

BRAMSHALL NEWS

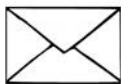


To the memory of the Robin Hood Inn – the village is devastated at its loss and saddened for Ashley and those who worked there. We hope it will be rebuilt, so that this important facility can be restored.

February 2017

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

March issue deadline is Thursday 23rd February 2017



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“Speedwatch”

The “Speedwatch” team of volunteers, just myself and SallyAnne Lander at present, carried out two speed monitoring exercises prior to Christmas. Each shift lasts 2 hours - of which approximately 20 minutes is taken to set up which leaves 1 hour 40 minutes of recording time.

Our first shift was on Stocks Lane/Leigh Lane at the end of September when 5 vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit of 30mph.

Then in early December we carried out monitoring of Stone Road, near the Old Bramshall Inn, and during the period we were there, recorded 25 vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 30mph, including a motorcyclist with “L” plates who passed us at 38mph! The highest offending vehicle (a white transit van) passed us at 56mph, making no attempt to slow down.

Details of the offending vehicles have been passed to the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership to follow up each case with a view to possible prosecution.

There are still opportunities for volunteers to join the Bramshall Community Speedwatch Team and training is available to all volunteers.

If you are interested please contact Andrew Dartnell (07974 588052)

“NEXT ONE” Fashion Show **Wednesday 15th February 7.45pm for 8pm** **£2.50 on the door.**

The eagerly awaited return of Tom Speake with his top quality branded items from High Street stores at greatly discounted prices. Try on with absolutely no obligation to buy – but you will find it hard to resist these bargains.

Tom’s banter is second to none; so come along to meet friends for a relaxing chat, enjoy the refreshments and see what styles are on offer this time. If you could let me know if you wish to attend, that would assist with refreshments – thank you.

SallyAnne Lander 565228 or pjsaj@aol.com

Bramshall Quilt and Craft Club at Bramshall Parish Hall
Thursday 9th February 2017 - 10am to 12.30pm - £5 a session.



CONGRATULATIONS

Wednesday 28th December 2016
John & SallyAnne were proud to attend the wedding of her younger son Adam Johnson with Miss Caroline Woods. The service and reception were held at Mythe Barn, near Atherstone.

FRIENDS OF BRAMSHALL

Further to last month's invitation to form a 'Friends of Bramshall' group, we have received a couple of tentative enquiries.

In order for this to be feasible it would be desirable for a few others to offer a little of their time in this way. Look on it as a getting together to mull ideas over a cuppa (or whatever!), no agenda just see what happens. Supporting the village organisations reflects the level of community spirit, and can be fulfilling for those involved.

So, if you feel able to help then please contact John or SallyAnne on 565228.

WINE TASTING EVENING

***Saturday 18th February
7.00pm
Bramshall Parish Hall
Tickets £15***

***Contact John
or SallyAnne
565228***



Found items after the recent strong winds are detailed on page 10.

Live and Local

Kel Elliott, accompanied by Her Three Man Orchestra in “The Truths and Tall Tales Tour”.

Kel Elliott: vocals, double bass | Kelvin Leitch: rhythm guitar, vocals |
Leo Steeds: keyboards | Tom Voce: drums, percussion.



Inspired by a diverse range of artists from Ella Fitzgerald, and from Bonnie Raitt to Michelle Shocked, double-bass playing singer Kel Elliott takes her life experiences - and her views on the state of the nation - and hammers them out on stage with humour, irony, and a touch of mischief.

With her infectious, upbeat tales of life and lost love, a big, distinctly rich and powerful voice that sets her apart from her contemporaries, and the ecstatic support of guitar, keyboards and percussion from her talented band, Kel has wowed audiences from Ireland to Finland: a star in the making.

As seen at the Cheltenham Jazz Festival BBC Introducing stage, with Jamie Cullum and Jo Whiley.

“Uplifting, genre-leaping songs from a rousing quartet led by a sassy double-bass playing singer-songwriter with a rich and powerful voice. Quality live music by rising stars championed by Grammy award-winning jazz-pop artist Jamie Cullum. Everyone goes home happy. “

'A singer-songwriter with the unusual distinction of being a double bass player; her songs are upbeat in every sense - lyrically optimistic and musically infectious... rich bluesy cafe-jazz.' *Performing Rights Society*

Performing at Bramshall Parish Hall on Saturday 25th March 7.30pm (doors open 7.00pm) Tickets £9.00. Please bring your own refreshments. For details and tickets / reservations please contact John or SallyAnne on 565228



BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Bramshall Gardening Club programme for the second half of the 2016/17 season is a varied one designed to satisfy a wide range of interest.

For those who like exploring the countryside, the January meeting is devoted to the Hidden Places of Staffordshire. The following months include a talk from an expert on Climbers and Wall Plants and a presentation by Sudbury Nursery's on Primulas and Auriculas. For those interested in history, Martin Gee will relate some interesting stories surrounding Weston House and Gardens.

During the summer there will be the opportunity to take part in some visits being organised by the Stramshall Gardening Club. These are to Sugnall Walled Garden (Nr. Eccleshall) and Rocester Garden.

We are pleased to welcome back Gordon Malt for the February meeting, which is on **Monday 27th February** (7:45pm in the Bramshall Parish Hall). This time we have asked him to make a presentation on Climbers and Wall Plants. There will be a short AGM before the start of this meeting.

The Gardening Club meetings are generally on the last Monday of each month and we are pleased that 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 (Membership fee [Jan-Apr]: £6.50).

Clive Tuck

KIDS "CREATE & MAKE" WORKSHOP STRAWBERRY GARDEN CENTRE

11am - 1pm

Friday 24th February 2017 (Spring Half Term)

Book online to avoid disappointment - www.strawberrygardencentre.co.uk/event

Parish Hall Committee meeting 6th February at 7pm.

Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for February 2017

5th February	11.00am	Holy Communion
12th February	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
19th February	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th February	11.00am	Family Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

5th	Mrs L Corbishley
12th	Mrs SA Lander
19th	Mrs C Postlethwaite
26th	Mrs A Harris

Cleaning Rota (for the Sunday stated)

5th	Mrs SA Lander
12th	Mrs M Jones
19th	Mrs L Corbishley
26th	Mrs SA Lander

Flowers: Mrs E Blurton & Mrs J Round
Refreshments for the 4th Sunday : Mrs SA Lander & Mrs P Chesters

From the Registers:

Funeral:

Thursday 29th December Anne KELLY (nee Sargeant)

PCC next meeting: Monday 20th February, 7.00pm at 9 Overcroft.

LENT LUNCHES

Lent lunches will start on Wednesday 8th March – if anyone would be willing to host a simple lent lunch (i.e. soup & a roll) or tea & cake please contact SallyAnne (565228) or Glenda (564452)

Electoral Roll

Notice is hereby given that the St Lawrence Church Electoral Roll is to be open for review between 1st February and 28th February 2017. Under the Church Representation Rules persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they:

Are baptized and will be 16yrs of age during the year of 2017 (those aged under 16 may not vote before their 16th birthday).

Have signed a form of application for enrolment, and either

Are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish, or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment; or

Are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship during the six month period prior to enrolment.

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the undersigned. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting, and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment must be returned by the 28th February 2017, if you are not already on the electoral roll. The new Electoral Roll will be available for inspection in church from Sunday 12th March. Any error discovered in the roll should be reported at once to the PCC Secretary/Electoral Roll Officer.

Dated this 31st day of January 2017 S A LANDER – PCC Secretary / Electoral Roll Officer

Christmas Wreaths – a gentle reminder that, in accordance with Diocesan Regulations, these should be removed by the end of January; however we will allow a month's grace – but we shall remove any that are left on graves after the end of February in order to keep our churchyard tidy.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Please note there will be a service on Friday, 3rd March, 7.00pm at St John's Church, Marchington Woodlands. The service is open to **all** and this year it has been prepared by the Christian women of The Philippines. Further information from SallyAnne 565228 or Glenda 564452.

100 Club draw for January:

1 st :	Jonathan Gibbons	No. 50	£30
2 nd	Tom & Yvonne Newey	No. 171	£20
3 rd	Laura Rowe	No. 132	£15
4 th	Bryan & Pam Heath	No. 4	£10



Best Kept Village 2017

BKV 2017 competition details have just arrived.

We are entering this competition again and are hoping for everyone's assistance in keeping Bramshall tidy.

The first judging is in May. Last year the judges visited very early so this year we hope to be prepared.

Let's hope we can replicate our success of 2016 when we achieved 1st place.



President Fiona and members of the Inner Wheel
Club of Uttoxeter

Invite you to their

Lighthearted Spring Quiz

To be held on Saturday March 11th 2017

in Kingstone Village Hall, 7 for 7.15pm

Teams of four £40

including a two course home made supper.

Please bring your own drink and glasses.

All profits to Inner Wheel Charities

Please fill in and return to Mrs Sally Herbert, Footpath House, Bramshall,
Uttoxeter ST14 5BG by March 4th at the latest. (Preferably before!)

Name of your team:

Names of team members:

1

Any special dietary requirements:

2

3

Contact telephone number:

4

Please make cheque(s) out to: 'The Inner Wheel Club of Uttoxeter'

(Pre-booking essential for catering purposes please.)

Received from Andrew and Angela Dartnell of Church Cottage.

We have recently returned from visiting our son, Christopher (late of Bramshall), and his Chinese wife, Ariel, living in Beijing, China. Not having seen Christopher for almost five years made this visit particularly poignant.

We have travelled to China on four occasions previously visiting not just Beijing but also Shanghai, X'ian and Hong Kong. It was during a visit to Beijing in 2008 which Christopher joined in that we first met Ariel who was our tour guide whilst we were in the city. From that first encounter who could ever have imagined that a new family relationship would blossom?



Christopher and Ariel

Christopher moved from Bramshall to Beijing in 2010 to take up a role with the RISE educational organisation, teaching young Chinese schoolchildren to speak English. His relationship with Ariel developed and they married in China in 2013. After more than five years he still enjoys his daily toils as he calls them and is becoming quite proficient at speaking Chinese. He does however confess that learning to write in Mandarin is taking considerably longer and many evenings are spent with language and writing lessons.

Andrew's article of his trip to China will be printed in the next issue.

Brussels Sprout Soup.

For 6 people

2lb sprouts, 8oz potatoes, 1 onion,
2oz butter, ½ pint milk, black pepper,
½ teaspoon grated nutmeg,
¼ pint single cream,
about 2 pints of chicken stock.

Trim and wash the sprouts and thinly slice the potato and onion. Melt the butter in a large saucepan and cook the onions and potato slowly for about 10 minutes until the onion is slightly soft. Toss in the sprouts and pour in the stock. Bring the mixture to the boil and simmer for 20 minutes. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Allow the soup to cool for a few minutes before pouring into the liquidiser- or you can rub through a sieve. Stir in the nutmeg and cream. You can then refrigerate or re-heat carefully making sure the mixture does not boil as the cream will clot and go lumpy.

Sprouts are associated with Christmas dinner but this soup is lovely at any time.

Penny Gilpin
Penny Gilpin

@ Email distribution list

If you would like to be added to the village email distribution list for urgent requests, important reminders, Lost & Found items/pets, and useful information: then please let the Editor know by emailing:

bramshallnews@gmail.com

Found A small, metal garden orb/sphere on Mallens Croft - rolling down the road during the high winds.

Contact 12 Overcroft for collection.

Also: an outdoor, hanging, plastic, decorative box ball - found in the hedge by the churchyard after the winds. Contact 563096

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on
the Bramshall Parish website
www.bramshallparish.org.uk

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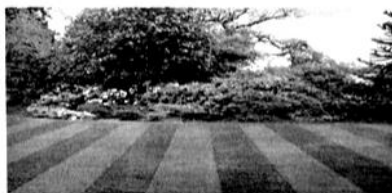
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Diary Dates

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

Try something new in February:-

Fashion Show. Wednesday, 15th February. 7.45pm for 8pm Parish Hall

Wine Tasting Evening. Saturday, 18th February. 7.00pm Parish Hall

Bramshall Gardening Club . Monday, 27th February at 7.45pm Parish Hall.

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**