

BRAMSHALL NEWS

June 2023



'In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different.'

John Steinbeck

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DROP IN POPPY MAKING DEMONSTRATION

**SATURDAY 24TH JUNE, 10AM-12 NOON
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Following the success of the 2022 Memorial Poppy Field, we would like to extend the size of the field for 2023 but we need your help to make new poppies.

Our poppy making demonstration will run all morning, so just pop in when you can to learn how to make these special poppies at home.



Please send your stories, photos, and news for the next edition of Bramshall News

Do send in your photos of Bramshall for our cover.

July publication deadline is Sunday 25th June

To : bramshallnews@gmail.com

Thank you

Cover Photograph : Gareth Rowe



Following on from last year's gold award for the best kept churchyard competition, and hoping to engage with more people who visit or simply walk through our churchyard, we are encouraging everyone to take time, observe and enjoy our achievements so far in developing a nature friendly area. Nature cannot be rushed, and it is good that we too should slow down at times. Observing the beauty and changes throughout the seasons can help us understand this small part of the world in which we live and have a positive impact on mental wellbeing. Observing would also help our ongoing survey of the natural history of this place, so if you are able to photograph or note any plants, animals, insects etc. within the churchyard and send details to revjsl@btinternet.com we would be most appreciative.

Church News

Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall

Vicar Revd John Lander
revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

Services for June

4th June	11.00am	Morning Prayer
11th June	11.00am	Holy Communion
18th June	11.00am	Holy Communion
25th June	11.00am	Family Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

4th June	Mrs J Corbishley
11th June	Mrs S A Lander
18th June	Mrs L Corbishley
25th June	Mr R Jones

Flower Rota: Mrs N Eyre and Mrs M Jones

Refreshment Rota: Mrs SA Lander & Mrs L Corbishley

From the Registers

Funeral:

Friday 28th April Mrs Janet Elizabeth RENDELL

NEW! We have started collecting tablet blister empty packets (no tablets left in please) so please think of us instead of binning them.
Thank you.



It has been recognised for some time that the inner door is slightly narrow and potentially restrictive for modern mobility scooters, as well as for funeral access. Work has commenced to widen the door by cutting into the surround brickwork. This will mean limiting access to the church via the south door for a little while. It is scheduled for the alteration to be completed by the end of the month.



No Mow May

For the second year, the church has adopted ‘No Mow May’ to give some of the native spring flowers chance to bloom and seed, thereby enhancing the natural diversity of the area. The insects love it, too!! The normal mowing schedule will resume this month.

BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The last meeting of the current season was an entertaining talk by Ken Whittaker (ably assisted by his wife, Toni) on container growing. They presented an array of containers of different shapes and sizes and spoke about the advantages and disadvantages of each one and emphasised the need to make sure they are frost-resistant.

Dealing with spring bulbs can be made easier by planting them in pots - several to a pot. These are buried in autumn and lifted in spring, allowing the bulbs to die back whilst still in their pots in a part of the garden which is out of sight.

Multi-purpose compost should be used mixed with top soil and sharp sand (builders sand is fine, apparently) to give some body and encourage root growth. He was leading a campaign to get sell-by dates on compost as it only lasts for 4 years. He advocated putting a lining of polystyrene sheet in the containers (sound-proofing polystyrene sold in rolls) before filling them with the compost mixture in order to aid water retention.

Ken also told us about the work he does with schools setting up gardens and encouraging the children to plant flowers and vegetables. He is finding this to be a great success, with children keen to learn and being amazed at the results.



**We will be back at Bramshall Parish Hall on
Monday 25th September at 7:30pm
for the start of the 2023-24 season.
Please look out for further announcements
in the Bramshall News.**

Home Composting – some of your questions answered

Where's the best place to put my compost bin?

Select a sunny spot preferably near the house so it's easy to access but away from garden boundaries. Place it on bare soil preferably, although it is OK to put it on a hard surface such as paving slabs but leave small gaps between the slabs to allow for drainage from the bin. If possible, put it in an area that has space around it so you can remove the bin easily and place it next to the exposed compost ready to start to fill again.

What can I put in my bin?

Aim for an even mix of half **greens** and half **browns** in your compost bin.

Greens include vegetable and fruit peelings, grass cuttings, nettles and young weeds, old flowers and house plants, coffee grounds & rhubarb leaves.

Browns include cardboard, woody prunings, egg boxes, eggshells, newspaper, wood ash, toilet and kitchen roll tubes.

Remember, never put the following in your bin:
cooked foods, dairy products, coal ash, bones, meat & fish scraps, dog faeces or cat litter.

For a full list of what can/can't be put in your compost bin visit [Recycle Now](#) website.



Why is my compost wet and slimy?

If you add too many **Greens** your compost might become wet and a bit smelly, to rectify this just add some more **Browns**. Also if your compost is very wet it is an indication that you are not getting enough air in your compost bin so you might want to turn it or add some scrunched up cardboard or whole egg boxes which add air pockets to your bin.

Does it matter if I have ants in my compost bin?

Ants in a compost bin is an indication that your compost bin is too dry, so you should add some more **Greens**.

I have lots of little flies in my compost bin, how can I get rid of them?

These small flies are fruit flies, they are harmless but can be annoying when adding things to the bin. You could wrap fruit and vegetable waste in newspaper to suppress them or put a layer of thick newspaper inside the top of your compost bin. You can lift a section of this to add things to your bin as it prevents a cloud of flies when opening your bin.

For a full list of what to compost, more tips and advice and where to buy **reduced price compost bins from just £10**, go to www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Waste-and-recycling/homecomposting.aspx

Penny's Recipe of the Month

Simply smokin' Paella

2tbsp vegetable oil,
1 red pepper seeded and diced,
1 onion sliced.
1 clove garlic crushed,
7 oz long-grain rice,
6oz smoked ham roughly diced
1 1/2 pints of chicken or veg stock.
1/2 tsp each of paprika and turmeric,
6oz large prawns, (thawed if frozen)
4oz frozen peas.
salt and pepper



Heat oil in a large frying pan and cook onion until soft and golden.

Add red pepper, garlic and stir fry for 1min.

Add the ham, stock, rice, paprika and turmeric bring to boil and simmer for 12mins.

Stir in the prawns and peas and cook for a further 3-4mins, until the rice and veg are tender. Season to taste then divide between four serving plates and serve straight away.

Lovely with a glass of Rioja !

Penny

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Some similarities across the generations?





It was fortunate that the celebration on Saturday 6th May was planned as an indoor 'street party' as the weather really was against us. That aside, it was a fantastic early evening occasion, that saw the Parish Hall filled to capacity with people in the party mood. The main entertainment was provided by Joni Talks, who sang a mix of songs including contemporary hits with a vintage twist. For the children (and a few brave adults) there was face-painting and a craft table. Lily Kite had made special 'coronation' key rings which went down a storm. The hog roast was supplied by Paul & Emma Sargeant. But big thanks to Linda Walmsley and Penny Gilpin for heading the event, and for all the donations of cakes and puddings.



Are you interested in joining Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council?

We have 3 vacancies on the Parish Council for a Parish Councillor.

Becoming a parish councillor is a rewarding and valued form of public service. Councillors contribute to the work of the Parish Council by:

Having a say about the things they care about

Putting forward ideas for better services

Responding to the needs and views of parishioners

Seeking the best outcome to local issues

Getting involved in decision making

Helping to make Uttoxeter Rural Parish a better place to live

We normally meet on the first Tuesday of each month, (except January and August). Meetings are held at Wilfred House, Carter Street, Uttoxeter, ST14 8EY and commence at 7.30 and can last up to two hours. Councillors are expected to attend meetings on a regular basis.

If you are interested, we would love to hear from you. Contact the Clerk to find out more urpcparishclerk@gmail.com or 0756 361 5719 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday mornings).

Please attend a meeting before applying and read past minutes, all meeting dates and minutes are on our website - <https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Closing Date for applications: 27th June 2023

For co-option at meeting being held on: 4th July 2023

Co-option Application Form

This form is to be used for anyone seeking co-option onto Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council. <https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Qualifications to be a Councillor

A person is qualified to be a councillor if they are a British, Commonwealth or European Union citizen and on the day of co-option are 18 or over.

In addition, the person must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. on the day of co-option and thereafter they continue to be on the electoral register for the parish, or
2. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have owned or tenanted land or premises in the parish, or
3. during the whole of the twelve months before that day their principal or only place of work has been in the parish, or
4. during the whole of the twelve months before that day they have resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

Certain people are disqualified from standing, and these include paid officers (including the clerk) of the council, bankrupts and those subject to recent sentences of imprisonment.

If you think that you may be disqualified please check the following information on the Electoral Commissions website:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/141784/Part-1-Can-you-stand-for-election-LGEW.pdf

or view <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent/parish-council-elections-england>

or contact the clerk - 6 Alexandra Crescent, Uttoxeter, ST14 7LQ - urpcparishclerk@gmail.com – 0756 361 5719.

For councillors to be able to consider your suitability for co-option, please confirm your eligibility and explain why you would like to be a councillor, maximum 100 words, on the following page and return to the Clerk.

You will be asked to attend a Parish Council meeting to give a 3 minute presentation to the Council on why you want to become a Councillor.

**APPLICATION TO BE CO-OPTED AS A COUNCILLOR TO
Uttoxeter Rural Parish Council <https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/>**

I confirm that I am over 18 and a British/Commonwealth/European Union citizen.
Please indicate which of the four qualification criteria (set out on previous page)
you meet, include all that apply:
(*delete as applicable):

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |*

I would like to be a parish councillor:

Contact Details:

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Digging into the past

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Combined Vestry and Annual Church meeting was held on Thursday, 2nd May 1946 at 8pm in the Parish Hall, the Revd Powell opened with prayer.

Present:

Mesdames: J Ward, G Talbot, H Statham and Miss B Torrance

Messrs: H Statham, R Statham, G Johnson, D Ward, E Whittaker, R Whittaker, G Talbot, J Ward, J Sargeant (Secretary) H. Potter, Revd. P Powell

Mr F S Searle presided. - Apologies were received from Rev C F C Jervis and Mr Adams

Minutes - The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed by Rev. Powell and seconded by Mr J Ward.

Belfry Window - Arising out of the minutes it was mentioned the Belfry window had not yet been repaired, but Mr Ward promised to get the job done immediately.

Organ Blower - Mr Potter said the Organ Blower had been fixed and was very satisfactory.

Accounts - Mr J Sargeant then presented the accounts, which were very satisfactory. Mr H Statham proposed and Mr G Talbot seconded these be passed.

Church Wardens: - Mr H Statham and Mr R Whittaker seconded the two churchwardens be elected as before.

Sidesmen - The sidesmen were re-elected en bloc with the exception of Mr Jack Sargeant who had left the village and Mr G Johnson, and Mr Thornton Ward be added. The list, as follows, was approved; Messrs J H Statham, G. Martin, J H Lindop, R Whittaker, E. Whittaker, R Statham, F S Searle, J W Sargeant, D Steele, D Ward, J Statham, G A Carr, G. Johnson and T. Ward.

Church Council - Mr Statham proposed seconded by Mrs Talbot the name of Mrs Kynnersley be added to the Church Council, which was re-elected en bloc. Is as follows: Mrs Statham, Mrs Lindop, Mrs Searle, Mrs Dawson, Mrs J E Ward, Mrs Kynnersley Messrs Potter, Adams, with the Sidesmen and the ex-officio members, Mrs Talbot and the Churchwardens.

Vice Chairman - Proposed by Mr E Whittaker seconded by Mr g Talbot, Mr Searle be Vice Chairman – carried.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer - Proposed by Mr R Statham seconded by Mr R Whittaker Mr Jim Sargeant to be the Secretary – carried.

Auditor - Proposed by Mr J Ward, seconded by Mr G Talbot, Mr H Statham to be auditor of the church accounts

Ruridecanal - Proposed by Mrs Statham seconded by Mr E Whittaker Mrs G Talbot was reappointed as representative to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal conferences,

Sunday School - Proposed by Mrs H Statham seconded by Mrs J Ward the Sunday School have £5 as before.

Easter Offerings - Mr H Statham proposed Mr E Whittaker seconded that the Easter Offering be handed to the Sick & Poor fund. This was agreed to.

Electric Organ Blower - Mrs G Talbot said the Sunday School would like to contribute £5 towards the cost of the Electric Organ Blower and this was greatly appreciated and accepted.

Memorial - Mr H Statham mentioned a Memorial to the late Mr Goodwin who was killed in the war and it was decided that the Churchwardens and Secretary to see the families of the late Mr Goodwin.

New Boiler - Mr J Sargeant proposed and Mr E Whittaker seconded that a new boiler for heating the Church be obtained and Mr Ward said he had made the necessary application to obtain one, knowing it would take several months to get it.

Loxley Hall - Mr Sargeant mentioned we had had a cheque for £5.5.0 from the C.O. of the Forces stationed at Loxley Hall some time ago (1943) and it was decided to buy a useful article for the Church but nothing definite was settled.

Rev C F C Jervis - Mr H Statham proposed and Mr Ward seconded that a letter of appreciation of his services be sent to Rev C F C Jervis during the time he had been Acting Vicar of the parish – this was agreed on.

This concluded the business.

The Rev Powell then closed the meeting with prayer.

M C Clarke

Bramshall and Loxley Parish Hall

Fitness	Mondays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
U3A Country Dancing	Tuesdays	2.00 – 4.00pm	Keith Lowson 564427
Bramshall Bowling Club	Tuesdays	7.30 – 9.30pm	Harold or Sylvia 567763
Bramshall Art Group	Wednesdays	9.30am - noon	Arthur Tindell
Sewing Club	2 nd Thursday only	10.00 – 12.30pm	Sue Harrison 01283-732248
Lift Lean Resistance Training	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Bramshall's Little Treasures	Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Laura Hill (07944 910711)

PARISH HALL BOOKING

For anybody wishing to book the village hall for a party or event please contact Dan or Trudy Hazlehurst for availability. Lots of availability for weekends through the spring/ summer at the moment.

Hall Booking fees:

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