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# BRAMSHALL NEWS



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Send your stories, photos and news for the next edition of Bramshall News!

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## Church News



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

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In compliance with the directives from the Church of England, our church remains closed. To date, there has been no indication as to when this situation may change - other than a suggestion that it could be August before we can open the doors once more. As soon as the rules are relaxed, and churches can once again resume their role within community, the closure notices will be removed from the doors, announcements made via social media, and the bells rung in celebration.

### 100 Club Results: May

1 <sup>st</sup>	No 167	Kate Lomas	£30
2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 13	Sarah Newbold	£25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No 30	Robert & Carol Statham	£20
4 <sup>th</sup>	No 115	Helen Corbishley	£15

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NO, not a victim of the recent strong winds - this was a case of 'being considerate' but having unexpected consequences. The tractor driver pulled over to the left to allow an oncoming vehicle to pass safely; then on turning right the slurry spreader behind the tractor collided with the lamp post. D'oh!!

Have you ever had an attempted good deed backfire?

# Penny's Recipe of the Month

## Lemon Crunch Pie



Base:  
1/4lb Digestive Biscuits,  
2oz Butter,  
1 level tbsp caster sugar.

Filling:  
1/4pt single cream  
6oz Nestle's Condensed milk.  
2 large lemons finely grated rind and juice.

Finely crush the digestive biscuits. Melt the butter in a pan and add sugar - remove from heat. Mix in biscuit crumble to pan with the butter and sugar, stir well. Put mixture into a flan dish and press into shape round the base and sides with back of the spoon. Put Flan dish into a hot oven - 250deg for 8mins- remove from oven and allow to cool. Do not turn crumble base out of flan dish as it will crumble.

Mix together, cream, condensed milk in a bowl with lemon rind, and then add a little at a time the lemon juice, when mixed well pour into the flan case and chill for several hours in fridge. This lemon crunch pie will keep in fridge but needs to come out for a spell before eating so that the base of the pie won't be so hard.

Enjoy!

*Penny Gilpin*

## HOUSEHOLD WASTE TIPS TO RE-OPEN (Advice from Staffordshire County Council)

Staffordshire County Council closed all of its household waste recycling centres in March after the national lockdown started.

Now it has been announced that the sites will be back up and running from May 14 but strictly for 'essential use' to 'protect the public and staff from the risk of spreading infection'.

The opening times will be slightly shorter from 9am to 4pm.

Only three cars will be allowed on each site to unload with a one-in-one-out system so residents are being warned to expect delays.

Only one person will be permitted per vehicle. Where younger children can't stay at home, they will be allowed to travel in but they must stay in the car.

Anyone who is self-isolating or has COVID-19 symptoms must not visit an HWRC site.

## DENTAL SERVICES IN STAFFORDSHIRE

In line with national guidance issued in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, dental practices in Staffordshire are currently closed for routine "face to face" dental appointments. People seeking help with dental problems should not visit local dental practices in person but instead contact their usual practice by phone, between the hours of 9am - 5pm, Monday to Friday, for information or advice on alternative arrangements in place. Outside normal hours or if a patient does not have a dentist, they should contact NHS 111.

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### You can find the UK Government's guidance on what you can and cannot do at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

### Thought for the Month

"If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough."

*Oprah Winfrey*

## 75th VE Day Celebrations

It was with a great sense of relief that we were able to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE Day by enjoying the sunshine and indulging in our outdoor afternoon tea parties. Being able to walk around and engage with friends and neighbours (while maintaining social distance) provided a much needed lift to morale and spirit. Following are a few images of that day.



## KINDNESS

To recap what we now know: it did not begin in a laboratory in Wuhan, nor with a pangolin or bat, but it already lay dormant within us, like a seed in need of certain conditions to grow;

its symptoms are many and various, and may include some, or all, of the following: tear drops, sudden laughter, a feeling of warmth, and a peculiar uplifting of the heart;

it leaves its traces everywhere: from boxes left on doorsteps to conversations over fences; it can be transmitted over vast distances, through a phone call, or from a smile across a street,

or a certain softness of tone spoken beside a hospital bed; it affects young and old equally; there is no race or gender immune from it; it has the power to topple bad governments;

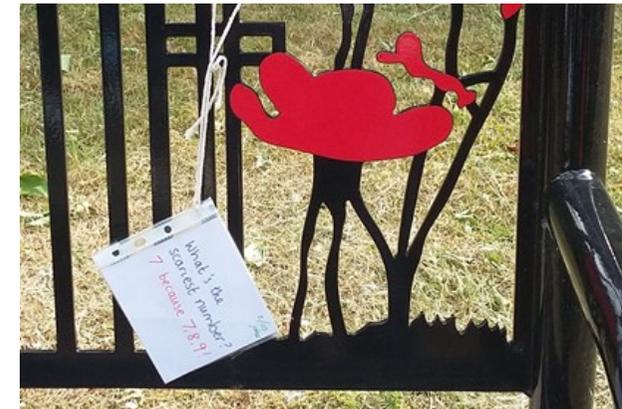
if one person were to pass it on to just three others and they, in turn, were to pass it on to three more, in no time at all, the world would be full of it, and where, might we ask ourselves, would we be then.

*Brian Bilston*

WELL DONE to whoever left a trail of 10 amusing jokes around the village. What a brilliant way to put a smile on people's faces as they walk around.

Then we were briefly treated to a mini treasure hunt series of clues.

FANTASTIC



## A NEW LEASE OF LIFE



An informal library has 'popped up' in the old telephone kiosk. This came about in response to a community initiative, which saw a temporary shelving unit being placed inside the kiosk to hold a mini library of books which had started to collect. A more secure shelving was then installed (thanks to Malcolm Evans & John Jackson) and more books added. Please feel free to browse and borrow.



Could it be??.... Surely not!!!



John & SallyAnne demonstrating safe social distancing !!



Martin's 'Little Grey Fergie' certainly added a vintage note.

Even animals were allowed a special walk around.



Ava & James Whitehurst with their ponies *Carrot & Ruby*



Barry & Jenny Brosnan brought their llamas for a surprise visit.

## The Thursday Night ‘Clap for our Carers’



The past 10 weeks have heard the varied sounds of applause echoing around the village... clapping, pots & pans, bells, whistles. Stocks Lane has been bewitched by our talented musician Lizzie Spear playing her cello; and Overcroft has been moved by tenor Garry Thomas singing selections of hymns and songs; and serenaded with the trumpets of Natasha & Leanne Painter. Thank you and well done to everyone.

Encouraged by their parents (I presume / hope!), it has been a joy to see the work of children using chalks to add colourful messages and designs around the village.

