

BRAMSHALL NEWS

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Letter to the Editor

Whilst walking my dog in the village I noticed that the Union Flag flying behind the church near the park is actually upside down. The wide white band should be at the top corner nearest the pole. Currently the flag has the narrow white band at the top corner nearest the pole.

Not very impressive!

Keith McGowan

Editor - Well spotted! The flag is also somewhat weather beaten, so when it is replaced I am sure it will be raised correctly.

BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The village hall was filled with a large variety of plants and shrubs for the last meeting, as Justin Harrison brought plants from his nursery which were particularly suitable for giving winter colour to the garden.

He spent the evening speaking about individual plants he selected from the display and gave tips such as forking the ground lightly after snowdrops have flowered to help them to spread and cutting about a third off speciality grasses at this time of year to get them to keep a good shape.

At the end of the evening the plants were sold off and he went away with a lot less than he came with! A very worthwhile evening all round.

For the April meeting, the last meeting of this season, we are pleased to welcome back Ken Whittaker, who will certainly give us a very entertaining evening. He will be presenting and demonstrating how best to deal with hanging baskets. This will take place at Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 29th April 2024 at 7:30pm.

Please put this date in your diary and don't forget - Gardening Club members can claim a 10% discount at the Bramshall Farm Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) – just present the 2023-24 Membership Card.



Articles and Photographs Required

Remember, this News Sheet depends on contributions from as many village organisations and people as possible to keep it interesting, fresh and relevant for everyone. If you have any news, announcements, reports, forthcoming events or any articles of interest please send to bramshallnews@gmail.com

Church News

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

“We take safeguarding seriously”

Vicar Revd John Lander

revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

Services for April

7 th April	11.00am	Morning Prayer
14 th April	11.00am	Holy Communion
21 st April	11.00am	Holy Communion
28 th April	11.00am	Special Thanksgiving Service

Sidespersons Rota:

7 th April	Mrs C Postlethwaite
14 th April	Mrs L Corbishley
21 st April	Mrs J Corbishley
28 th April	Mr R Jones

Flower Rota:

Mrs L Corbishley & Mrs M Jones

Refreshment Rota:

Mrs S A Lander & Mrs L Corbishley

Sunday 28th April

The 11.00am service will be a special occasion to give thanks for the support given to the church to raise funds and carry out works on widening the inner door and refurbishing our organ. We also delighted our congregation by purchasing comfortable new pew cushions. Everyone most welcome.

World Day of Prayer

On Friday 1st March a service was held in the village with parishioners from Marchington, Marchington Woodlands and Kingstone joining us. The service was led by Sheila Siegler and the service had been written by the Women of Palestine. A very moving service which really should have been more widely heard especially with how things are out there.

Chantry Book Entries

The church holds a chantry book which is used to record and remember the names of loved ones departed. There have not been any requests for entries for some time now, but if you would like a name entering into the book, please contact Rev John. There is a fee of £5 per entry to reflect the time to undertake the calligraphy writing involved.

Lent Lunch in February

The lent lunch held at 9 Overcroft raised £120, 14 people attended. Thank you to all for your kind generosity.

Cleaning Church for Easter

A big thank you is extended to the ladies who arrived to help clean the church for Easter. A good turn out and we achieved such a lot in a short space of time so thank you very much.

Would there be any interest in a Beetle Drive (Adults or Family??)

If so, please contact John or SallyAnne 565228)

100 Club Winners for February

1 st	Larry Siegler	No.90	£30
2 nd	Carole Postlethwaite	No.192	£25
3 rd	Brenda Brookes	No.159	£20
4 th	Russell Heath	No.22	£15

NOTICE

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for St Lawrence Church, Bramshall will be held on Mon 22nd April commencing at 7pm.

The first part - the Annual meeting of Parishioners - elects two Churchwardens. This meeting will be closely followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting to hear the reports on the PCC and what has happened in 2023. If time allows a short PCC meeting will follow to elect officers. Anyone on the Electoral Roll can attend these meetings it would be lovely to see you all.

Area Letter for April 2024, from one of the Area Staff Team.

One of my earliest childhood recollections is standing on the front doorstep with mother as we waited for the bus to take my brother off to school. As I stood there a young Jean Sargeant shouted across the road to me saying that I had dropped my handkerchief and, as I looked on the ground for it, she gleefully added 'April Fool!' Yes, it's April and the month begins with light-hearted jest – and some slight embarrassment for those caught out. With humour being in short supply at the moment, maybe a little laughter wouldn't hurt.

Looking at the lectionary for the month, I was mindful that the Sunday after Easter was traditionally referred to as Low Sunday; possibly because of the contrast with the high celebration of Easter Day, or even because congregation numbers were typically lower. Another theory is that 'Low' was simply a corruption of the word 'Laudes' meaning praise. Whatever the reason, the name seems to have disappeared from common use. In fact, a couple of years ago I discovered a new name for this particular Sunday... Holy Humour Sunday or Laughter Sunday.

With much going on in the world that is very unsettling, it's no wonder that people are becoming disillusioned. Disillusioned with world powers and leaders, disillusioned with politics, even disillusioned with the weather! During that first Easter week the disciples were afraid, and locked themselves in the room where they stayed. Not only were they fearful, but they would also have been disillusioned, and probably hurting from all that they had lost. We cannot fully imagine the immense joy they experienced when the risen Christ burst into their places of darkness. For them this was the start of something wonderfully new which gained momentum through this feeling of joy.

Most of us would agree that joy and laughter are important things, yet many people experience worship in churches where laughter and even the sound of children is still frowned upon. For some reason, many have equated devout religion with solemnity, which is rather sad. Joy and laughter can lead us to healing. Sometimes God's grace comes to us in the form of humour that helps us make it through another day. Recognising that humour is a characteristic of the divine nature helps us deepen our understanding of the nature of God; remembering that God laughs at us and with us – and that laughter is an expression of God's love and acceptance.

May we all be so infected with the joy of this Eastertide, that both our fellowship and our secular lives will reflect that love and acceptance that

God desires, and that we can overcome disillusionment with laughter – even if we just laugh at ourselves.

So, I leave you with this...

A vicar requested quotes from local painters to redecorate the exterior of the parish hall. All the quotes were within a few pounds of one another, except for one by a parishioner who had been in business for years and had an excellent reputation in the community. His quote was about half of his competitors, so naturally the vicar gave him the job. On the day he was to begin, the painter realised that he had miscalculated badly. Not wanting to lose face and the job, he decided to add water to the paint to make it go further. A week later he received a phone call from the vicar, complaining that after recent rain half the paint had washed off. Feeling a sense of guilt, the painter went inside the church to pray about his dilemma, knowing that his business reputation was on the line. “What can I possibly do, Lord?” prayed the disheartened painter. In a loud voice God replied, “Repaint! Repaint and thin no more!”

With Blessings and Big Smiles,

John

Revd John Lander, Self-Supporting Minister within the Area, especially for Bramshall.



Free Admission to this event for which there will be light refreshments available on entry. Any donations will be gratefully received.

If you have a favourite piece of music you would like Clive to play, please contact Revd John (revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228) as soon as possible

DIGGING INTO THE PAST - 1952 (part 2)

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A Parochial Church Council was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday Sept 3rd 1952 at 7.30.

Apologies were received from Mrs McCann, Mr Lander, Mr Potter.

Those present: Mr & Mrs J H Statham, Mr & Mrs Cart, Mr & Mrs Searle, Mr & Mrs E J Whittaker, Mr R Whittaker, Mr & Mrs G Talbot, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Corbishley, Mr Steele, Mr Thornton Ward, Mr Sargeant, Mr & Mrs D B Torrance.

The Vicar (The Rev M C Clarke) presided and opened the meeting with prayers.

Minutes - The minutes of the previous meeting held on May 21st were read and approved.

Vestry Walls - As regards the repairs to the vestry walls; it was reported that it was caused by the water leaking through the roof. It was proposed by Mr J H Statham and seconded by Mr Searle and carried that Messrs Ward & Godbehere Ltd send in an estimate for the repair of half the roof, the vestry walls and church door; and that the Vicar and Churchwardens be given power to act.

Lichfield Diocesan Branch of Finance - A letter was received from Major Foster, Secretary to the Lichfield Diocesan Branch of Finance, asking for help to bring all the stipends of the incumbents up to the minimum standards. It was proposed by Mr Whittaker seconded by Mr G Talbot and carried that a sum of £4 be sent, in addition to the Quota.

Sunday School - It was proposed by Mrs G Talbot and seconded by Mrs D B Torrance and carried that the sum of £5 be given to the Sunday School funds.

Harvest Festival - The Vicar reported that the preachers for the harvest Festival had been arranged.

Belfry Beams - It was proposed that the beams in the Belfry be inspected by Messrs Ward on the proposition of Mr H J Statham and seconded by Mrs G Talbot and carried.

There being no other business the Vicar closed the meeting with prayers.

Next meeting Wednesday November 26th at 7.30.

M C Clarke. Chairman

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

PCC meeting Nov 26th 1952. The meeting was opened with prayer at 7.30pm by the Vicar.

Apologies were received from Mrs H J Statham.

Those present: The Vicar Rev M C Clarke, Mr J H Statham, Mrs Ward, Mr Potter, Mr & Mrs Cart, Mr & Mrs Searle, Mr & Mrs E J Whittaker, Mr R Whittaker, Mr & Mrs G Talbot, Mrs Goodwin, Mrs Corbishley, Mr Thornton Ward, Mr J Sargeant, Mr & Mrs D B Torrance, Mr S. Lander, Mr B Bloor, Mr A Bloor and Mr Dawes.

Letter from the Bishop - The Vicar read a letter from the Bishop re the year of lay witness with suggestions for the forthcoming year.

Service before PCC meetings: It was proposed by Mrs E Whittaker and seconded by Mr H Statham and carried that a short service be held in church before the PCC meetings at 7.15pm. It was also agreed that special prayers be read. Also that the Vice Chairman, Mr Searle, should revise the Electoral Roll.

Beams in the Belfry - Messrs Ward & Godbehere reported that the beams in the Belfry were not in a very bad state and that the damage to the roof caused by the recent gale had been repaired. They were instructed to repair the lead on the roof as soon as possible; also the gutters.

Armistice Day - It was proposed by Mr G Talbot and seconded by Mrs Talbot and carried that the sum of £2.2.0 be sent from the collections on Armistice Day to Carl Haig's Poppy Day Fund.

Trinity Sunday - It was proposed by Mrs G. Talbot and seconded by Mrs Torrance and carried that the church collections on Trinity Sunday be sent to the Ordination Funds, that the Harvest Festival collections be divided between the S P G, the Royal Agric. Benevolent Fund and the Mission to Seamen. The work of the S.P.C.K. was explained by the Vicar.

Welcome - A hearty welcome was awarded to Mr Dawes.

Vicar's Report - The Vicar in his report thanked everyone for the loyal support and how sorry they were to lose Mr Taylor and wished him every blessing in his new Parish. He hoped that by September he would be able to appoint a deacon but in the meantime assistance would be very difficult to obtain so that the next six months was not very bright. He explained the difficulty of obtaining staff.

There being no other business the Vicar closed the meeting with prayers.

Next meeting Wed. January 21st 1953 7.30pm preceded by prayers in church at 7.15pm.

M C Clarke.

Welcome to Marnie Rose Ward.



Jamie and Danielle Ward are pleased to announce the arrival of their first daughter on Monday 26 February 2024

VILLAGE TIDY UP

On Wednesday 3rd April from 9.00am we will be holding our annual Village tidy up when we encourage parents and children to come along and help. A skip will be available so do come along and bring a brush or equipment to rake twigs etc. For those more inclined we are hoping to create some finger posts to be put along the church paths pointing out some interesting facts you may not be aware of. The Parish Hall fence needs attention again for anyone good with a hammer and nails! (Parents please encourage the little ones to stop taking short cuts !)

Family Chocolate Bingo – Saturday 13th April 5pm – 7pm

As we have not done a village easter egg hunt I will not have any surplus chocolate to offer as prizes so if anyone is willing to donate some chocolate (doesn't matter what it is) that will help funds. £1 entry which will go towards hall hire. Perhaps you could either email or let us know if you are considering to attend please so that we know how many bingo cards are required – thank you. (565228 / sallyannelander@gmail.com)

Come and Join us for a community breakfast!

The Butchers Arms, Bramshall
Saturday 6th April. 10am to Midday.



Meet up with and make new friends!

Adults : £12

Children* : £5

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Dogs are welcome in the bar area.

Raffle : Proceeds to local causes.

**Children = Up to 9 Years old.*

Monthly Lunch at The Butchers Arms

Pre-Covid times the church organised a very popular lunch and get together at the pub. We are hoping to resume this on Wednesday 10th April, arriving at 12.00pm for lunch at 12.30pm. Their lunch time special is designed for the smaller appetite with mini versions of many favourites such as roast lunch, fish & chips, lasagne, etc. - all for just £10, including a free dessert. Please contact SallyAnne (565228 / sallyannelander@gmail.com) if you would like to join us. It helps the staff if we pre-order but as the menu changes on a weekly basis, we can only confirm the options on Saturday 6th April.

Penny's Recipe of the Month - Posh Potato Salad

Ingredients

9oz small new potatoes, 3oz green beans,
4 salad onions diagonally sliced,
4oz pitted black olives,
2oz thinly sliced salami cut into quarters.

For Dressing 3 tblps olive oil, 1 tbsp white wine vinegar, 1 tbsp fresh chopped mint, 2 tblsp grainy mustard, salt and pepper.



Cook potatoes in pan of boiling water add some salt and boil for 15 mins then add the beans and cook for further 3mins until tender but still crisp. Cool under running cold water then drain and leave to cool. When potatoes have cooled cut into chunks in a serving bowl with the salad onions, and salami and olives. To make dressing mix the olive oil, vinegar, mint and mustard. season to taste and then pour over the potato and lightly toss together. Divide into two serving plates and serve.

There have been letters in the Daily Telegraph about how people hate fresh sprouts and only eat them at Christmas, I was amazed sprouts are lovely to eat when they are in season. Small ones are the best, all you do is cut the bottom where the stem has been and peel of the outer leaves. At the bottom where the stem has been cut in with your knife a cross then put in a pan of water and bring to the boil and cook until tender drain and enjoy - remember fresh veg is so good for you.

Cheers Penny

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Non Village Hirers: £25/hr

Evening Hire (Villagers): £100 (5-6 hrs)

Evening Hire (Non Villagers): £150 (5-6 hrs)

Additional charge of £10 for events to cover cost of Premises Supervisor to check the state of the hall after.

Email: bramshallvillagehall@yahoo.com

Trudy: 07717 305819 Dan: 07707 877727

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U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2.00 – 4.00pm	Keith Lowson 564427
Fitness Class Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	6.20 – 7.20pm 7.30 – 9.30pm	Warren Backhouse 07906 902157 Sylvia 566378
Bramshall Art Group Exercise Class	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon 7.30 - 8.30pm	Arthur Tindell Sarah Slaney (www.sarahslaneypt.com)
Sewing Club	2 nd Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harrison 01283-732248
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