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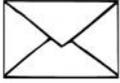
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*As Morecambe & Wise used to sing!*

**June 2021**

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[www.bramshallparish.org.uk](http://www.bramshallparish.org.uk)

The Travelling Taverna last month proved to be very popular despite the weather - so much so that some people were left disappointed as the food ran out following the sale of over 350 meals. Thanks Sue Bufton for organising, and the residents of Church Croft for their understanding of so much traffic.

For the next food events see pages 4 and 11 (thanks again Sue, no chance of anyone going hungry!!).

## Neil Potter's Fundraising Bike Ride Lands End to John O'Groats

Neil Potter from Overcroft is preparing to cycle from Lands End to John O'Groats in June. Here is the information from their Just Giving page relating to the Charity they are supporting.

“We are four riders setting out on a fresh challenge, to ride a 920 mile route from Lands End to John O'Groats in just 9 days, between the 10th & 18th June 2021. Originally scheduled for 2020 the Covid pandemic forced us to postpone to this year.

We will also be riding the 218 mile King Alfred's Way over 3 days in May as part of our training.

Please follow our progress on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/simsayz>) where we will be posting updates on both rides.

**Chestnut Tree House** is a children's charity providing hospice care and community support for children and young people with life-shortening conditions.

There are hundreds of children and young people in your local community who are unlikely to reach adulthood. And even more parents and family members who need care, help and support on their journey, as they do not know how long they will have together.”

We would be very grateful if you would consider to donate to his worthy cause by scanning the QR code below, which will take you to our Just Giving page.



Your help enables families to spend time together. Precious moments that give a lifetime of memories.

Many thanks for your support.

Neil, Keith Mick & Simon

# Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander  
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## Covid-19 Road Map

We hope that all restrictions will be lifted on June 21<sup>st</sup> and we can return to our usual practise of worship (and the joy of singing), but until this has been confirmed by a government announcement the wearing of face coverings, sanitizing on entering & leaving, and maintaining social distance inside & outside continue to remain in place.

## Services for June

6 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am	Morning Worship
13 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am	Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am	Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> June	11.00am	4th Sunday Worship (followed by refreshments)

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# Bramshall Community Breakfast

If you enjoy a good breakfast at the weekend and would like the chance to avoid all the preparation (and washing up afterwards!!), then come along to the Parish Hall for the Bramshall Community Breakfast on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July from 9.30am. Catch up with neighbours and friends, and even meet villagers you may not have been introduced to yet. We would love to see you and, hopefully, make this a regular event.

Tickets are £6.50 and must be purchased in advance, for catering purposes, and can be obtained from SallyAnne Lander (9, Overcroft, tel: 565228 or email: Sallyannelander@gmail.com) or Sue Bufton (The Croft, Church Lane, email: susan.bufton@hotmail.co.uk). If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Lisa at Simply fine Dining on 07815 624128



# St Lawrence Church, Bramshall



Will be starting **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June** at 11am  
for children aged 3 to 11.

Sessions will run every first and third Sunday of the month and will include games, activities, stories, songs, prayers and much more. We hope to grow a community of children, who can meet together for friendship and to learn about God in a supportive environment.

To register your interest or to ask for more information, please email  
Laura: [laurajhill78@icloud.com](mailto:laurajhill78@icloud.com)

Please note: all volunteers are DBS checked and have completed safeguarding training. Laura is a qualified primary school teacher with over 20 years teaching experience.

*Laura Hill*

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## 100 Club Results: May

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 177	Brenda Gascoigne	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 63	Dave Hammersley	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 86	Sue Burrows	£20
4 <sup>th</sup>	No 100	Andy & Janet Fox	£15

## DIGGING INTO THE PAST

It is interesting to read what went on all those years ago, the money used and the language that comes through the minutes. Comparing to today it highlights how things have altered so much over the ninety odd years.

In 1924 these extracts mention some of the church furniture purchased.

### **Parochial Church Council meeting at the Parish Hall 7pm Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> 1924.**

Present: The Rev. Knight-Smith Vicar in the chair

Messrs: Martin, Whittaker, Allen, Bentley, Adams, Fradley Jnr, Bailey

Mesdames: Whittaker, Gould, Loverock

**Mothers Meeting Sale of Work:** The Vicar spoke very highly of the splendid work done by Mrs Lindop and other members of the Mothers Union, who had voted £40 out of the proceeds from sales for a Reredos and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all concerned.

**New Altar Table:** Proposed that a new oak Altar table be provided and paid for out of the church funds.

**Church Accounts:** The Secretary (Mr Allen) reported a credit balance, in Bank on Dec.31<sup>st</sup> 1923 of £64.1.5.

**Bell Ringer:** Proposed that Mr T. Fradley Jnr be elected.

**(Note: This is Rev. John Lander's grandfather)**

**Ruridecanal Representative:** Mrs Whittaker be elected.

**Church Council:** proposed that all previous members be re-elected with the addition of Mr T. Fradley Jnr – carried.

**New Ladder & Down rainpipes:** Proposed that Mr T. Fradley provide a 16 rung ladder also obtain and fix a cast iron down pipe at West End of Church.

**Winding Church Clock & attending outside lamps:** Proposed that 10/- per annum be allowed Mr Adams for this work – carried.

**Sunday School preparing Parish Hall:** Proposed that 1/- per Sunday be paid Mrs Adams – carried.

**New Hassocks covering seats and foot rests:** Proposed that these be done as soon as possible – carried. Messrs Martin & Lindop to action.

**Burial Fees etc:** The Vicar agreed to obtain information.

**Extension of Churchyard:** Agreed that a committee – (The Vicar – Mr DeVille – Martin – Whittaker – Allen – Statham and Bentley make an inspection on a date and time, to be fixed later on, to decide on the matter.

L. Knight Smith

## **Parochial Church Council meeting at the Parish Hall April 25<sup>th</sup> 1924.**

**Vicar's Warden:** The Vicar, after the minutes of the previous meeting had been passed proposed that Mr Martin be re-elected as his Warden – carried.

**People's Warden:** Mr Whittaker be re-elected – carried.

**Secretary:** The Vicar read a letter from Mr Allen tendering his resignation owing to leaving the district. The Vicar and Churchwardens expressed their regret and pressed Mr Allen to continue until near the time of his departure – which he consented to do.

**Organist:** A letter was read from Mr H. Potter asking for an advance of salary from £12.10.0 to £15 per annum. It was agreed to submit and decide at the next meeting.

**New Bell Ropes:** The Secretary was instructed to write Messrs Taylor's Loughboro' for three new bell ropes.

**Church Windows:** Proposed that all defective panes and lead work be made good by Mr T. Fradley and Mr Adams clean all windows – carried. The Secretary to see Mr Fradley and also request him to fix another post and rails at the west entrance to the churchyard.

**Fixing Reredos & Footrests:** Agreed to pay Mr T. Fradley for assisting, fixing the Reredos and the Secretary was instructed to see him (Mr Fradley) and request him to strip the footrests and stain them to match the pews as near as possible.

**Financial Statement:** The Secretary explained that there was a credit balance at the Bank of £52.17.0 and all agreed it was very satisfactory.

**Bell Ringer:** Proposed that Mr T. Fradley Jnr be elected.

L. Knight Smith Dated: April 17 1925

## **Church Council meeting at the Parish Hall 8pm June 17 1924**

**Resignation:** Mr J. Allen having tendered his resignation owing to his forthcoming departure from the Parish – the Vicar expressed the earnest gratitude to him for all that he had done to further the interests of the Parishioners in every way. It was resolved that a very hearty vote of thanks and appreciation – with every good wish for the future be accorded to Mr & Mrs Allen – the same to be recorded in the minutes. It was decided that Mrs Lindop and Phillips be approached with a view to one of them undertaking the post of Secretary / Treasurer to the Council.

**Organists Salary:** An application for a rise in salary having been sent in by H. Potter – it was decided to grant him an increase from £12.10.0 to £15.

**Statement of accounts:** Mr Allen gave a statement as to the financial position to date, showing a balance at the Bank, when all outstanding accounts had been paid of £20.

**Enlargement of Churchyard:** Mr Martin very generously offered to give a portion of land on the North side of the church for the enlargement of the churchyard. The Vicar proposed a very warm vote of thanks to Mr Martin for his most generous action. This was seconded by Mr DeVillie and carried with acclamations. The site was subsequently inspected by the members of the sub-committee present.

L. Knight Smith Dated: Dec 1 1924

### Church Council meeting December 1<sup>st</sup> 1924

**Hon. Secretary:** It was proposed by the Vicar and carried unanimously that Mr H.A. Phillips be appointed Hon. Secretary.

**Addition to Churchyard:** It was resolved on the motion of Mr Whittaker, seconded by Mr Phillips that an estimate for fencing the piece of land so kindly promised by Mr Martin as an addition to the churchyard be obtained and laid before the next meeting.

**Covers for the Altar:** The offer to provide a Holland cover for the Altar by Mrs Lindop was gratefully accepted.

**Organ Blower:** Notice having been received from Lilian & Albert Adams it was decided that enquiries should be made as to getting another organ blower.

**Parish Tea:** It was unanimously decided that a Parochial Tea should be held on Thursday, Jan 15.

**Transfers of Banking Account:** Authority was given to Mr Phillips to transfer the Banking Account from the Westminster Bank to Lloyds Bank.

**Easter Offerings:** The question of the Easter offerings was brought forward by Mrs Lindop on the unanimous wish expressed by those present that the collections on Easter day should be given to the Vicar. The Vicar warmly thanked the meeting, deeply appreciating the spirit which had prompted this wish.

L. Knight Smith

Sept 8 1925

[Extra information from Robert Statham](#)

[Re the minutes from Parochial Church Council meetings.](#)

[I think the Mr Statham attending would be Harry, my grandfather as referred to in the April edition. I think the Mr Buckley would have been my great grandfather Tom Buckley who was Harry Statham's father in law \(also referred to in the April article\). Mr W Ellaway-Smith was the Land Agent to the Loxley Estate. The Mr Bailey listed could well have been Colin Bailey, who farmed Park Farm \(now the Strawberry Garden Centre\) and was Margaret Ward and Joyce McCann's father.](#)

## **A FEW MEMORIES FROM BARBARA BROUGH (NEE BENTLEY)**

My Mother, Doris Bevan first came to Bramshall about 1918, she lived just over the Stone Road crossings. My Grandfather, Harvey Bevan worked for Mr Buckley of Springfield Farm. My Mother had to walk to school in Uttoxeter, that's if she couldn't cadge a lift off one of the farmers who were going to the market.

I first came to the village in 1946 when I was twelve years old. We lived in Silver Cottage where my sister Ann was born a few months later. My Father, Ernest Bentley, came to work for Arthur Whittaker, who later died from Polio. The farm was then taken over by Mr Brookes. During the bad snow of 1946-7 the Prisoners of War from Loxley Hall had to clear a passage from Bramshall to Loxley for my Dad and Mr Winfield to get to work. We later moved to Woodside, Loxley Bank. To get to school we were picked up outside Loxley Hall by the school bus that took us all round Gratwich, back through Bramshall, we were the first on and last off!

The village is very different from when I first came here a lot more houses for a start. Some people may remember Suzy Barton (affectionately referred to as 'Nanny Goat Fan'), she lived next door to the Corbishley family, she kept a few goats which she used to graze down Bennetts Lane on the side of the road. She couldn't do that these days!

### ***Barbara's grandparent details show how her family tree evolved:***

The census of 1911 states that Joseph and Emma Bentley lived at Bramshall station as he was a Signalman, and they married in 1896. They were both born in Longton and had Ernest born Normacot in 1907, Hilda Emma in 1904 born in Bramshall and May born 1898 in Barlaston. There is a Bentley on the Church Parochial Council but the minutes just mention surnames rarely their Christian names but perhaps as we go on this may be revealed.

Harvey and Annie Bevan in 1911 lived at Woolleys Yard, High Street, Uttoxeter they were married in 1908 and he is stated as being a Farm Labourer. Harvey was 28yrs old born in Abbots Bromley 1883 and Annie his wife born in Uttoxeter 1884 27yrs old. Doris Hannah was born 1909 in Uttoxeter and Charles William 1911.

Doris and Ernest Bentley were married in Uttoxeter in the fourth quarter of 1933.

## Well Done Rich!!



The 'Lopping Lymer's Locks' & Community Event Day was a total success. Not only was over £2000 raised on the day for the 3 charities (katharine house, mummy's star & StrongMen) but also to see so many people come along in support and enjoy themselves was heart-warming and uplifting. It is fantastic to know that the sense of community spirit is still thriving here. Big congratulations to Rich for undertaking this challenge and on exceeding his expectations; and thanks to all who contributed to making this such a memorable occasion.



At the time of going to press, the fund total had reached almost £8000.



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The JMA (the friendly village chippy) Fish & Chip van is coming to Bramshall and Loxley Parish hall car park:

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 6pm - 8pm

Orders at the van... dietary requirements or queries please contact Joe at JMA catering on 07415 924686.

Cash payments accepted. Contactless payment is an option (subject to signal availability).

An advertisement for 'Eco Party Box' featuring a background of colorful partyware like plates, cups, and streamers. The text is arranged in several boxes: a yellow box with 'LOVE PARTIES?' and 'HATE WASTE?', a white box with 'Hire our reusable partyware kit and say NO to single-use!', a green box with a globe and 'Eco Party Box', and a white box with 'CONTACT US AT:' and contact details. At the bottom, there is a dark blue box with 'www.partykitnetwork.uk @partykitnetwork' and social media icons.

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Hi. I'm a busy, working mum of two young boys, living in Bramshall. After attending and holding many children's parties, I was always saddened by the amount of waste from paper plates to plastic cups and pass-the-parcel wrapping that was just thrown away. Deciding that there must be a better way, I set up a reusable party box hire service so parties can be enjoyed without all the rubbish going to landfill at the end. The service includes the hire, cleaning and local delivery of reusable, colourful tableware. Please visit my Facebook page for photos and details of how to hire. Try the eco-friendly option for your next party!

Many Thanks, Claire McDonnell.

## **ROBIN HOOD SHARE CLUB**

The Robin Hood Share Club has been active in Bramshall for over 20 years and has survived through the peaks and troughs of the market. As the name implies it was founded at, and operated from, the Robin Hood pub and following the demise of the pub is now headquartered at The Sycamores Church Lane, Bramshall. 10 of the current 17 members live in Bramshall or adjacent villages, two more in Uttoxeter and 5, who have local connections, outside Staffordshire.

Members can invest any amount in the Investment Club, with a minimum regular monthly commitment for one year of £25, this purchases a number of units in the Fund with the value of the unit varying depending on the value of the Fund at time of purchase. (Current members' monthly subscriptions vary between £25 and £50). Monthly meetings are held at the Sycamores at 16.00 hrs. on the second Sunday of each month and usually last about an hour. At these meetings members discuss what shares on the Stock Exchange to invest in, what shares to sell (if any), and any other relevant business. Each member has an equal vote on investment decisions regardless of their level of investment. Note for the past year or so because of Covid restrictions these meetings have been held by Zoom. Subject to Government rules they will revert to face to face meetings at The Sycamores from July.

The Club has operated a successful investment strategy and following a change of Officers and Stock Brokers six years ago cashed in the investments, and paid the proceeds to existing members, who realised a substantial profit. We then re- started with the core of the previous members together with some new recruits and have been building up a new portfolio since.

The Club has had a very successful past year with the Markets rebounding from the collapse after the original Covid scare with all members currently showing a profit on their investments in a range 16-23%.

The fund has a current value in excess of £40,000 and is showing a profit over the value of subscriptions paid of approximately 20%.

We currently have 17 members and are allowed a maximum by HMRC of 20, we could therefore accommodate and welcome a maximum of three new members. It is not obligatory to attend the meetings (in fact some members never attend), usual attendance 7-9 out of the 17 current members. It is an interesting and pleasant way to spend an hour one Sunday afternoon a month,

and to date it has proved profitable, although one needs to be aware that the Stock Market can go down as well as up.

If anyone in the village would like to know more about the club and how it operates contact Mike Walmsley at [mike.walmsley@bramshall.com](mailto:mike.walmsley@bramshall.com) or on 01889567340, or 07909536761, or at The Sycamores Church Lane Bramshall.

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The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is the world's leading youth achievement award for 14-24 year olds, with over 438,000 young people currently doing their DofE in the UK. One of those young people is Benjamin Ralph, who is working towards his bronze award - part of which involves community volunteering; in this case he is undertaking a 'Nature Survey of Bramshall St. Lawrence Churchyard'. This will form a key part of the ongoing project to become more aware of the natural world around us, and to encourage a more nature-friendly environment.

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**Congratulations** to Jo and Simon Pratt on the birth of Chloe Rose Pratt, born on Saturday 8th of May, weight 7lb 8oz, also proud first time grandparents Dave and Gail Probyn.



## Penny's Recipe of the Month

# sticky garlic chicken skewers



When summer comes try this recipe for outdoor eating.

### Ingredients:

3cloves of garlic, 2tblsp clear honey, 4 tbsps Tomato ketchup,  
4tblsp Worcester sauce, 2teasp English mustard, 2 teasp tabasco sauce.  
3 skinless chicken breasts cut into thin strips. Salt and freshly ground pepper.  
Salad and new potatoes to serve.

If you have bamboo skewers then soak for 20 mins, otherwise use metal skewers. Mix together the crushed garlic, honey, ketchup, Worcester sauce, mustard and Tabasco, season with salt and freshly ground pepper. Toss in the chicken strips and stir until well mixed. Transfer to a non-metallic dish. Cover and leave to marinate ideally overnight or 30 mins. Pre-heat grill, thread marinated chicken onto skewers, arrange on a foil-lined baking sheet and grill on barbecue. Serve with mixed salad and new Jersey potatoes. You can still cook these kebabs on a gas hob if the weather not ideal for barbecue. Enjoy.

*Penny*

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Many thanks to Dave Hammersley who very generously gave of his time and obvious skills in rejuvenating one of the church benches, which was sorely in need of attention. As mentioned previously, this particular bench was given to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee (June 1977), so it is amazing to consider that it will still be around as, hopefully, we celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee next year.

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