

BRAMSHALL NEWS



**Longing for the green shoots
of Spring**

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UNWANTED CHRISTMAS AND BIRTHDAY GIFTS would be much appreciated – these can be left inside church at weekends when it is usually open 9am – 4pm or bring to 9 Overcroft. Thank you.

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

Church Organs

It is very easy to destroy a piece of heritage - the church organs are one example, about one pipe organ per week is being thrown into a skip. This piece of news was publicised during the summer by BBC news reader Huw Edwards who wrote an article in the Times newspaper.

Wales is one country where church organs are demolished very regularly without any concern from the local authorities. The Church of England has certain safeguards in place so is not quite as bad as Wales, Scotland and in Methodist churches where there are no safeguards at all for saving church organs from being ripped to pieces and thrown into a council tip. Every time this happens a whole unique sound dies. Despite the safeguard in place this also happens to the Church of England organs - one thousand Church of England organs have been destroyed since the late 60's and this will get worse with more and more Churches having to close and amalgamate with other parishes.

Organs are each an object of beauty and with its own history, they are part of the fabric and character of the parish. The beauty of church organs is hearing a sound that someone 200 years ago would have heard in the same building. The organ is adaptable to suit all moods from happy wedding music to the sadness of a funeral to a rousing Hark the Herald Angels sing at Christmas.

Many parishes will say ' We don't have anyone who can play the organ so it is a waste of space etc well guess what... we do have someone who can play the organ beautifully so let's keep our parish organ going and get it repaired. Thank you. Penny

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend June 2nd - 5th



It would be fantastic to have a big community event to celebrate this wonderful occasion, but this can only happen if people are prepared to get involved. Anyone willing to come and join our band to arrange activities and celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee please do get in touch. Offers from musicians, singers, poets etc would be much appreciated. Also, any ideas for celebrating the Jubilee would be appreciated – offers of bunting etc.

Please contact the editor.

Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for February

6 th Feb	11.00am	Morning Worship
13 th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
20 th Feb	11.00am	Holy Communion
27 th Feb	11.00am	Family Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

6th Mrs L Corbishley
13th Mrs A Harris
20th Mr R Jones
27th Mrs C Postlethwaite

Flowers: Mrs SA Lander & Mrs B Gray
Refreshments: Mrs SA Lander & Mrs L Corbishley



‘Funday School’ For February
Sunday 13th & 27th
commencing at 11am.

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME

For further info please contact Laura Hill on
07944910711

100 Club Results: February

1st	Ashleigh Hogg	£30	No 185
2nd	Christine Kilby	£25	No 112
3rd	Liz & Bernie Greenhough	£20	No 154
4th	Gareth Rowe	£15	No 85

From the Registers

Baptism:

Sunday 16th Jan

Francesca Lily ROBERTS



Pictured above: Francesca with her mum Emily & dad Harry

BRAMSHALL 100 CLUB

A final reminder for existing members who have not yet renewed their membership. If you wish to continue, but have not yet had chance to pay, please contact SallyAnne as soon as possible (Sallyannelander@gmail.com or tel: 565228) All numbers were entered into the January draw - from February onwards only paid up member's numbers will be included. Many Thanks.



A big Thank You for all the donations of stamps and inkjet cartridges. We are still collecting these at church as part of our ongoing recycling for charities project. Alternatively, drop off any contributions at 9, Overcroft.



The church is open every weekend from 9.00am - 4.00pm

DIGGING INTO THE PAST

Reading in the Church Times I learnt that it is 100 years since the Parochial Church Council system was formed (December 1921) and so when I started printing Digging into the Past, I did not realise it was in actual fact the first Minute book being transcribing. At least there are no previous minutes to locate, but the earlier governance of the church at local level is left open to intrigue. (SallyAnne Lander).

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Annual Vestry meeting was held at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on April 4th. 1932.

Present: Rev W E Charlton in the chair

Rev. F. Need

Mesdames Searle

Messrs: J C DeVille, J Bentley, (Wardens) J Adams, B. Blore,
T. Durose, T Fradley Snr, W. Goodwin, J H Lindop, H. Potter,
F. Searle, R. Whittaker Snr, J & E Whittaker.

An apology was received for non-attendance from Mrs Goodwin.

The Vicar opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Wardens: The Vicar expressed his gratitude to the Wardens for their loyalty and zeal and informed the meeting Mr Bentley promised to be his Warden for the ensuing year. He accepted the office with thanks. Mr J C DeVille said that although his term of office as Vicar's Warden had been very happy, he felt the honour should go round. He had pleasure in proposing Mr R. Whittaker Jnr People's Warden, seconded by Mr Bentley, and carried unanimously.

Mr Lindop voiced the appreciation of the Parishioners for the useful work Mr J C DeVille had done for the Church and specially mentioned the New Pulpit and Kneeling Desk and the interest taken in Golfers Service. This was supported by Mr Whittaker, Loxley. Mr J C Deville feelingly responded.

The Vicar again gave the Easter offering to the Sick and Needy of Bramshall £3.0.1.

This concluded the business of this Vestry meeting.

Signed W E Charlton 27/4/33

The Annual Parochial Church Council meeting was held at the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on April 4th. 1932 immediately after the Vestry meeting.

Same people present:

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An apology was received for non-attendance from Mrs Goodwin.

Minutes: The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Accounts: The accounts for the past year were presented showing a balance in hand of £29.7.8 which was considered satisfactory. It was moved by Mr DeVille and seconded by Mr Bentley the accounts be adopted. Mr DeVille thanked the Secretary and Treasurer for the explicit balance sheet. The accounts were unanimously passed and signed.

Election of Council:

The Council for 1931 were elected en bloc as follows: -

Mrs Loverock, Mrs Statham, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Searle, Miss Bentley.

Messrs: J. Bentley, R. Whittaker (Wardens) J.C. DeVille, R. Whittaker Snr, E. Whittaker, G. Martin, H. Statham, T. Durose, B. Blore, T. Fradley, W. Goodwin, F. Searle, J. Adams, H. Potter, J H Lindop.

Ruridecanal Representative: Mrs W. Goodwin was duly elected representative.

Auditor: Mr Whittaker Snr proposed seconded by Mr F. Searle that Mr J C DeVille be auditor – carried.

Lord Robert Fund: Mr DeVille made an appeal for the Lord Robert fund. A Parishioner was receiving benefit from this source, and he thought we should support it. The meeting agreed. Mr Whittaker proposed, and Mr Fradley seconded that £3 pounds be given from the Church funds – carried.

Lightning Conductor: After a lengthy discussion as to the advisability of a new Lightning Conductor Mr Fradley proposed and Mr Whittaker seconded that a new one be installed – carried.

Quota: It was agreed that the Quota of obligation be paid £8.5.7.

Sunday School: Mr Potter appealed for five pounds for the Sunday School. Mr Whittaker proposed it should be granted, Mr DeVille seconded and was carried unanimously.

Elected Sidesmen

Messrs B. Blore, J C DeVille, T. Fradley Jnr, J H Lindop, G. Martin, F. Searle, R. Whittaker, E. Whittaker, H. Statham and W. Walster.

Hedge laying: It was resolved that the fence from the entrance gates to the Church be layed and endeavour to keep the poultry from straying onto the Churchyard.

Trinity Frontal: The Rev. W F Need spoke very highly of the beautiful Trinity Frontal worked chiefly by Mrs Lindop and the gift of the Mothers Union, and of the silent but very helpful work done by Mrs Lindop for the Parish, and resolved that a vote of thanks be sent from this meeting. Mr DeVille seconded and remarked what she had done for Bramshall and is doing was much appreciated. The Vicar also associated himself with warm obligations – carried unanimously. Mr Lindop suitably responded for his wife.

There being no other business the meeting closed with prayer.

Signed: W E Charlton 27/4/33

ROAD CLOSURE

Please be reminded of the road closure which will affect that length of the B5027 Stone Road in Bramshall from a point outside The Old Bramshall Inn to its junction with Stocks Lane (unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works; or unless the vehicle requires access to premises on the length of road or is being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes). Access for pedestrians will be available.

An alternative route for traffic is available via B5027 Stone Road, B5027 Uttoxeter Road, B5027 The Level, B5027 Dayhills, B5066 Hilderstone Road, A51 Lichfield Road, A51 London Road, A518 Uttoxeter Road, A518 Stafford Road, B5027 Stafford Road, B5027 Hockley Road, B5027 Oldfields Road, B5027 Bramshall Road and vice versa. For more information, visit: <https://one.network/?tm=125036839>.

The order will come into operation on **7 February 2022** and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by **3 April 2022**.



New Year's Day Hunt Meet

It was good to see the traditional New Year's Day hunt meet locally, courtesy of David Brookes who hosted the event at his Lower Loxley Farm. Many people, including families of all ages, turned up to enjoy the occasion. Pictured above is David greeting Peter Southwell, the joint master of the Meynell & South Staffs Hunt.

NEXT ONE FASHION PRESENTS

There has been much disappointment over the cancellation of previous presentations, but Tom Speake has now been booked for Friday 11th March to come again with his humorous patter, and racks of high street fashions at knock down prices. He hasn't been enjoying the best of health but he hopes by then his treatments will be finished, as he is looking forward to the event very much. Do put on your calendar and support if you can.



Penny's Recipe of the Month



Ingredients:

4oz plain flour,
2 large eggs,
pinch of salt,
7fl oz milk,
3 fl oz water.
2 tablespoon melted butter
plus a little extra butter
for cooking the pancakes.

Well, we have got through Christmas and New Year so what is next on the cooking agenda. Shall I tell you - Pancake Day (Tuesday 1st March). The recipe I am giving you makes a lovely light thin pancake and is easy.

Sieve the flour and salt into a large mixing bowl holding the sieve up high to give the flour an airing - this helps produce a light pancake because of air going through the flour. Make a well in the centre of the flour and break the two eggs into it. Start to whisk the eggs and begin to incorporate bits of flour from around the edges as you do so. Now add small quantities of the milk and water mixture gradually, any lumps will disappear as the whisk gets to them. Whisk until the batter is smooth and the consistency of thin cream. When you are ready to cook the pancakes add 2 tablespoons of melted butter to the mixture and stir in. Melt about 1 teaspoon of melted butter to the pan swirl it around until the pan is well lubricated and hot, when the pan is hot turn it down to medium heat. Now add some pancake mixture - again swirl it round the pan- 2 tablespoons of mixture is enough as then you get nice light pancakes. Have some wedges of orange put to one side, tip pancake onto a plate, sprinkle a little caster sugar onto it and a piece of orange at side of plate for you to squeeze over the delicious pancake. Enjoy.

Penny

Pancake Day, or **Shrove Tuesday**, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and sacrifice, and Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes became the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall

The first of the renovations have taken place with the installation a new front door, new kitchen door and two fire doors have been replaced – we are now looking to have the floor resurfaced, but that will possibly have to wait until the summer break.

2022 has seen the hall being used by regular hires and parties. To book an event please contact Geoff Gamble (mob: 07940 326463) early evening please and complete the necessary form and deposit which he will require to secure a booking.

It is the 25th anniversary of the opening of the current Parish Hall, and we also celebrate the centenary of George Martin giving the original hall to the village.

Fitness	Mondays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2.00 – 4.00pm	Keith Lowson 564427
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Yoga	Wednesdays	7.00 – 8.00pm	Dawn Colclough (Colclough_italy@yahoo.co.uk)
Sewing Club	2 nd Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harris 01283-732248
Lift Lean Resistance Training	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Funday School	1st & 3rd Sundays only	11.00 - 12.00pm	Laura Hill (07944910711)

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