

BRAMSHALL NEWS



**Early Daffodils herald
the arrival of Spring**

March 2021



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British Summer Time

Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour
on the night of Saturday 27th March,
as British Summer Time commences
Sunday 28th March.

Please remember, this is everybody's News Sheet and the editor would be delighted to receive contributions about anything interesting or important, celebrations, forthcoming events, reflections, anything... and photographs make any item more engaging.



Best Wishes to PC Rich Lymer in your new role, and many thanks for all your work in the community.

I have recently been successful in an application to join the Staffordshire Police Road Policing Unit and will be joining them as of Monday 1st March 2021. My last working day as the Neighbourhood Beat Manager will be Saturday 20th February 2021 although this is still pending confirmation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your help, assistance and commitment. Without your help and support I wouldn't have been able to achieve the things I did whilst I was in role and it is fair to say that in the years we have worked together we have faced some testing and challenging times, never more so than in the current climate. I can assure you that I have always tried my hardest to do the best that I can and to deliver a quality product to the community I serve, I hope that the impression I have left is a lasting positive one.

PCSO 27951 Tim LEATHERS will remain in post as the Barton & Needwood Neighbourhood Police Community Support Officer and when I move into my new role PC 5342 Lee PARDEN will be coming over to Uttoxeter Police Station to provide cover. PC Parden is a vastly experienced Police Officer and is currently the Tutbury and Rolleston Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

As I move over to my role on the Road Policing Unit I will move from dealing with local neighbourhood issues to deal with issues County Wide across Staffordshire focusing on the road network. If you require any help or support from the Police then I would ask you to contact PCSO Leathers, utilise either 101 or digital 101 or visit www.staffordshire.police.uk

As stated above I remain in post for a short time before moving to my new role so I will still be on hand if anything is needed. In the eventuality that our paths don't cross then I wish you good health and wellbeing for the future and yet again extend my sincerest thanks to you.

Kind Regards,
Rich

Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander
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Covid-19

Unfortunately, public worship in our church building continues to be suspended. **As lockdown starts to ease, it is hoped that we may be in a position to resume public worship for the celebration of Easter (Sunday 4th April).** In the mean time we are offering a 'zoom' service each Sunday morning with the services as indicated below. For details of how to join the zoom services please email revjsl@btinternet.com. The church will be opened for private prayer each Sunday morning from 10.00am - 12.00noon

Zoom Services for March

7 th Mar	11.00am	Agape
14 th Mar (Mothering Sunday)	11.00am	Morning Worship
21 st Mar	11.00am	Agape
28 th Mar (Palm Sunday)	11.00am	Morning Worship

Forthcoming Dates of note

Maundy Thursday	1 st April
Good Friday	2 nd April
Easter Day	4 th April

100 Club Results: February

1 st	No 15	Peter & Sandra Kent	£30
2 nd	No 127	SallyAnne Lander	£25
3 rd	No 39	Hattie Johnson	£20
4 th	No 65	Elizabeth Punchard	£15

Thanks to Sarah Heath of the Strawberry Garden Centre for drawing the winning balls for the February prizes.

Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent and as well as being called 'Mother's Day' it is also sometimes referred to as 'Refreshment Sunday' (as it occurs mid-way through the period of Lent). Traditionally, it was a day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, the children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift. Mothering Sunday also refers back centuries ago to when it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church at this time of year.

REVISION OF CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the electoral roll of the Parish of St Lawrence will be revised between 1st March and 31st March 2021. Under the Church Representation Rules persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they:

1. Are baptized and will be 16yrs of age during the year of 2021 (those aged under 16 may not vote before their 16th birthday).
2. Have signed a form of application for enrolment, and either
3. 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
4. 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 31st March 2021. The new Electoral Roll will be available for inspection in church from Sunday 10th March. Any error discovered in the roll should be reported at once to the Electoral Roll Officer.

P. HIND – Electoral Roll Officer

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BRAMSHALL AS IT USED TO BE!

How well I remember the lovely countryside around Bramshall: the footpaths, especially the unique one which was raised over three feet down Bennett's Lane, which has unfortunately been allowed to go astray, and would have been much more valuable in these days of heavier traffic. At the termination of this path we turned in across the field opposite, to cross the railway over the bridge and so on to the Great Northern Line.

Past this we went over a stile and through a field to a rather shaky plank with only one handrail over the brook. A coppice lay opposite, after which we came out onto the main Stafford Road.

To view Bramshall from Loxley Hall was well worth the effort, not only of knowing most of the fields by name, but also all their associations over so many years. Coming back to the village, which used to be a hive of activity, we saw the local Baker's shop, the Wheelwrights, the Butchers, the Cobblers and not forgetting the busy little Bramshall School, where concerts were held and local talent used. These were worthy to be remembered. I recall the Whist Drives, and the Dance Music to gramophone (by special permission) in the good old days, when most of us appreciated our limitations, but made the most of them.

There was the postman on his early morning round, delivering letters, then collecting boots to repair to occupy him for the rest of the day at a house in Gratwich. He came back about six in the evening to collect the post and take it on to Uttoxeter in time for the G.P.O. mail coach to Stafford. This returned during the night with next day's post.....and No Strikes!

I think the well, which supplied the majority of drinking water for the village, deserves a mention. Regularly one could see the folk shouldering their buckets attached to yokes which were worn across their shoulders. This well was called "Incroft Well", where the water was filtered before use. Most pumps were terribly hard to use, and I remember that the water tended to be the same.

What a lot there is to reminisce about!

Mrs E.C. Statham

Taken from an early Uttoxeter & Bramshall Parish magazine.



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He has introduced stringent covid measures and accepts card payments to reduce the risk.

Gavin's aim is to provide Uttoxeter with a valuable resource so please come and see him for your motoring needs.

Tel: 07940 795322

Welcome to Bramshall, Gavin.



Litter Picking has certainly caught the mood of the moment. It all started with Malcom Evans and Ian Jackson accumulating a good couple of bags full of rubbish along the main road from the Strawberry Garden Centre. This then encouraged more community spirited people to rise to the challenge of addressing other lanes leading to, and around, the village. Well done everyone!!

Clergy Letter for March 2021

Revd. Chris Brown is a self supporting minister like myself, and he lives in Uttoxeter. We've known each other for many years, and together we make a good double act - he's 'big un' and I'm 'little un' - Editor

Dear Friends,

I began this letter sitting at dad's house waiting for the gas man to come and repair dad's boiler, no heating but plenty of hot water. Thankfully dad is in St Marys Mount at the moment and enjoying every minute. My thoughts drifted to where we are as a world at this moment. We have to stay at home, keep our distance and wash hands. Unfortunately this means contact with our communities is very limited. The few people we come into contact with, either by phone or electronic media, are absolutely delighted that we have bothered to contact them. As a member of the clergy team I am conscious of the restricted pastoral care we can give to our community, often when they are in dire need of it. Time on the phone or social media do not seem the same as a face to face conversation, it always seems to be lacking something. The same applies to our worship, I know that Members of the team do a sterling job creating online worship for our area congregations, even farther afield. Distant worship, distant learning and distant pastoral care, our contact with others becomes more remote. I sometimes feel we are all turning into a modern Robinson Crusoe cut off from the world and all alone.

Our thoughts are concentrated on the future, when will this pandemic end, when will I be free to go out and mix with family and friends and when will we back to normal?

For many there will be a time when, although free to come and go as you choose, the spectre of the virus and fear of contagion will be always there, hovering in the background. Some will experience a time of new beginning building up new friendships and contacts. All of us in some way will have to build up our lives virtually (the pun is intended) from scratch. How that will shape our lives and communities we do not know. Can we carry on as before the pandemic? In some ways we as a church will be like the original disciples setting out to build the new church that Jesus empowered them to do. In a way we will be sharing the same questions as those disciples. What do we do? How do we do it? Should we do it this way or that way? Do we have enough people and resources to continue? Have people's expectations or approach to worship changed, especially after experiencing different styles of worship on line. Have we as Christians changed inside after lockdown or self-isolation or shielding?

As I said to the congregation at Marchington, at the end of my only service this year, be of good heart, God will see us through. As followers of Jesus we are used to having to wait on the Lord and this isolation should be treated as a time of waiting and a time of prayer that will reinforce our own inner belief in God and a time to prepare us to for the time we can gather again to worship and minister fully to all God's people.

All God's blessings.
Chris.



I represent the Transforming the Trent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund) and would like to open up our exciting “Tales of the Riverbank” project to your newsletter readers or online news pages.

This project is about bringing communities and social history together by sharing memories, stories and tales of our childhood experiences along the riverbanks of the Trent Valley. We aim to involve everyone from all age groups and cultures, and also want their ideas to decide how all these tales will be presented at the end of the project.

We would be very grateful if your readers and, the wider parish, could take part and help to create a bank of memories that can be accessed for generations to come.

If you have any other questions or would like to get more involved with the project then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Nicola Lynes
Community Engagement Officer
(Transforming the Trent Valley)

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Penny's Recipe of the Month

Tomato and Pepper Pasta

Ingredients:

A jar of pasta sauce.
1 Red & 1 Orange pepper
1 Onion
Clove of garlic
Pasta of choice



This is a quick and easy pasta dish with a little bit of help from a jar of tomato and basil sauce {Waitrose} I have 1 red pepper and 1 orange pepper which I cut into slices after removing the seeds inside plus 1 onion which also slice. Put into a saucepan a tablespoon of oil and sauté the peppers and onion plus a clove of crushed garlic. Cook until soft, season and add the jar of cherry tomato sauce and bring to the boil. If you fancy a slug of red wine in the sauce, then do so but boil the sauce until the wine is reduced. Then in a separate pan boil some water and cook the pasta (I use macaroni) until soft and then drain and add to your sauce and stir until the pasta is covered. Serve with lots of grated Parmesan cheese to sprinkle on top. This dish is asking you to enjoy a glass of red wine with it and is great for a Saturday evening!!

Penny

“Soggy Bottom”

I go every week to the "Bramshall Library" to tidy it up and unfortunately books put on the floor I have had to take out and throw away because they are sodden with water. If you stand outside the phone box you will notice that there are holes at the bottom on one side which one presumes are there to ventilate inside, otherwise there would be condensation inside which would damage many more books. Please don't overfill the floor as I have had to make many trips to Charity shops in town taking excess stock; of course, at the moment no shops are open, so I have to store in my garage. The children books which are in the wooden tray seem to be dry.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Penny

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