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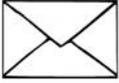


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November 2020

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

December deadline is Monday 23rd November 2020



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Bramshall Village Community

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**How to find your local PCSOs (Police Community Support Officers)
details for your areas.**

Log on to www.Staffordshire.police.uk website and enter your post code in 'Find your area'. This will link you to your local policing team under the tab 'your team'. This page will also allow you to contact your local officers if you have anything to report.



Have a safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night as is possible, even if you are restricted as to how and where this can happen.

Attention Dog Owners

Pet Blood Bank UK in association with Uttoxeter Rotary Club
is asking for help.

Dogs all across the UK sometimes need blood transfusions and blood
products when they are injured or ill.

Pet Blood Bank is the UK's only charity producing blood and blood
products for vets.

Over 5000 dogs around the country regularly contribute blood to help
others. But more is always needed for vets to treat injuries, perform surgery
and treat life threatening illnesses.

We need dog owners in our area to allow their dogs to contribute blood, just
like the human Blood Transfusion Service asks for human donors.

If you have a healthy dog who is good natured and calm, between 1 and 8
years old and weighs 25Kg or more and could contribute; please contact the
Pet Blood Bank at the email address info@petbloodbankuk.org

Visit the web site. www.petbloodbankuk.org



Just like human blood donation the process is quick and simple and requires
little more than your dog lying down for 5 to 10 minutes whilst the donation
is made. Please remember one day it might be your dog that needs a
transfusion after an injury, or needs blood products if they contract an
illness like cancer.

Please help us to help them.



Rotary Club of Uttoxeter



Church News

The Uttoxeter Area of Parishes
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Covid-19 Latest Guidelines

The move to tier 2 throughout Staffordshire does not impact further on church attendance, as the wearing of face coverings continues to be mandatory; but don't worry if you arrive without one as they are available at the entrance by the sanitising station. The 'Rule of Six' also applies when catching up for a chat in the churchyard. Please refer to church notice boards or the Bramshall Community Facebook page for any variations to these guidelines.

Services for November

1 st Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion
8 th Nov	10.55am	Morning Worship (Remembrance Sunday)
15 th Nov	11.00am	Holy Communion
22 nd Nov	11.00am	Family Communion
29 th Nov	1.00am	Advent Sunday Worship

100 Club Results: October

1 st	No 83	Nikki & Tim Griffiths	£30
2 nd	No 166	Barrie Lomas	£25
3 rd	No 160	Margaret Wright	£20
4 th	No 101	Linda Walmsley	£15

From the Registers

Interment:

13th October Gerald Bertram JOHNSON

Comfort and Joy

As we approach the season of remembrance, and the build up to Christmas; it is becoming very apparent that the familiar services will not be able to take place in the usual way. Much will depend upon the situation over the coming weeks and this next couple of months; but we will be looking at what we can do (not what we can't) to ensure we can both observe and celebrate these important occasions in a memorable way.

Covid restricted Wedding

We shall be holding our first wedding since the introduction of restrictions on numbers attending. So we wish Nick Bailey & Emma Harding the happiest of occasions on Saturday 28th November.



Place an angel of 'comfort and joy' in your house as you prepare for Christmas through the coming season of Advent.

Comfort and Joy

On Sunday 1st November there will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember loved ones now departed. As the current guidelines stand, the lighting of candles will take place on entering the church as movement during the service is restricted.

We are amazed and most grateful at the financial support that the church has received over the past couple of months, ensuring we are in a stable position. There continues to be the option to donate to Bramshall St. Lawrence at any time, using the Donate Now button on the 'Church Near You' website, or use the link below:

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

Thank You

QUEEN VICTORIA'S VISIT

by Kate Harvey-Lomas



Can I book you for Victoria my agent asked – “Oh yes please” I replied – at last, I have wanted to be in this programme for ages. I could imagine the beautiful clothes I would be wearing and the splendour and opulence of the palace I would get to sit around in all day.

“you will be playing an Irish peasant” he said –

“What!!” -

“oh yes, sorry – wardrobe only have tiny costumes for the upper class I am afraid – none would fit you” – “besides which you have the ginger unruly hair they want” –

And so it was – I was to be in Cork for the day of Victoria’s visit in August 1849 during the time of the great famine.

Not even peasants escaped the dreaded corset though – and at some unearthly hour on a bright sunny morning (after driving along the motorway for hours) I was to be found in the costume department literally being shoehorned into a corset – and then they had the audacity to pad me out!! – skirt after skirt was put on until the desired look of plumpness was created – two or three shawls and a pair of clogs later, I was done – at least I thought I was until some bright person in costume decided to hide all the hair (one of the reasons I was cast!) in a cotton and lace cap! I was unrecognisable.



I walked to my position in the main street – and milled around with the other villagers and peasants – one poor chap had three donkeys in his charge and was last seen being dragged around the buildings with the donkeys owner shouting “eh yup lad – wi-er the gaw-in” of course we were not really in Ireland, “Cork” was a farm house and stable buildings in the Rotherham countryside.

The general humdrum of setting the scene settled and great excitement suddenly took over as Victoria’s stately carriage pulled around the corner at the bottom of the street – the huge black horses drawing the carriage were resplendent in their shiny ornamental harnesses – “Action” was shouted through the director’s loud speaker and at that moment the horses with carriage charged down the street, with a startled Victoria sitting inside, and us peasants were running and cheering alongside – “cut” he shouts – “reset” – “that was good” he bellows “but this time could the peasants please run faster and keep up with the carriage” – “and where’s the donkeys?”

“What in clogs!!”

Again and again “cut” “reset” “Action” – lunch time came and went. Eventually, about six hours later, it worked without anyone falling over and donkeys in tow, and just as it was on that day in 1849 the Queen was given a rapturous welcome by the Irish villagers.

A Little Back History

The eleven-day visit to Cork, Dublin and Belfast of Queen Victoria in August 1849 took place against what at first sight seems like a highly unpromising background. The preceding years had seen the rise of a mass agitation for repeal of the act of union, and more recently, in 1848, the armed insurrection associated with the Young Ireland movement. The Whig government had declared that the social crisis caused by the failure of the potato crop was over, and had ended emergency relief works. Yet the Famine, all too evidently, was still happening. The workhouses were full and deaths from starvation were once again commonplace. Cholera, appearing in March 1849, cut a further swathe through a population weakened by prolonged food shortages. Despite all this, however, the queen and her entourage were received, in all three centres they visited, with displays of fervent loyalty.



Village Advent Calendar

The idea of a village advent calendar builds on the window displays we have seen for the NHS, VE Day and Halloween.

We are looking for a minimum of 24 volunteers (but the more the merrier) to find a window space to display a traditional advent calendar image (star, candle, bell, angel etc) that can be seen by everyone. Images can be hand drawn and coloured or downloaded from the internet (eg.clipart). Ideally there would be one revealed each day throughout December, but this may be a logistic too far at the moment, so simply numbering the pictures may prove the best option. Please contact Rev John (details page 2) if you wish to participate and he will allocate your number (1-24) so that a map can be prepared. Hopefully, this will then be used on Christmas Eve as we walk around until we end at the surprise nativity scene. More details next month as this all depends on the covid regulations at the time.

TEAMS 4 U Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Teams 4 U are most grateful to all who so generously donated towards the shoebox appeal. Together with contributions from Val Thomas, Sally Herbert and some of the local Inner Wheel clubs we managed to send over 300 boxes to the charity which will be sent to Eastern Europe.

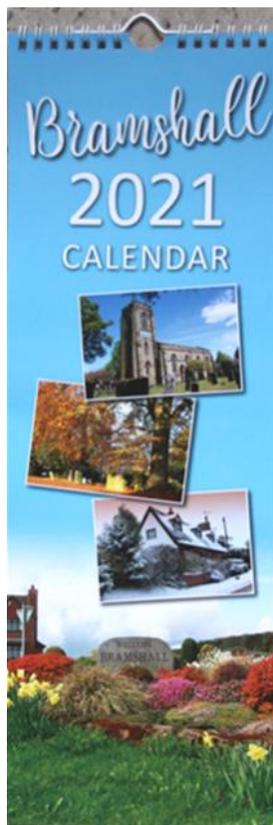
I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all who so kindly donated in these difficult times. I would also like to wish you all a healthy and happy festive season.

With thanks Linda

A Huge Thank You is extended to Anne & Ken Jones who have distributed the News Sheet to 60 houses around the estate since 2008. Whatever the time of year, they have enjoyed walking about and helping the community in this way; and we are enormously grateful for their assistance and enthusiasm. Anne & Ken now feel it is time to pass on the baton; so we are looking for a volunteer to continue this important role - if you are willing to be our new distributor, please contact the editor.

BRAMSHALL CALENDAR 2021

As promoted last month, we have decided to offer you the opportunity of obtaining this fabulous slimline wall calendar for 2021. It features village photographs, and would adorn any wall in your house.. or even make an interesting Christmas stocking filler for friends and family. Produced at local printers Lavin's of Uttoxeter, we are still taking orders for the modest price of £5 each. Please submit your order by email (revjsl@aol.com) or pop an envelope to 9, Overcroft. Payment with order would be most appreciated; cash, cheque (payable to PCC Bramshall) or bank transfer (sort code 60-22-09 a/c 88436519 reference your name please).



Penny's Recipe of the Month

Beef Cooked in Beer

Well I think we can now assume that summer is over, and we are stepping into Autumn. So away go the barbecues- no eating outside and the outdoor table and chairs are covered up till next Spring. In terms of eating it is now the time for stews, hotpots, pies, and casseroles which I love - hopefully you enjoy as well. I have just made this morning beef cooked in ale and it is easy and very quick. !!!



Ingredients for 2 people.

1 good sized rump steak	1 medium onion,	
Bottle of pale ale,	3tbl oil	
1 clove garlic (optional)	Beef stock	Bay leaf.

Cut the steak into 2 or 4 slices depending on how big the slice is, dust with seasoned flour. Put oil into a casserole dish and heat on hob, when oil is hot place in the beef and brown - remove from pan and put on flat plate, fry onions in pan till soft, add chopped garlic. Put the beef back into casserole on top of onions pour over $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of beef stock and bring to boiling point; add 8 fl.oz of beer plus bay leaf. Stir slowly and then put the casserole into the oven at 140°C fan; and cook for $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

If this is just for 2 people you will certainly get 4 meals as it will re-heat. Serve with potatoes and veg. Enjoy

Penny Gilpin

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To support those who are homeless again, particularly in the N. Staffs area, the following items are urgently needed:

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

We now have local volunteers who can collect from you and deliver to the shelter. If you have suitable items please email: bramshallnews@gmail.com and you will be put in contact with one of our volunteers.

Many Thanks

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.
See page 2 for contact details

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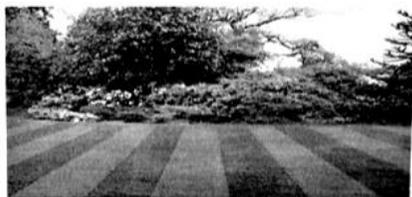
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