Village Hall - ST14 8LH
Wednesday 2nd March- 10.00 am – 12.00 noon

(Fees : Members / EG Branch members as per our joining instructions. Visitors £5.00)

for any further information contact Gill Royal
email :- gillroyal@btinternet.com phone:- 01283 820291

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Church Services and Events

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 February

Live & Local Mambo Jambo	Saturday 12th March	7.30pm	Parish Hall	John & SallyAnne 565228
Fashion Show	Wednesday 16th March	7.30 for 8pm	Parish Hall	SallyAnne 565228
Bramshall & District Gardening Club	Monday 21st March	7.45pm	Parish Hall	Clive Tuck 568090

URPC meeting Tuesday 7.30pm Parish Hall
 1st March

Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 14th March at 7pm in Church



Mobile Library

The mobile library will return to Mallens Croft in Bramshall
on Mondays 29th February and 21st March 2016
from 11.35 am - 11.45am