



BRAMLEY UPDATE

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News from Bramley and Grafham brought to you by Bramley Parish Council

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 6th March – Bramley Showcase evening at the Village Hall from 8:00pm.
- Tuesday 14th March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 16th March – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 25th March – “The Guildford Suffrage Movement” talk for Bramley History Society. 2:30pm in St Catherine’s Preparatory School Hall.
- Tuesday 28th March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 28th March – Bramley Resilience Group meeting. 7:45pm in the Village Hall meeting room.
- Saturday 22nd April – Bramley Village Society St George's Eve Dinner at the Jolly Farmer, Bramley.

WHAT’S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

At the Parish Council meeting in February, Parish Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- After consultation with residents in the vicinity of the end of Edencroft, the Parish Council is minded to install a new street light close to the bus stop near to the junction of Edencroft and Station Road. This will cost in the region of £2,000 and will give pedestrians and those waiting for buses more light in the area leading to improved visibility when walking at night and personal safety. It is intended that this new light will have a shield fitted to it, to ensure that ambient light does not shine into neighbouring homes. Unless we receive any serious objections to this work, the Parish Council will go ahead and carry out this installation. If you would like to object, please contact the Parish Clerk at bramleyparish@gmail.com or telephone her on 01483 894138.
- We still have 2 vacancies for Groundsmen to work for the Parish Council. These roles involve maintenance of the various grounds within the parish of Bramley and will normally comprise grass strimming, shrub clearance, watering, weeding, ground preparation, litter clearance and other general

manual duties as required. The paid roles will report to the Parish Clerk. Hours of work are flexible to suit the needs of the Council, but will normally be between 15 and 30 hours per month, depending on the season. If you are interested in this role, or know anyone who may be, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 16th March in the Village Hall meeting room. The public are very welcome to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to discuss any matters of interest with the Councillors.

Dogs!

Whilst many of us love to meet the pooches of our parish, not everyone feels the same, especially small children playing in our community play areas. Can we remind residents that dogs are not allowed in children's playgrounds. Not only can they bring fear to children, the dog waste that irresponsible owners leave behind is a health hazard.

Waverley approves Council Tax increase

Waverley councillors have approved the 2017/18 budget which sets out how the council will protect frontline services, generate income and make savings in the coming financial year. Included in the budget is a Council Tax increase of £5 per year for an average band D property. For more details on this and other ways that Waverley is balancing its budget, visit the Waverley Borough Council website.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Update from Bramley Library

Bramley's annual village fete takes place in May and Bramley Library aims to have a show-stopping selection of donated books for sale at the book stall. Consider the fete book stall the perfect recycling opportunity. If you have books in good condition that need a new home, donate them to Bramley Library to make space for new book bargains you'll pick up at the fete! Book donations in manageable-sized boxes or bags are welcome at the library. If you have lots of books to donate, please send an email to bramleylibrary@gmail.com and we'll get in touch to coordinate with you.

The library is run by a team of around 40 volunteers. There is a steady trickle of turnover with previous volunteers moving on and new volunteers signing up. Anyone interested in getting involved with the library, either to work regular shifts in the library or to lead occasional Rhyme Time sessions on Friday mornings, please do pop into the library to express interest or send an email to bramleyparish@gmail.com.

Bramley Showcase – Monday 6th March at 8:00pm in the Village Hall

The local clubs, societies and voluntary organisations are an important part of what makes Bramley such a vibrant community. Not only do they provide recreational and social facilities, they also enable residents to meet with like-minded others.

The Bramley Showcase is an annual event run by the Bramley Village Society (BVS) where clubs, societies and organisations set out their wares in the Village Hall. To help the evening along, BVS provide a free glass of wine, Bramley cider, or a soft drink on your arrival. Everyone is welcome to drop in, so why not come and socialise with other residents?

The Village Society is particularly keen that new residents find out what is available in Bramley, so if you have new neighbours who may not have signed up to Bramley Update, please encourage them to attend the Bramley Showcase – it's a fun evening and an easy way to get integrated into village life.

News from Bramley Infant and Nursery School

Bramley Infant and Nursery School are inviting registrations to their Nursery School for September. They accept 2 year olds from the day they turn 2 and there is 30 hours of free entitlement for all 3 and 4 year olds. For more information, contact the School on 01483 892346, or email them at office@bramley.surrey.sch.uk.

The Annual Bridge afternoon is taking place on Thursday 27th April, from 2:15pm to 5:15pm in Bramley Infant School hall. Doors open at 2:00pm and players are kindly asked to bring along a table, cloth and cards. Tea will be served during the afternoon with a variety of fresh sandwiches and home-made cakes. There will also be a raffle with goodies to be won and a home-baked cake stall. This very popular event is now in its 9th year and all profits raised go to Bramley Infant School (and Pre-School). Last year the event raised over £1,000 which was very gratefully received by the school and put towards transforming the outdoor play space. The children love their new playground and pirate ship!

To reserve a table (and places are limited) please send a cheque for £40 payable to Bramley Infant School PTFA to Catherine Dunstan at 2 Rowan Drive, Godalming, GU7 1UB. You can contact Catherine for more information - either by email at catherinedunstan@hotmail.co.uk, or telephone 01483 239375.

News from Bramley Cricket Club

Bramley Cricket Club welcomes new players of all ages and abilities, with winter nets having started on Wednesday evenings (7:30-9:00pm at Charterhouse School). The Club also has a highly regarded junior Colts group, with training and league matches on a Sunday morning throughout the summer, and welcomes new players (boys and girls). With Sport England investment for 2017, the future's bright on Gosden Common! Please contact Jon Vocking (vocking2@gmail.com; 07970 981 474).

You may also be interested to read an update from the Cricket Club, a copy of which is attached to this newsletter.

Village Diary

In the past, although various organisations have kept a list of village events, it has always been difficult to find a reasonably comprehensive list either to check up on what is happening in Bramley or to try and organise an event without it clashing with others. Following a prompt from a resident, the Bramley Village Society thought that it was about time that Bramley had a modern Village Diary. They have now set up a calendar on the BVS website that anyone can access at www.bramleyvillagesociety.org/village-diary/.

It's early days, so they haven't managed to capture everything that's happening in and around Bramley. If you would like your club, society or organisation's public events shown on the Village Diary then please email BVS via the link on the bottom of the Village Diary webpage.

Update from St Catherine's School

Chamber Music Concert - Monday 6th March at 7:00pm

A free concert in the Auditorium – no need to pre-book tickets.

Prep School Open Morning - Tuesday 7th March 9:45am-11:45am

Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899757, sally.manhire@stcatherines.info.

Le Tartuffe by Molière - Thursday 9th March at 7:30pm

Performance in French in the Auditorium by the 'Something Wicked Theatre Company'. Tickets £12.

Please email lucy.strong@stcatherines.info to book.

Piano Duet & Two Pianos - Thursday 16th March at 4:30pm (as part of Godalming Music Festival)

A free concert in the Auditorium – no need to pre-book tickets.

Mozart's Requiem - Saturday 18th March at 7:30pm

The St Catherine's Association Choir, Senior Choir, Middle Chamber Choir and Camerata String Orchestra will be performing Mozart's Requiem – Elgars's Introduction & Allegro – Guilman's Symphony No1 for Organ & Orchestra in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. Tickets £15 (£10 children & students). Book online at stcatschoir17.bpt.me or call 0800 4118881.

Gala Concert - Saturday 25th March at 5:00pm (as part of Godalming Music Festival).

A free concert in the Auditorium – no need to pre-book tickets.

A Level Recitals & Leavers' Recitals - Monday 27th March at 1:30pm & 7:30pm

A free concert in the Auditorium – no need to pre-book tickets.

Pilates Classes - Every Saturday Morning

Beginners Pilates 8:00am – 9:00am

Intermediate Pilates 9:00am – 10:00am

£7 per session with discount for block booking in the Dance Studio in the Anniversary Halls.

Email danceschool@stcatherines.info for more info or to book a session.

Another Concert at St Catherine's

The Girl Choristers of Guildford Cathedral are giving a free concert at St Catherine's on Saturday 11th March at 7:30pm. The girls are going on a tour of Seville in April and there will be a collection at the end in aid of the tour funds. All are welcome and the standard of music is very high.

Travel Fair

Alongside the VantagePoint Travel Club, Bramley business Travel Dream is running a travel fair on Saturday 1st April from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at the Wilfrid Noyce Centre in Godalming. You are invited to go and be inspired by a number of providers for your next luxury holiday with a chance to be entered into a prize draw. Entry is free, there will be a live steel band performing, complimentary drinks on arrival and 12 travel companies will be exhibiting.

There will also be presentations from the following companies:

- Kirker at 1:30pm
- Africa & Beyond at 2:00pm
- Insight Vacations at 3:00pm
- Cox & Kinge at 3:30pm.

For more information or to book a time slot, contact Travel Dream on 01483 865970 or email holiday@traveldream.co.uk.

Bramley Village Society - St George's Eve Dinner, Saturday 22nd April at the Jolly Farmer, Bramley

Tickets £22 each available for purchase at the Bramley Showcase evening.

Nina Deal Swimming Lessons – Fridays at St Catherine's School Pool

Nina has a swim school every Friday from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at the lovely, state-of-the-art swimming pool at St Catherine's School. It is a great place to learn to swim, mums and dads can sit around the poolside to watch. The groups are small with only 4 or 5 beginners and up to a maximum of 6 swimmers at advanced levels. Each lesson lasts 30 minutes which includes fun and work. Nina has some spaces available at all levels, including the A Team which are her best swimmers. For more information, contact Nina at alan.deal5@sky.com or by telephone on 01483 893563.

What's happening at Holy Trinity - your local Parish Church?

Exciting news! The Church would like to open a new Rainbow or Brownie unit in Bramley. They already have a volunteer who is willing to help run a Rainbow or Brownie unit, but she needs some help. You need to be over 18 and be full of enthusiasm to help girls develop and have fun.

There are around 15 girls aged 5-6 and 20 girls aged 7-9 already on waiting lists who need places. The unit plans to run on either Tuesday or Thursday in the church hall, but guiding is flexible, you may only be able to help every other week or could offer admin support - everything helps! You will get lots of support and training.

If you would be interested or want to find out more please get in touch. Contact Hannah Roberts, Girlguiding Tillingbourne and Wey District Commissioner, email dchannahroberts@gmail.com, telephone 07748 370407.

Messy Church is proving a great success at Holy Trinity! The next one will be held on Saturday 25th March between 4:00pm and 6:00pm, where as usual there'll be stories, songs, craft activities, and a delicious cooked evening meal for parents and children. It's all free and a lot of fun – come and join in!

Exploring Christian Faith: If you'd like to explore the Christian faith for the first time or are considering baptism or confirmation for yourself or for your child, or maybe just want to ask some searching questions, join Vicki in The Jolly Farmer on Thursdays from 8-9pm on 16th, 23rd and 30th March. She looks forward to buying you a drink!

The Coffee Stop is open every from 9-11am on Monday mornings in the Parish Room. It's open to everyone and is free! Fresh Fairtrade coffee, tea, and home-made cakes are available.

Free Mindfulness sessions will be held in the church from 9:30-10:30 am on Monday 27th March and Monday 24th April. Led by Suzette Jones Diocesan Health & Wellbeing Adviser. Everyone is welcome, and no experience is needed. For more information contact suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk, tel: 01483 790335.

What will you give up for Lent? Are you thinking of the usual chocolate/cake/alcohol? Why not do something different this year? Just £5 could pay for a tap so that children can have access to clean water instead of having to walk miles every day to bring it back in a bucket. Lent started on 1st March – come and pick up a jar sleeve (or two) from the back of the church and fill up some jars with loose change. Jars of Change – a great idea for Lent.

The Holy Trinity Bell Restoration Appeal: Please have a look at the display on the noticeboard near the Children's Chapel, or pick up a flyer at the back of the church. If you have any enquiries please contact: David Hassell on 01483 893482, or foynes.1@btinternet.com, or Richard Seaborne on 01483 890550, or richardseaborne@aol.com.

An invitation to this year's Lent Course: Please come and raise a glass and enjoy some nibbles at The Vicarage from 7pm until 8pm on Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April. The course explores the themes of prayer, mission, Kingdom, transformation, growth, the people of God and ends in a Holy Week Stations of the Cross Service.

More details about everything that's going on at Holy Trinity, the weekly Newsletter and the Parish Magazine can be found on our website - www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk.

Bramley Music

Come to a piano recital with a difference in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on Saturday 1st April at 7pm. The theme is bells! Bramley Church has six bells which are to be refurbished, and this concert is in support of our bells appeal. The bells will be pealing as the audience arrives! Entitled "Bells Across the Meadows" the recital will feature a wide range of attractive piano music by Rachmaninov, Debussy, Chopin, Ketelbey, Billy Mayerl and others, including pieces about bells, or sounding like bells. Pianist Paul Guinery will be welcomed back, who you may also know as a familiar voice on the BBC World Service and Radio Three. Tickets at £10 (£5 under 18 and students) are available in advance from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, and at the door, and a free glass of wine or soft drink will be served in the interval. If you wish to reserve a ticket or have any queries, please call or email Stuart White (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645).

Bramley History Society

The next History Society meeting is:

- Saturday 25th March
"The Guildford Suffrage Movement". An illustrated talk by Carol Brown.

The talk will be in St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall and begin at 2:30pm. It will be followed by tea and biscuits and lots of chat. All are welcome. Entry is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

Annual membership of the Bramley History Society is £5 per person. Contact 01483 892911 or jillbryant471@btinternet.com for more details. The BHS holds 4-5 meetings each year with a speaker on subjects of local history interest and provides a free annual magazine to all members.

U3A Wonersh

This year's AGM will take place at 2:30pm on Monday 27th March in the Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh. This is an important meeting which all members are encouraged to attend: it provides an opportunity to comment on how your local U3A runs at present and to suggest how it might be developed in the future. Tea and biscuits will be provided!

The last meeting in the present programme of the very popular Ballet Appreciation Group led by Patricia Berry will be at 2:00pm in Bramley Village Hall on Friday 17th March. On the 24th at 2:30pm in the Lawnsmead Hall, Dennis May will present a further programme of Big Band Music; and on the 30th at 2:30pm, Egyptologist Clive Barham Carter will give the first of two talks on the career of Auguste Mariette, founder of the Egyptian Museum and Antiquities Service – this meeting will be in the Turner Room at Lawnsmead.

The Woodcarving Group, which meets monthly in the morning of the third Thursday, currently has vacancies: if you would be interested in joining this group, please contact the Group Leaders, Tony and Ann Lambert, on 01483 890064. (Examples of the work they produce will be on show at the AGM.) For information on all U3A activities look at the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

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Best wishes

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