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Bramshall Village Community

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BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

A reminder that the next meeting is Monday 27th February in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm when Matt Nicholls will give a talk on “A Year of a Fruit Farm”



How to find your local PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers) details for your areas.

Log on to www.Staffordshire.police.uk website and enter your post code in ‘Find your area’. This will link you to your local policing team under the tab ‘your team’. This page will also allow you to contact your local officers if you have anything to report.

Bramshall News is also available to view on the Bramshall Parish website www.bramshallparish.org.uk

NCT - Mondays

The established NCT group which meets at Bramshall Parish Hall is in urgent need of a volunteer to lead the weekly meetings. Vicky is stepping down as her children are now at school, and it would be very sad to see the loss of this vital support group. There is already a small band of willing workers but they are just looking for someone who will have oversight to ensure everything is in place. For more information please contact SallyAnne (565228) in the first instance and she can get Vicky to speak with them.



All Hands and Hearts
Smart Response

Anna Bateman of Church Croft- Bramshall, is travelling to Puerto Rico to volunteer for the disaster relief charity 'All Hands and Hearts' from late February- late March 2020. Hurricane Maria struck Puerto Rico in September 2017, causing catastrophic damage including the destruction of the electrical grid that had been crippled by Hurricane Irma just two weeks before. In January 2020, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake also struck the region. The team she will join in Yabucoa, PR, focus on roof repair of flat, one-story cement roofs, critical repair of windows and doors to guard against the elements, and mold sanitisation. The goal is to effectively and efficiently address the immediate and long-term needs of communities impacted by natural disasters. Donations direct to the project will enable vital supply of tools, resources and equipment needed to help the people of Yabucoa, PR. A little really does go a long way. To read more, please visit the link below. Thank you for your time. !

<https://give.allhandsandhearts.org/fundraiser/2555460>

Clergy Letter for February 2020 - *by Rev John*

I don't know how many of you remember the dairy in Uttoxeter; after all it did close 35 years ago, but it was as a fresh-faced school leaver that I started my working career there in 1973. Amongst all the other memories I have of being a lab assistant (investigating the properties of milk) I clearly remember being invited to join the company pension scheme pretty much as soon as I had crossed the threshold. Well, of course, I agreed and when I saw that my then retirement date would be 2020 it seemed to be something out of science fiction, it was so far into the future that it could never come. For me 2020 was the year that would never happen! But it has, it is already here and under way.

The trouble now is that, if I'm not careful, I will keep thinking back to those earlier times with that wonderful gift 'nostalgia'; a gift that allows us to look back with fondness and a desire to return to all those great times we experienced and how we felt as younger people. When life was simpler, less complicated, all together happier, and we wish it were so today. That's how it can seem, but life was just as complex, full of ups and downs, every bit as challenging (albeit different challenges) and always social & moral issues to navigate.

Yes, we can learn from the past but we cannot live in it, neither can we expect time to stand still. Look how quickly Christmas had all but disappeared by the 27th of December. And it's not only in our secular lives that we are confronted by these emotions, which do influence our views on life today, but also within the context of our faith and its expression in our lives and within church.

Within this Uttoxeter Area, we celebrate our differences and similarities, our strengths and opportunities, the contexts in which we each minister and, hopefully, support one another through challenging times and change. Having recently completed the obligatory 'Statistics for Mission' I realise how easy it would be to become puzzled or even cynical as to why there is a need for such information; yet there is one section that looks at mission in local context and, for me, that brought into sharp focus what much of our calling is about.

When I left school I had a sense of one stage of my life finishing with the next full of excitement and hope – maybe because schooling had helped to prepare me. As we approach the season of Lent, perhaps we could use this as a time of preparation, of seeking forgiveness for the accrued cynicisms and bitterness

acquired over the years, and of letting go all those nostalgic things which are not helpful in forwarding mission.

May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen our unity, and open our hearts and minds to the possibilities God has for this village & the Uttoxeter Area.

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Best Kept Village - Judges review

Measures taken to publicise participation in BKV centred on fliers in the Parish magazine. There were BKV posters at the village entrances, Parish Hall, noticeboards, phone box and Church. Need more children's posters. Noticeboards generally good, but the one by the butcher's shop was empty. Good range of local information covering parish council, local events, activities, recycling and dog fouling awareness.

Church surrounds varied during the judging period but were generally neat and tidy with well mown grass. Signs for conservation areas, planters at the start were empty then two good ones appeared, noticeboard good with information etc. They noted that grave areas were neat and tidy and the unique church allotment area looked well cared for.

The Parish hall car park good, just a few weeds along the edges. Planting along the front wall of the hall was nice. However, the situation had deteriorated by the end of the month.

The Old Bramshall Inn surrounds were very well maintained, and the judges commented that "It is a real asset to the village now".

The phone box is now an information point – posters neatly displayed and surrounds tidy. The bus shelter was in good condition, clean with BKV poster and bus timetable. No litter or weeds. New WW1 commemorative seat looked splendid – benches near the play area were sound, tidy surrounds but could do with a clean to remove bird mess and lichen. The "Welcome to Bramshall" feature looked very good but the planting has matured so well that the feature stone is starting to get overwhelmed. Milestone on Bramshall road looked clean; the black and white fingerpost could be listed as a village feature next time.

Private gardens were maintained to a very high standard in the village – Mallens Croft especially. Play area good and safe as was the trim trail. The map was adequate; they appreciated the photos of points of interest. No dog mess evident, very little litter but a lot of weeds along footpaths.

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall
Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for February

2 nd Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
9 th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Morning Prayer
16 th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
23 rd Feb	11.00am	Family Communion
26 th Feb	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday

Sidespersons Rota:

2 nd	Mrs L Corbishley
9 th	Mrs SA Lander
16 th	Mrs C Postlethwaite
23 rd	Mrs M Jones

Cleaning Rota (for Sunday stated)

2 nd	Mrs SA Lander
9 th	Mrs J Corbishley
16 th	Mrs M Jones
23 rd	Mrs L Corbishley

Flowers: Mrs B Gray & Mrs SA Lander
Refreshments: Mrs P Chesters & Mrs SA Lander

The 'Fun Pairs & Picture Quiz'

Sadly, this did not generate much excitement but 3 people did return their answers; so congratulations to Lucy Webb, who was the overall winner (with 78 correct pairs answers + 14 correctly identified celebrities). A special 'well done' to Sheila Williams who correctly identified 15 celebrities. If you would like a copy of the solutions please send your email address to revjsl@aol.com

100 Club

Thank you to all who have already renewed their membership, or have joined for the first time. All names from 2019 were automatically put into the January draw as some had forgotten to remit in time. No problem but if you are intending to join for 2020 please do so as soon as possible please by either sending cash or cheque (payable to 'Bramshall 100 Club) to John & SallyAnne or pay direct into the club bank:

Natwest, Uttoxeter. Sort code 60-22-09 Account 64540138 Bramshall 100 Club.

Everyone in the village, whether they attend church or not, is asked if they would consider supporting this fund raiser as it helps to keep the church in the fantastic condition it is in, and also we achieved Silver Award for an outstanding churchyard. Please support us if you can.....£12 up front for the whole year !!

100 Club Results: January

1 st	No 28	Ivan & Ray Ash	£30
2 nd	No 125	Louise McCann	£20
3 rd	No 121	Glenda Lovatt	£10

From the Registers:

Funeral: Thursday 9th January Barbara Le Poidevin

Area Ash Wednesday Service

The service of imposition of ashes, to signify the start of Lent, will take place at Bramshall on Wednesday 23rd February at 7.30pm.

PCC

The next meeting of the PCC will be Monday 10th Feb at 9, Overcroft commencing at 4pm.

Lunch Club at The Bramshall Inn

The February 'Light Bite' lunch will be Wednesday 12th arriving from 12 noon to eat around 12.30pm. Anyone wishing to join us please phone SallyAnne or John so that we can discuss the menu etc.

EVERYONE MOST WELCOME (565228).

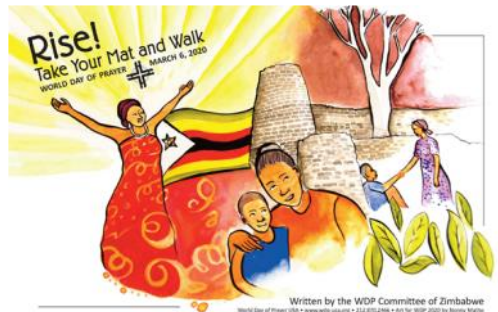


Michael Corbishley celebrated his 80th birthday in January, so we had a little celebration in church to recognise the occasion. Here, pictured with his wife Lily, Mick has been involved with transport for many years, and we hope to feature some of his vintage lorries over the coming months.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

World Day of Prayer

An ecumenical service for everyone. This year the service will be held at St. Lawrence's Church, Bramshall; Friday 6th March at 7.00pm. All welcome.



NEXT ONE FASHION PRESENTS

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WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY
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ONE MAN, MANY TRUMPETS



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK PRESENTED BY DR PAUL NEVINS
ON THE HISTORY OF THE TRUMPET DURING THE 19TH
AND 20TH CENTURIES.

THE CHURCH OF ST LAWRENCE, BRAMSHALL ST14 5BQ
ON
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 2020
AT 3PM

FREE ENTRY, RETIRING COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHURCH
TEA/COFFEE AND CAKE SERVED AFTERWARDS AT 4PM

Diary Date

The Marchington Singers will be performing a fund raising 'Spring Concert' in St. Lawrence's Church on Saturday 28th March. Tickets will be £5 (that's right... only £5!!). More details next month.



Penny's Recipe of the Month

Hungarian Goulash

1½ lb chuck steak,
1 large onion thinly sliced,
2 tbls oil.
2 tbls plain flour
1½ pt stock.
3 tblsp tomato paste,
3-4 teaspoons paprika,
½ teaspoon caster sugar.
2½ fl.oz. crème fraiche or sour cream.



Cut the meat into cubes and peel onion then thinly slice. Warm oil in a flameproof casserole and then fry the meat and onions until onions are soft and meat is sealed. Stir in the flour, then pour over the stock stirring all the time. Then add salt, tomato paste, paprika, and sugar. Cover the stew and cook in gentle heat in oven 150deg for two hours. Stir every now and then to ensure the sauce does not burn the bottom of the pan. Stir in soured cream just before serving, Best served with Linguine or similar pasta. Enjoy!!

We are now in a new decade - 2020- who knows what this next 10 years will bring. As I sit my kitchen typing my recipe I look out across fields with clear blue sky and sunshine which is most weird, years ago you would be looking out at cold dull sky maybe with snow on the fields - as much as it is lovely it just doesn't seem right for early January.

Hope 2020 is a good, happy New Year for you all. Penny

Penny Gilpin

Live & Local

To date there has been no response about continuing the programme of Live & Local entertainment. The new menu of performances is usually available from March onwards; a request for preferred options is made by May and then informed in June what has been allocated. Consequently, there is limited time availability in which to decide. Do contact me however small an interest you have!! *Rev John (565228 or email revjls@aol.com)*

Diary Dates

NCT Bumps, Babies & Toddlers	Mondays	<i>To be confirmed</i>	Parish Hall	<i>New Leader Required</i>
Dance Aerobics	Mondays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Parish Hall	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2.00 – 4.00pm	Parish Hall	Keith Lowson 564427
Karate4Kids	Tuesdays	5.00 – 6.00pm	Parish Hall	Marc Slater 07377 784658
Karate for teens/adults	Tuesdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Parish Hall	Marc Slater 07377 784658
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Parish Hall	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Parish Hall	Anne Harris 566006
Pilates	Wednesdays	5.30 – 6.15pm	Parish Hall	Jayne (jayne@yoyouga.co.uk)
Yoga	Wednesdays	6.30 – 7.30pm	Parish Hall	Jayne 07765 769979
Body Tone Fitness	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Parish Hall	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Fitness Class	Fridays	10.00 – 11.00am	Parish Hall	Barrie Taylor 01543 418242
Gardening Club	Monday 24 th Feb	7.30 – 9.00pm	Parish Hall	A Year on a Fruit farm
Church Services & Events	Church of St. Lawrence – see pages 6 & 7 for details			Revd John Lander 565228 or 07706 058689

Parish Hall Meeting – Monday 10th Feb in Church 7pm

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