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**Charles Brindley's Organ of 1868
in St. Lawrence's Church.**

November 2021



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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.

Remember, Bramshall is a community speed watch area with permanent signage on the entry points to the village. Our volunteers operate without the need for additional mobile signs, but they do conform to Staffordshire Police regulations at all times.



Unfortunately, the December edition of the News Sheet will be slightly late in reaching households. So, rather than it having been distributed by the first of the month, it should reach you by the first weekend of December (Saturday 4th or Sunday 5th). In order that you may have prior notice of events that we know are taking place in December, please refer to page 11.

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

December Dates for your Diary

Thursday 9th December from 2-4pm Glenda Lovatt will be hosting her much looked forward to 'festive cuppa' at Bowmore House, Stone Road (just over the level crossing). All will be most welcome.

Sunday 12th December will be our Christmas Carol Service held at 4pm. This year we are being joined by the Alton Handbell ringers who will add an extra seasonal dimension. This is a popular service which we hope you will enjoy.

Sunday 19th December will be our Christingle Service at 4pm. A lovely family time to be reminded of the importance of Christmas, for children (and adults) to learn about Christingles, and to help build up to the big day.

GRATWICH

BONFIRE & FIREWORKS

BEST GUY COMPETITION
Entries to be brought to church for judging on Monday 1st November
Winning Guy will be put on the top of the bonfire.

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER at Orchard Cottage, Gratwich
Bonfire to be lit at 7.30PM

Refreshments
Raffle

To book
CONTACT: Carolyn Hollins 01889 502680

Raising funds for St. Mary's Church in Gratwich

Penny's Recipe of the Month

Sinhalese Linguine Prawn Pasta



450g 1lb linguine pasta,
 2 teaspoons olive oil,
 1/2 small onion peeled and finely chopped,
 1 glove garlic crushed,
 1tbsp curry paste,
 1tbsp chopped fresh coriander, plus extra to garnish
 1tbsp chopped fresh mint,
 1tbsp fresh chopped parsley,
 grated zest and juice of lemon.
 Salt and ground pepper.
 8oz peeled prawns.

Cook linguine in a large pan of boiling water, salted if you wish, when pasta is al dente (tender but still some resistance when bitten) remove from heat and drain, keeping some of the cooking water.

Heat oil in a large frying pan and add onion and garlic and fry without letting them colour. Add curry paste and stir fry for 20 seconds then throw in the pasta water equivalent to 10 tbsp add all the herbs prawns and lemon zest. Toss to heat through then squeeze lemon juice and lightly season. Toss cooked pasta with curried prawn mixture and serve garnished with coriander leaves.

Hope you enjoy.

Penny

'Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council'

Guide how to report issues and Get Involved:

Report issues	How to
Highways – pot holes etc	Report via www.staffordshire.gov.uk/reportit https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/MyStaffs-App/MyStaffs-App.aspx
Fly Tipping	Report via http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health/fly-tipping Email community.civil_enforcement@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk
Environmental Health	http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health
Noise – Odour – Air Pollution Nuisance	https://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health/pollution/noise-odour-air-pollution
Litter	https://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/community-civil-enforcement/littering
Rights of Way – Footpaths	https://prow.staffordshire.gov.uk/standardmap.aspx
Parking Issues	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Highways/Parking-and-enforcement/On-Street-Parking/Problem-parking/Problem-parking.aspx
Planning Enforcement	http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/planning/planning-enforcement
Dog Fouling	http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/environmental-health/dogs/dog-fouling
East Staffordshire Borough Council services	https://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/a-z
Staffordshire County Council services	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Homepage.aspx
Get Involved	How to
Community Volunteers	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/Environment-and-countryside/CommunityVolunteerProgramme.aspx
Just Do It	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Community/Volunteer/Do-It-Staffordshire.aspx
People Helping People	https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Community/Volunteer/PeopleHelpingPeople.aspx

Church News

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

Vicar Revd John Lander
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Services for November

7 th Nov	11.00am	Morning Worship
14 th Nov	10.55am	Holy Communion (Remembrance Sunday)
21 st Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion
28 th Nov	11.00am	4th Sunday Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

7 th	Mrs B Kinch
14 th	Mrs SA Lander
21 st	Mrs C Postlethwaite
28 th	Mrs G Lovatt

Flowers:

Mrs SA Lander & Mrs B Gray



The November sessions for 'Funday School' will be held on the following Sundays:

7th November and 21st November commencing at 11am

100 Club Results: October

1 st	No 60	Andrew Gray	£30
2 nd	No 30	Robert & Carol Statham	£25
3 rd	No 193	Fields family	£20
4 th	No 174	Helen Lowe	£15

Early Doors II - Bramshall's Got Talent



A fantastic evening was enjoyed by those who came along to the 'Bramshall's Got Talent' event. The images above (clockwise from top left) show the compere, quizmaster & singer Damian; the Fox brothers Paul & Andy who encouraged us to join in with some familiar songs, as well as chuckling or groaning at some of Paul's comic poems; young Freddie Kent-Priestly amazed everyone with his drumming skills and his dad Paul who joined him on guitar for some rock intro beats. Missing from these photo's is 7 year old Braxton Edmonston who surprised us with a quick chorus of 'Jingle Bells'. Well done, and thanks to everyone involved; including Sophia with her delicious Jahmaken food, Penny Gilpin, Sue Bufton & SallyAnne Lander for organising the event, and all who stayed behind to help tidy up afterwards.



Autumn Fair

An Autumn Fair is taking place in the Parish Hall on Saturday 13th November between 2 – 4pm. We will be hosting a few local stalls (as we are still trying to keep distancing a priority for everyone's benefit) and there will be a little café space in the middle for Afternoon tea. The Annual Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale and **any cake contributions would be much appreciated (contact SallyAnne or just bring along on the day)**. It would be lovely to see many of you from the village support this local event.... Maybe get in the mood for thinking about Christmas!!

The Church Organ

ST LAWRENCE ORGAN FUND – you may have noticed that we have started fund raising to have our church organ refurbished. The organ was constructed by the firm of Brindley in 1868 and is a single manual instrument with an additional pedal board. In terms of the history of the current church building (which is Grade II listed dating 1835) it appears that the planned ‘minstrels gallery’ was aborted at a late stage of construction, apparently leaving the church in a transitional period for musical accompaniment for congregational hymn and psalm singing. Although we have not yet discovered any old records pertaining to it, the introduction of the organ over 30 years later must have been greeted with great joy. The organ is regularly serviced and overhauled by John Oakes & Son Organ Builders of Stoke On Trent, but over the past few years there have been obvious signs of natural deterioration in the integrity of the sound producing woodwork. The Parochial Church Council recently took the decision to seek an estimate to restore the organ in accordance with the recommendations of Oakes, leading to a proposed outlay of almost £16k. We understand that many of our parishioners are not church goers but the church has a historical significance in the village and we would like to think that everyone enjoys walking through and around our lovely church, and people gain much from that. Remember, the church is open each Saturday and Sunday from mid-morning to mid-afternoon so please feel free go in and take a look.

From the Registers

Baptism: Sunday 10th October Joshua Charles GROOMBRIDGE
Lennox Sullivan GROOMBRIDGE
Myles Douglas William GROOMBRIDGE

Memorial: Friday 15th October Eric John COTTON



Pictured above are Dad Joshua with Myles, Lennox and Mum Billie-Rae Groombridge, following the ‘family’ Baptism

Recent Fund Raising Events

HARVEST COLLECTION – Our harvest luncheon held at the end of September raised over £340 and this has gone to Water Aid. All the grocery provisions were taken into town to the Food Bank and we thank everyone that contributed.

CABI Fashion Show raised £325 towards the church organ fund, and thanks go to Lisa Perry for coming along and treating us to Prosecco and a cheese platter. A little retail therapy was done but it was mainly a lovely occasion to dress up and enjoy one another's company.

DIGGING INTO THE PAST

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

Annual Parochial Council meeting held in the Parish Hall at 8pm on April 5 1929.

Present: The Vicar (in the chair)

Rev. R.J. Philp & Rev F. Need

Mesdames: Bentley, Buckley

Messrs: Martin, Whittaker, (Churchwardens) Bailey, Durose, Fradley Snr, Fradley Jnr, Lindop, Bentley, Whittaker Jnr, Potter, Adams, Searle & the Secretary.

Minutes - The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Accounts - The Secretary presented the accounts for the past year showing a balance in hand of £24.2.8 against £18.12.3 for the previous year. This was considered very satisfactory. Proposed by Mr Whittaker and seconded by Mr Martin that the accounts be passed – carried.

S.P.G. - The Vicar explained the poor work this Society was doing abroad and after a discussion it was decided that we should continue to support it. Proposed by the Secretary that we subscribe £5 this year, and that we discuss the matter again at next year's Annual meeting. This was seconded by Mr Martin and supported by Mr Lindop – carried.

Diocesan Quota - Proposed by Mr Whittaker, seconded by Mr Fradley that we pay the Quota of obligations this year £9.

W.E. Charlton

Signed at following APCM 6.5.30

The Annual Vestry Meeting held immediately after the Annual Parochial meeting in the Parish Hall on April 5 1929.

The same members being present....

Minutes - The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Church Wardens - Mr Martin having done a term of 20 years wished to retire. The Vicar nominated Mr Whittaker as his Warden for the ensuing year. Proposed by Mr Fradley and seconded by Mr Lindop that Mr Bentley be appointed People's Warden – carried.

Elections: Mrs Whittaker re-elected Ruridecanal representative. The old Council were elected en bloc with the addition of Mr Martin to replace Mr Bentley.

Sidesmen - Mr Fradley Jnr, Searle and Lindop

Vote of Thanks - Mr Whittaker proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Mr Martin for the good work he had done for the Church during his wardenship and for his generosity both to the Church and the Parish. This was seconded by Mr Lindop and supported by the Vicar and the Secretary – carried unanimously.

Mr Martin in responding thanked all present for the vote of thanks. The work he had done in the Parish had been a labour of love and although not a Warden he should take the same interest in the Church and Parish as before

Church Blinds - The Secretary was instructed to get two blinds for the windows in the Chancel as the sun was fading the new carpet.

Easter Offering - The Vicar expressed his thanks to the Parishioners for the Easter offering and also to the Church officials for all the help they had given him since he came to the Parish and he was extremely grateful to the members of the Mothers Union for the beautiful carpets they have made for the church. They had made a great difference to the interior of the church and added both beauty and comfort. This was supported by several members present and the Secretary promised to convey this message of appreciation to Mrs Lindop, the leader of the Mothers Union.

W E Charlton

6.5.30

Christmas Luxury Hamper Draw

A reminder that Glenda (ably assisted by Sandra) is organising a Christmas Hamper Draw in aid of the Church Organ Fund. You can always ask John or SallyAnne for tickets if you feel you have been missed out!!

