

BRAMSHALL NEWS



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Pilgrims pass through Bramshall

It was a wonderful moment in meeting Brother Biagio and Brother Davide (pictured at the top of the bank along Stone Road) as they passed through the village on their route from London to Liverpool, and from there to Ireland and then to Scotland as part of their tour of Europe. Their central message is one of unity, and warning people (especially young people) of the dangers of addiction in all its many guises. They were truly spiritual men, and it was a blessing having had the chance to speak briefly with them.

Try 'Googling' Fratel Biagio e Fratello Davide



Parish Hall Update

We are hoping to re-open the Parish Hall during September, as we assess the situation on a ‘class at a time’ basis. This is not a straightforward task as this requires all risk assessments being completed to ensure conformance to all government rules and regulations.

All residents of Bramshall do have an involvement with the Hall as it is a community building, and anyone can assist in its maintenance and running – from keeping the area around the building clean and tidy to actually serving on the committee. The Parish Hall is also a business, and during this period of lock-down the Hall has not received any revenue. This continues to have a significant financial impact as there are ongoing expenses (particularly utilities) until the Hall is back in use again. Meanwhile, if anyone has a flair for applying for small grants to assist the deficit then please do contact either the Chairman (Tom Postlethwaite), the Secretary (Cathy Phipps) or the Bramshall News email. New ideas are always welcomed, too.

Church News

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

August saw the relaxation of regulations allowing the re-introduction of Holy Communion. Since last month's publication, the wearing of face coverings in church has been made mandatory; but don't worry if you arrive without one as they are available at the entrance by the sanitising station. We are still not allowed to sing hymns yet, so we have introduced pre-recorded hymns and songs to give a more familiar feel to our worship.

Services for September

6 th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion
13 th Sept	11.00am	Morning Worship
20 th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion
27 th Sept	11.00am	Holy Communion for Harvest

The above service schedule for September continues on the presumption that the Covid-19 situation remains as it is currently. Sadly, the regular 2nd Sunday 8.00am Holy Communion remains on hold until the church is able to hold more than one service per day.

From the Registers

Funerals:

Wednesday 29th July	David John MARTIN
Thursday 13th August	Susan Elizabeth BETTANY

100 Club Results: August

1 st	No 61	Paddy Hind	£30
2 nd	No 16	John & Carol Clowes	£25
3 rd	No 8	Sue Cutts	£20
4 th	No 30	Robert & Carol Statham	£15

Harvest Thanksgiving

We are unable to hold a traditional Harvest Thanksgiving service followed by Harvest Lunch; so the service on 27th September will include offerings of tinned items which will be donated to the local Food Bank. Items can be brought to church between the hours of 10.30am and 12.30pm any Sunday; or contact Revd John 565228.

Recycle for Charity

We are still collecting ink jet cartridges and used stamps - any donations please bring to church as above. Many Thanks.

Kissing Gate

The kissing gate at the boundary along footpath no.13 has been temporarily removed to allow repairs to be carried out in line with health & safety requirements. It will be re-instated in the near future.



Church buildings are opening again after a period of reduced income for parishes. If you would like to donate to Bramshall St. Lawrence, please use the Donate Now button on the 'Church Near You' website, or use the link below:

<https://www.lichfield.anglican.org/donate-now/>

Thank You

The Day I Became A Witch



One day I entered a huge imposing castle full of wizards and witches all dressed in their fine long robes, casting spells, practising magic and accompanied by cats, dogs and birds all talking between themselves.

There were classrooms full of children - all young apprentices mingling with the murmuring adults surrounding them; of which I was one.

I was able to fly a broomstick through the sky and around the castle and could enter a special door in the castle way up in the roof - this special door took me to the great chamber where the walls were covered with tapestries and shields, and the tables were laid out with steaming pipettes on top of Bunsen burners... children were learning to cast spells and were chattering around the tables waving their wands through the continuous steam of the burners.

Where was I? Of course, I was in a school for apprentice witches!

EXCEPT OF COURSE this was all done by the magic of camera work! And working on location on the set of a very popular children's TV series.

REALITY HITS - I didn't fly through the sky - (you can't can you?) I sat in a freezing cold and smelly barn (luckily the cows had vacated) on the top of a green box with a broomstick by my side and a camera man in front of me—I was pretending!!

Being a TV Extra - or Support Artist as they now call us, is a very tiring way to spend your days but on occasions, like the one above it is worth it for the sheer magic.

Kate Harvey-Lomas

BEST KEPT VILLAGE AND CHURCHYARD

This year these competitions have been cancelled – usually we have a good clean up during the Easter break in readiness for May 1st judging. There is a need to address some areas which are looking a little “tired” and it would be ideal for anyone still on furlough or has spare time and would like to assist in tidying up, gardening etc. to let us know so that we can all work together for an hour or so during the week. Any parishioner who does not fill their brown bin could offer them so we can fill on these days together – again just shout up and we can hopefully see everywhere looking good again. If we leave it till next year we will have far more to do !!

Dog mess is again becoming a problem.....please keep a watch as you walk around the village. Thank you.

TEMPLE STREET METHODIST NIGHT SHELTER

Many local pubs had been providing accommodation for the homeless. Now that the pubs have reopened for business there is an URGENT need to provide safe accommodation for those who are now homeless again. Christ Church Tean have been supporting Temple Street Church Night Shelter over the past two years and help is needed again.

Below is a list of items urgently needed. We can collect from you and deliver to the shelter.

PLEASE PHONE Carol & Brian Riley – 01889-507306 to arrange collection or you can drop off items at THE SMELTINGS, FURNACE BANK, GREAT GATE, TEAN ST10 4HE Leave under shed canopy if they are not in.

Items: Jackets, trousers, jeans, shoes, socks, sweaters, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves, toiletries, pyjamas, blankets, duvets, tinned food, tea bags, sugar, sweets and biscuits.

THANK YOU

TEAMS 4 U - Christmas Shoebox Appeal

I hope you have all kept well during this surreal time.

I am doing the Christmas shoeboxes again this year, but with the social distancing rule in place I'm unfortunately not able to have the usual wrapping and packing get together.

As shoeboxes are in short supply I have ordered boxes from Teams 4 U which I will pack. If anyone would kindly like to make donations towards the boxes it would be greatly appreciated.

Items needed:- soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hair brushes/combs, hats, scarves, gloves, stationary items, note books, small colouring books, felt tip pens, coloured pencils, wax crayons, toys for ages 3-15, tennis balls or any other small balls, sweets (expiry date after March 2021, no chocolates). **Especially needed are items for teenage boys. Or a donation towards to postage.** It costs Teams 4 U **£2.50 per box.**

I will need the goods before the **19th October** as they need to be checked at the Burton warehouse before they are sent at the end of October.

Items can be dropped off at The Sycamores or I will be happy to collect.
Tel 567340.

Take care, stay safe
With thanks
Linda Walmsley

Editor - Wouldn't it be great if each household could get some items together to make a box up – it would make Linda's day !!



WELCOME

Over the past few weeks the Housing Market has been moving again, and we have noticed several new families. We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming you to our village and its community. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us (*details page 2*).



Birthday Celebration

Mrs Evelyn Blurton celebrated her 90th birthday with a few family and friends last month. Evelyn was born and has lived her entire life in the same house (Lyndhurst), she is a well-known face of the village having spent many years in the PO/Shop (sadly no longer in existence), involved with several societies, and is now the vergier of St. Lawrence's Church.

Don't forget - Jamie Painter is your local 'Go To' for refurbished vacuum cleaners; so if you are interested in any of his machines, or if you have any vacuums that you don't want or aren't working, he might be able to help.

Please contact Jamie on jepaint10@gmail.com

Penny's Recipe of the Month

Lemon Crunch Pie



Ingredients:

1/4 lb Digestive biscuits.

2oz butter,

1 level tablespoon caster sugar.

For Filling

1/4 pt single cream.

6oz can (smallest size) Nestlé's Condensed milk.

Finely grated rind and juice of 2 large lemons.

Finely crush biscuits. melt butter in a saucepan and add sugar and remove from heat. Mix. the crumble biscuits into the butter and sugar and stir well. Turn the mixture into a flan dish . Press into shape round the base and sides with the back of a spoon. Bake in the oven (gas 1) or 200deg for 8mins. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Do not turn out of flan dish as it will crumble!!!! . Mix together the cream and milk in a bowl with the lemon rind. Add lemon juice a little at a time and pour into the flan case then chill for several hours. This flan will keep in the fridge but needs to thaw out a little before serving otherwise the base will be very hard. Enjoy.

This is a good recipe to bake especially in this hot humid weather - no one wants to be slaving away over a hot stove at times like these do they ????

Penny Gilpin

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A Bramshall Calendar, and A Favourite Recipe Book.

Further to last month's appeal, this is a reminder for contributions to either or both of the proposed fund raisers....your favourite recipes (starter, main or pudding). Or your fantastic village photo's that could adorn our planned 2021 calendar.

All contributions can be sent to revjssl@aol.com

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.
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