



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

- Tuesday 17th January – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in Bramley Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 19th January – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Sunday 22nd January – concert to celebrate the arrival of the baby grand piano in Bramley Village Hall. From 4:30pm in the Village Hall. More details below.
- Saturday 28th January – Bramley History Society talk "The Ferguson Gang and Shalford Mill", 2:30pm in St Catherine's Preparatory School.
- Tuesday 31st January – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Bramley Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 25th February – Bramley-Rhens Quiz Night. 7:30pm in Bramley Village Hall.
- Monday 6th March – Bramley Showcase evening at the Village Hall from 8:00pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Dunsfold Park. During December, Waverley Borough Council voted to grant the planning application for the new development at Dunsfold Park. It was a close vote, with 10 votes for the development and 8 against. There are a number of conditions attached to the permission, one of which relates to the A281 in Bramley. In order to help mitigate any traffic congestion, traffic lights will be installed to replace the mini-roundabout in the centre of Bramley by the time that 500 homes at the new development are occupied. Obviously, this is not the decision the Parish Council was hoping for and we understand that Guildford's MP, Anne Milton, is trying to get the application called in for review by the Secretary of State. We'll keep you updated with any further news. You can view the decision document on the Waverley Borough Council website.

- Waverley Local Plan. The draft new Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination. More information on what happens next can be found on the Waverley Borough Council website.
- Precept and Council Tax. At the meeting in December, Councillors approved a Precept request of £38,891 to be submitted to Waverley Borough Council for the 2017/18 financial year. For those of you who are not aware, the Precept is the money that Waverley collects from residents through Council Tax to fund Parish Council activities. The approved figure represents a 0% increase in Council Tax for the residents of Bramley for the Parish Council portion of the Council Tax bill. For a Band D household, the Parish Council portion of your Council Tax bill for next year will be £23.40 for the year. We are planning a number of projects for the next financial year, including:
 - Refurbishment works to the Eastwood Road play area;
 - Purchase of a much-needed new mower;
 - Improvements to pavement lighting;
 - Refreshment of some of the technical equipment in the Clerk's office;
 - Installation of a Citizen's Advice Bureau online facility in the Library.

Funds will also be set aside for any legal/planning advice with regard to Dunsfold Park and for representation at a possible public inquiry.

You can view the minutes of the meeting on the Parish Council website.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 19th January 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. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

New Planning Application

A new outline planning application for the development of 5 homes on land to the rear of Orchard Cottages on Park Drive in Bramley has been submitted to Waverley Borough Council. Two of these homes will be designated affordable homes; these will be 2-bed properties. In addition, the landowner has confirmed that he will arrange to carry out works on Park Drive to repair and resurface the road.

The Parish Council will be discussing this planning application at the Planning Review committee meeting taking place on Tuesday 17th January from 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All members of the public are welcome to attend to discuss this application directly with Councillors. The landowner's agent is also planning to attend.

You can view the planning application on the Waverley Borough Council website.

Planned works to Highways in and around Bramley

Surrey County Council has informed us of planning works to the local highways in the coming weeks:

- Resurfacing works will be taking place on 16th & 17th January at the junction of Station Road with Eastwood Road and Barton Road in order to facilitate a new coloured surface approaching the crossroads. These works were requested by Bramley Parish Council some time ago, based on feedback we received from local residents, in order to make the junction safer for pedestrians and drivers. It is hoped that a different colour road surface will highlight the busy junction to drivers, and they will drive at a slower speed. The road will be resurfaced this month, and we understand that the different colour surface will be laid down some time after April 2017. Access for residents, pedestrians and emergency vehicles into Eastwood Road and Barton Road will be maintained at all times.

- Works to widen the carriageway, install a new pedestrian crossing and install a new footway have started on the A281 at Shalford between Poplar Road and Stonebridge Wharf. 4-way traffic signals will be in place for these works between the hours of 9:30am and 4:00pm, which it is anticipated will take approximately 6 weeks.
- Thames Water will be reconstructing part of a collapsed drainage system on the A281 at Rushett Common, starting this week for a period of 6 weeks. 2-way temporary traffic lights will be in place for the duration of the works.

We appreciate that the 2 sets of works on the A281 are both involving temporary traffic lights, and could cause significant impacts to traffic in Bramley. We have contacted Surrey Highways to ascertain if the lights need to be in place simultaneously – a response is awaited.

You can find out about planned works to Highways throughout Surrey on the Surrey County Council website.

Congratulations on the Arrival of a New Baby!

Come to a concert on Sunday 22nd January at 4:30pm in Bramley Village Hall to welcome the Baby Grand Piano which has been given to the village by a kind Bramley resident. The concert will include attractive music for piano from Alan Newcombe, a Beethoven trio for violin, 'cello and piano from Silja Loya, Annelies Scott and Simon Phillips, and piano duets from Martin Hollister and Stuart White. Proceeds will go towards the cost of moving and servicing the piano, etc. Tickets at £10 (£5 under 18 and students) are available in advance from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, and (if not sold out) at the door, and a free glass of Bramley Cider 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 / 01482 892645). It may be a full house so advance purchase or reservations are recommended!

Surrey County Council Prospective Councillors event – 20th February 2017

Surrey County Council have arranged a Prospective Councillor event for those who may be considering standing for election to the Council in May 2017. The open evening, taking place at County Hall on 20th February, is designed to answer any questions you may have about life as a councillor.

Registration opens at 4:30pm, with refreshments serviced until the event begins at 5:00pm. The evening will be focused on the practicalities of being a councillor at Surrey. You will hear about what it's like to be a Member and what support mechanisms are in place to help you once elected. At the end of the event, it will be possible for those of you planning to stand for a particular political group to meet with the Group Leader.

100 candidates can be accommodated at this event. To register for a place, [click here](#).

Whether you are able to attend or not, if you are interested in standing for election, you are encouraged to read more information on the Surrey County Council website at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-local-democracy/county-council-elections/county-council-elections-2017>. Here you will find valuable information about the elections, the County Council and about being a Member. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Basham (Senior Manager – Leadership and Member Support) on 020 8541 9133.

Update from the Bramley-Rhens Twinning Committee

Quiz Night

The annual Bramley-Rhens Quiz Night is taking place on Saturday 25th February in Bramley Village Hall. 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start. Bring your own drinks and snacks, your brains and something to write with. Answer sheets are provided. Cost is £14 for a team of 4 players. Spaces will be limited so book your table early by calling or emailing Bob & Sue Mould (01483 892738 / robert.mould@homecall.co.uk). There will be a raffle, donated prizes are most welcome.

Annual General Meeting

The Bramley-Rhens Twinning group AGM is taking place on Thursday 30th March from 7:30pm in the Holy Trinity Church Room. All welcome.

Visit by our friends from Rhens

Some of our friends from Rhens will be visiting Bramley from Thursday 25th May to Monday 29th May 2017. Full programme details will be available at a later date. If you would like further information about hosting or twinning in general, go along to the AGM on 30th March.

Bramley History Society

The next History Society meetings are:

- Saturday 28th January
“The Ferguson Gang and Shalford Mill”. An illustrated talk by Sally Beck.
- Saturday 25th March
“The Guildford Suffrage Movement”. An illustrated talk by Carol Brown.

Both these talks will be in St Catherine’s Preparatory School Hall and begin at 2:30pm. They are 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 Society holds 4 or 5 meetings each year with a speaker on subjects of local history and provides a free annual magazine to all members.

Mindfulness courses

Interested in reducing stress? Wanting to start the New Year with a different perspective? Join a mindfulness course starting in January or go to a free mindfulness taster session to find out what mindfulness is. Run by Claire Garthwaite, trained mindfulness teacher and doctor. Visit www.withmindfulness.co.uk for more details or email claire@withmindfulness.co.uk.

U3A Wonersh

The U3A’s new programme of events and activities for the spring and early summer was issued in booklet form in December and full details have now been entered on the website – <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>. If you would like a copy of the booklet, you can request this by using the contact form on the website. Members may come without formality to most group meetings and non-members who would like to come along to try out a group are also very welcome.

In January, transferring to Bramley Village Hall, the Ballet Appreciation Group will be at 2:00pm on Friday 20th to see two DVDs introduced by Patricia Berry. On Wednesday 25th the bookreading group will start on Colin Thubron’s fascinating account of his 15,000-mile journey across post-Soviet Siberia, meeting at 2:00pm in the Selwyn Room at Wonersh Church. For something more energetic, you might like to try Table Tennis at 10:00am on Wednesday 18th in Blackheath Village Hall or the January walk at 10:00am on Thursday 19th, led by Colin Frost: for details ring him on 533122.

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Best wishes

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