

BRAMSHALL NEWS

March 2023



Catkins on the hazel tree,
Dancing in the winter sun:
Is this sweet nature's way,
Of saying Spring's begun?
GM Sears

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

April publication deadline is Sunday 19th March

To : bramshallnews@gmail.com



The clocks go forward on 26 March at 1am !
Don't forget to put your clocks forward 1 hour
on the night of Saturday 25th March,

Information regarding voting from the Parish Council



They have also put a booklet onto their website -
<https://uttoxeterruralparishcouncil.org.uk/elections-4th-may-2023-you-will-need-photo-id-to-vote>

CHARITY COFFEE MORNING & RAFFLE

IN AID OF UKRAINE, TURKEY & SYRIA

SATURDAY 25TH MARCH
10AM-12 NOON
BRAMSHALL VILLAGE HALL

**CAKE
DONATIONS
WELCOME**
Please bring
on the day

DONATIONS REQUIRED FOR UKRAINE

The charity we support has asked for donations of the following specific items. We kindly ask that donations are limited to this list.

- Instant noodles
- Packet pasta
- Pasta
- Nuts & raisins
- Chocolate
- Pot noodles
- Biscuits
- Tea
- Coffee
- Bandages
- Painkillers

Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
Parish Church of St. Lawrence Bramshall
Vicar Revd John Lander
revjsl@btinternet.com or tel: 565228

Services for March

5th March	11.00am	Morning Prayer
12th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
19th March	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th March	11.00am	Family Communion

Sidespersons Rota:

5th March	Mrs J Corbishley
12th March	Mrs L Corbishley
19th March	Ms L Leiter
26th March	Mrs S Siegler

Refreshments:

26th March
Mrs SA Lander & Mrs L Corbishley



Pictured left is Corey Haley with his parents Nick and Anna, along with brother Riley and sister Carly; following his Christening on Sunday 29th January.

From the Registers

Baptism:

Sunday 29th January

Corey Stephen HALEY

Lent Lunches

The first lent lunch which will take place at 9, Overcroft on Wednesday 1st March commencing at 12.30pm. Please let SallyAnne know if you wish to attend, as this will assist in catering (tel: 565228). We hope to continue these lunches through Lent.

FORM OF NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF THE ELECTORAL ROLL

Notice is hereby given that the St Lawrence Church **Electoral Roll** is to be open for review between 1st March and 28th March 2023. Under the Church Representation Rules persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they:

1. Are baptized and will be 16yrs of age during the year of 2019 (those aged under 16 may not vote before their 16th birthday).
2. Are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish, or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment; or
3. Are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves to be also members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship during the six month period prior to enrolment.

Forms of application for enrolment can be obtained from the undersigned. In order to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting, and to take part in its proceedings, forms of application for enrolment must be returned by the 28th March 2023. The new Electoral Roll will be available for inspection in church from 10th April. Any error discovered in the roll should be reported at once to the Electoral Roll Officer.

Dated this 28th February 2023.

M. Hind – Electoral Roll Officer

Email: padihind44@hotmail.com

Home Composting in Spring Time to wake up your compost heap

Composting is a biological process that is temperature dependant and will have slowed down over the cold winter months. The bacteria, fungi and minibeasts responsible are much less active as the temperature drops, especially below 10°C. But now that spring is on the way and temperatures are rising the composting process will start to go faster

To get the most out of your compost bin throughout the year, site it in a sunny spot in your garden.

Keep feeding your bin with a 50:50 mix of 'greens' and 'browns' (see below).

To give your compost heap a boost give the contents a 'turn'. This just means re-mixing the contents, either by forking them around in the bin, or taking them out, mixing, and then putting them back. This mixes the greens and browns together and introduces air into the heap which encourages microbial growth.

You can check how active your compost heap is using a compost thermometer.

If you have a wormery overwintering in a shed or greenhouse, make sure you bring it out before the temperatures get too warm. Worms are happiest around 20°C but will die in temperatures in the high twenties and above.

For efficient composting it's best to put in an equal mix of green materials like vegetable peelings and brown materials like cardboard. This 50:50 mix of materials makes great compost, that is not too wet, or dry. When it's ready the compost will look brown, lumpy and a bit twiggy when you dig it out. This is normal for homemade compost.

Greens 😊

Vegetable and fruit peelings
Annual weeds
Grass cuttings
(not too much!)
Coffee grounds and tea leaves

Browns 😊

Woody prunings
Cardboard
Autumn leaves
(not too many!)
Paper products

Don't compost ☹️

Meat
Dairy
Bread
Cooked food

For a full list of what to compost and more guidance visit :

<https://linktr.ee/gardenorganiccomposting>.

**You can also buy a compost bin from www.getcomposting.com for just £10!
Just enter your postcode to access the discount made available by
Staffordshire County Council.**

BRAMSHALL AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The last meeting took us to South America and Clive Tuck presented an evening visiting Machu Picchu in Peru and the Iguazu Falls on the border between Brazil and Argentina. The building techniques of the Incas was seen to be truly amazing. Without wheels and iron tools they constructed massive buildings and walls made of rocks weighing several tonnes, all fitting together perfectly without cement and given a beautifully smooth finish. Sadly, they had no writing, so very relatively little is known about them and history of the mountain-top town of Machu Picchu remains a mystery.

The Iguazu Falls are the largest set of waterfalls in the world, comprising 275 cataracts and they are situated in one of the protected areas of the Amazon jungle. It is possible to walk quite close to many of the waterfalls and enjoy both the interesting views and seeing the many animals, birds, butterflies and flowers which are there in profusion, many of which were shown during the presentation.

**The March meeting of the Gardening Club will be at
Bramshall Parish Hall on Monday 27th March at 7:30pm.**

Kevin Reynolds will be introducing the many and varied birds which frequent our gardens and giving ideas for encouraging them.

Please put this date in your diary and don't forget -

Gardening Club members can claim a 10% discount at the Strawberry Garden Centre on purchases above £10 (excluding discounted items) – just present a 2022-23 Membership Card.

STRAWBERRY GARDEN CENTRE

We would like to thank everyone throughout the village for their valued custom and support over the many years that our family has traded from the Strawberry Garden Centre. In 1986 when the site was purchased, it was merely a pick-your-own fruit farm and the Garden Centre and Tea Room was gradually incorporated and over the next 10 years the fruit enterprise was phased out. Whilst we enter into the next chapter of our lives, we would like to wish the new owners of the Garden Centre every success for the future and hope that you will support them as you have supported us over the years. We shall be relocating just down the road to Stowe by Chartley and will be back and forth to Bramshall on a regular basis and will no doubt still be seeing lots of familiar faces.

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Vacuum Cleaners for sale

I am Jamie and I have previously written articles about the vacuum cleaners that I refurbished and had for sale. I have now got one more vacuum cleaner for sale.

This is:

Bosch Series 2 Bagless Cylinder Vacuum Cleaner

This Machine comes with:

Instruction manual

2 in 1 crevice tool and dusting brush

Combination Carpet and hard floor tool

Metal Telescopic extension wand

Onboard Hose and Tool storage Brackets

Original box and Internal packaging

The machine has also passed a PAT test and is currently available for £65.



If you are interested in the machine listed above and would like some more information, or if your Vacuum isn't working properly or you have one you no longer want, please contact me on jepaint10@gmail.com as I may be able to help.



We are happy to bring you the story behind
The Goat House of Nine Fields Farm, Bramshall.



It was the start of ‘lockdown’, when pretty much everything came to a grinding halt, including the projects we were working on in our full-time jobs, and this got us thinking about the future.

We had a lovely home in the Lincolnshire countryside, which we’d recently renovated, and an adjacent field that was rapidly filling with goats. The herd started as a group of seven doelings that we originally kept to manage the field; however, the more experience and knowledge we gained the more we knew we wanted to farm goats and in particular Boer Goats, which are specially bred for meat. Seven had now grown to a herd of over 40 does, kids and a Buck, and we knew that we needed more space.

So, in the chaos of the pandemic restrictions we sold our lovely (heated, draught proofed and damp free) home and bought Nine Fields Farm (formerly No3 Holding) from Staffordshire County Council.

The relocation seemed a good idea as we already had family living near to Uttoxeter and meant we could be closer, plus there was more land and outbuildings to enable us to expand the herd.

In Autumn 2020 we moved in – and what a baptism of fire that was! No heating, mould decorated pretty much every wall, the wind howled through every room and chunks of plaster fell out frequently.... Still we had lots more space for the goats and we were only going to be in the house a few months as the planning permission process to build a new energy efficient house wouldn't take long (would it!).

Fast forward to 2022 and as Summer approached, we finally had permission to build a new home, and now the work could begin in earnest to resurrect the farm. After fencing all the fields our next mission was to build a new livestock building as the herd were outgrowing the indoor space and it's critical to us that they have good shelter as well as year-round access to the fields so that they can live as free range and stress free as possible. We also wanted to create an area to sell our goat meat, so the outbuildings that used to house the milk tank, bulls and pigs in previous years, were converted into a shop.

Finding the identity of the shop has taken a little while, as we trialled different things from pasties and pies to support the sale of our goat meat, homemade cake, sandwiches and selling a variety of gifts. Although well received the demand just wasn't enough, and we recognised that there were lots of lovely pie, sandwich, cake shops and tea rooms in the area so how could we be different and interesting enough for people to visit?

We considered closing the shop and just selling our goat meat and produce online, however our homemade goat curry, and other take away dishes, were becoming very popular and it was suggested we expand the range. With that in mind we spent the Christmas period working on new ideas and recipes which lead us to create The Goat House Curry Kits. These are freshly made kits which include a base sauce, hand blended spices and fresh spice ingredients to enable you to cook your own authentic Indian restaurant quality curry. The kits range from Korma to Vindaloo and all that you need to add is the meat/fish or vegetable ingredient of your choice, a little hot water and for some kits cream or yoghurt. Feedback has been fabulous and as a result of this interest and sales of our home bred goat meat have also increased. So for 2023 we focus on evolving our herd, expanding The Goat House product range, build a new home and regenerating the farm.

We love meeting new visitors to the farm so if you love curry, fancy trying goat meat or are just curious about what we do The Goat House, Nine Fields Farm, Stone Road, ST14 8SH (we're 300m west of Bramshall Industrial Estate) is open Thursday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm – come and see us.

Tip of the week

Doing Our Bit to make
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Keep your phone longer

Did you know that mobile phones contain rare earth materials such as gold, silver and platinum to name just a few?

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The most impactful step we can take is to keep our phones a little longer, and not go for that upgrade as soon as it comes out.

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Penny's Recipe of the Month

Barbecue Spare Ribs

16 spare ribs,
1/2 jar of Sharwoods Barbecue sauce.

Put spare ribs on sheet of aluminium foil, brush gently on both sides with the sauce. Wrap foil round the ribs put on a baking tray and put in oven at 375deg.

After 1 hour open the foil and let ribs cook for a further 15mins in a hotter oven (425/ gas 7)

Keep basting and turning the ribs until the sauce has evaporated and becomes a delicious thick glaze.

Remove from the oven and serve with salad or whatever you fancy. You can just pick them up in your fingers and chew away!



Well this month is March and spring will be on its way so hopefully you will have bought some 'first early' seed potatoes and start chitting the potatoes.

Using empty egg boxes put one potato where the eggs sit so 6 in a box and place in a window where the sun will get them to show some little shoots.

Plant in April, either on your veg plot or in large plant pots or troughs .

First new home grown early potatoes sheer joy!



Penny

DIGGING INTO THE PAST 1945

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

The Combined Vestry and Annual Church meeting was held on Thursday, 13th April 1945 at 8pm in the Parish Hall, the Vicar the Rev W E Charlton in the chair.

Present: Mr Statham, Mr Ward, Mr & Mrs Talbot, Mr H Potter, Mr F S Searle, Mr J Adams, Mr Sargeant, Mr D Ward and the Rev. R P Powell.

Apologies were received from Mr & Mrs R Statham.

Vicar's Resignation – Council's Procedure - After prayer the Vicar notified the meeting of his pending resignation, outlining the course of procedure that the Council should take. It being permissible to a Parochial Church Council to lay before the Patron and the Bishop the needs, conditions and traditions of the parish during an interregnum. Church Council are urged to claim their rights. The Vicar suggested that a meeting should be held at an early date, in the absence of the clergy, to elect representatives to meet with the Uttoxeter PCC representatives in order to decide their needs, conditions and traditions. There was a possibility of a difference in such a matter and it was necessary that a unanimous decision should be sent.

Income of Benefice - Secondly, the Vicar reported that the income of the Benefice had declined, and would further decline on his departure, as a result of the 1936 Tythe Act, by which a reduction of about 20% is made when the living first becomes vacant after the passing of the Act.

Union of Parishes - When the union of the parishes was effected the Vicar of Uttoxeter undertook to provide £120 for the Assistant clergy fund. That could no longer be expected and the provision would have to be forthcoming from the parish.

Easter offering - Thirdly, the Vicar referred to his dislike of accepting the Easter Offering and that by agreement with the Council he gave it to the Assistant Clergy fund as a portion of his provision to that fund. A new Vicar might not have such objection to the Easter offering and the Vicar suggested that he should be given the opportunity of accepting it.

Minutes - The Vicar then read the minutes of the last Annual meeting which were approved and signed.

Matters arising - In the matters arising from the minutes it was stated that the Belfry window had not been repaired; new bell ropes had been purchased. Mr Potter spoke on the poor state of the organ, but it was agreed that great difficulty would be found in securing a man to undertake the tuning and maintenance of the instrument. Mr Searle proposed that as there was the likelihood of a local man setting up in Uttoxeter they should leave the matter for the time being. Mr Ward offered to provide a man to examine with Mr Potter the pedals in which dry rot was reported, with a view to replacement.

Elections: Mr Statham proposed and Mr Searle seconded that the Churchwardens be re-elected. This was approved and the Vicar expressed thanks to them for their loyal services.

Sidesmen - Mr Ward proposed and Mr Talbot seconded that the sidesmen be re-elected with the exception of Mr H Durose and insertion of Mr G A Carr. Mr J Sargeant had by an oversight been omitted from the two previous lists. 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 Sargeant, J W Sargeant, D Steele, D Ward, J Statham, A Whittaker (deceased), G A Carr.

Ruridecanal - Mrs Talbot was reappointed as representative to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal conferences, Mr Ward proposed and Mr Adams seconded – this was approved.

Church Council - Mr Ward proposed the Church Council was re-elected with the addition of Mrs J E Ward as follows: Mrs Statham, Mrs Lindop, Mrs Searle, Mrs Dawson, Mrs J E Ward, Messrs Potter, Adams, with the Sidesmen and the ex-officio members, Mrs Talbot and the Churchwardens.

Vice Chairman - Mr Statham proposed and Mr Talbot seconded that Mr Searle be elected Vice Chairman of the Church Council. This was approved.

Hon. Secretary & Treasurer - Mr J W Sargeant was elected Secretary and Treasurer.

Auditor - Mr H Statham auditor of the church accounts re-elected for the ensuing year.

Accounts - The Treasurer gave his statement and reported a balance of £63.6.7 when outstanding payments had been made, representing an increase of £30 on the previous year. Mr Statham proposed that the accounts be adopted as very satisfactory and that outstanding debts be paid, with best thanks to Mr Sargeant. Mr Talbot seconded and it was approved.

Gates - The Vicar said that the churchyard gates had been pointed out by Mr Adams as in need of attention, cleaning and oiling. Mr Adams agreed to attend to the matter as before and Mr Ward promised to provide the necessary oil.

Investments - In view of the satisfactory state of the accounts Mr Statham proposed that £40 be invested at £10 per month in the Building Society. Mr Talbot seconded and it was approved.

Vicar's Resignation: Mr Statham expressed regret at the Vicar's resignation and the Vicar replied that he felt that the town needed a change, and that lately he had been feeling his work a burden. Other members also expressed genuine regret.

This concluded the business and the Vicar closed with the grace.

F S Searle

BRAMSHALL PARISH PCC MEETING

A Parochial Church Council meeting was held on Friday 20th April 1945 at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

Mr F S Searle being in the chair. Apology was received from Mr J H Lindop.
Present: Mr J E Ward, Mrs Dawson, Mr J Adams, Mrs Talbot, Mrs J E Ward, Mrs Statham, Mr H Statham, Mr E Whittaker, Mr R Whittaker, Mr R Statham, Mr Talbot, Mr Jim Sargeant, Mr H Potter.

Vicar's Resignation - The Chairman read parts of the previous Church Council meeting relating to the Vicar's resignation and the procedure of appointing a new Vicar, for which purpose the meeting had been called. A specimen paper referring to another parish which had had the same business was read and after discussion it was decided to elect the two members who were to represent the parish. It was proposed by Mr R Whittaker and seconded by Mr H Statham to send the two Churchwardens, namely Mr J E Ward and Mr G Talbot. – carried unanimously.

After further discussion it was decided that the kind of Vicar required was a man of moderate views, and preferably not over 45 so that he would have a reasonable chance to visit Bramshall regularly, also one who would take an interest in the young people and be sympathetic to the problems of village life.

Presentation - Proposed by Mr H Statham and seconded by Mr G Talbot that the parish be asked to subscribe to a Presentation for the Rev W E Charlton. Proposed by J E Ward and seconded by Mr G Talbot that Mr R. Whittaker, R Statham and Jack Sargeant be the collectors. Areas were allocated and agreed upon and the next meeting to be held on Friday May 18th at 8pm and the collectors notify the subscribers of this meeting.

Blackout - The blackout was mentioned as restrictions have been lifted and J E Ward generously offered to take this down and also make an allowance for the material. This offer was greatly appreciated and accepted.

Blower - Mr Sargeant proposed that Mr Thornton Ward be thanked for consenting to Blow the Organ which duly had been carried out very efficiently. This was agreed upon.

Electric Blower - The question of installing an Electric Blower was raised and it was decided to let Mr H Potter make enquiries.

This concluded the business.

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
Fitness	Thursdays	6.00 – 7.00pm	Sarah Lovatt 07817 323095
Bramshall's Little Treasures	Fridays	9.30 - 11.30am	Laura Hill (07944 910711)
Table Tennis	1st & 3rd Saturdays	9.30 - 10.30am	Andy Fox (565796) email: foxaj80@hotmail.com

PARISH HALL BOOKING SECRETARY

Many thanks to Trudy Hazlehurst who has taken on the role of Booking Secretary. Bookings and enquiries to Trudy, who can be contacted on 07717 305819 or via email at bramshallvillagehall@yahoo.com

Hall Booking fees:

Regular Hirers: £15/hr.

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