



BRAMLEY UPDATE

December 2016

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 10th December – Bramley Music Christmas Concert from 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Bramley.
- Saturday 17th December – Bramley Nativity, from 4:45pm at Summerpool House.
- Sunday 18th December – Village Carol Service in Holy Trinity church from 5:00pm.
- Tuesday 20th December – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in Bramley Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 20th December – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:45pm 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

By the time you read this, we hope all of the residents in Bramley have had the gas supply to their homes restored. Whilst it has been a challenging time for all of those affected, we hope you will agree that the response and support from Southern Gas Networks has been first class. It is clear that they have worked incredibly hard to repair the fault in as short a time as possible. Thanks also to Rev'd Vicki Burrows and her team of volunteers who kept the Holy Trinity church Parish room open. As well as serving hot drinks and delicious cakes, they provided a vital (and warm) location for all affected residents to speak with representatives from SGN and collect electric heaters and hotplates. Their service to the community is much appreciated. Although less visible, officers from Waverley Borough Council also made a considerable effort in response to the loss of gas by contacting vulnerable residents in the Parish and offering assistance where required.

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

- Highways. Mr Seaborne confirmed that Surrey Highways are planning to resurface the junction of Station, Eastwood and Barton Roads at the same time as resurfacing The Street in Wonersh. It is hoped that this work will be completed this financial year before the end of March 2017. Surrey Highways are also in the process of installing a new vehicle activated road warning sign on the A281 close to Bramley

Infant School. For the next financial year, the Parish Council has prioritised 3 local highways works which have been submitted to and approved by the Local Task Group:

- Laying of coloured road surface at the Station, Barton and Eastwood Road junction;
- Installation of a layby in The Coombes opposite Bramley Infant School;
- Extension of the 30mph speed limit on the A281 at the southern end of the village to Birtley House.

Our submission will now move on to the next phase of consideration which ends with deliberation by the Local Committee.

- Street lighting. Thanks to those of you who responded with your thoughts about our street lighting from last month's Bramley Update. The Parish Council considered your responses and are now investigating the cost of relocating one of the lights in Station Road to even out the level of lighting along the road.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Tuesday 20th December 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.

Police update

Our Community Police have informed us that there is a current theme across Waverley of theft of old York stone from rural properties and theft of plant machinery from building sites. We advise you to ensure that your properties are made as secure as possible.

A new website has been launched by Surrey and Sussex Police so that members of the public can find out what is happening in their area, including witness appeals, crime updates, crime prevention advice and news. Anyone can sign up to receive updates at www.intheknow.community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Dunsfold Park planning application

We have received news that the Waverley Borough Council Joint Planning Committee will be considering the planning application for the proposed new development at Dunsfold Park at a meeting on at 6:30pm on Wednesday 14th December at the Council offices in Godalming. The meeting is open to the public, you can view the agenda by clicking [here](#).

Update from Bramley Library

Bramley Library is lucky to have a live Christmas tree on display this year, thanks to a generous donation by local residents Steve and Charlotte of Renaissance Plants. Some of our decorations were created by the talented Bramley Knitwits too. Definitely worth popping in for a visit in person, or a visit to our social media sites on Facebook, Twitter or Streetlife.

In the library you will also notice our shiny and colourful new self-service kiosk. Not only does it look striking, but you can use notes to pay any fines (not just coins as before) and it can provide change, so you no longer need to pay the exact amount.

On Saturday 10th December at 2:00pm there will be a Christmas Story Time activity session suitable for children aged 4-7 years old (and their siblings). No booking is necessary, just turn up. No doubt more sparkly library decorations will result!

And, because of the way the public holidays fall this December, Rhyme Time sessions will run every Friday as normal throughout December, from 11:00-11:30 am, with some festive songs thrown in for good

measure. Adults bearing babies and toddlers three years old and younger are welcome. There's no need to register; just come along for an 11:00am start.

Bramley Library's holiday opening hours are:

Tuesday 20th Dec	10-5 (usual opening hours)
Thursday 22nd Dec	2-5 (usual opening hours)
Friday 23rd Dec	10-5 (usual opening hours)
Saturday 24th Dec	10-1 (early closing)
Tuesday 27th Dec	CLOSED
Thursday 29th Dec	2-5 (usual opening hours)
Friday 30th Dec	10-5 (usual opening hours)
Saturday 31st Dec	10-1 (early closing)

A Bramley Outdoor Nativity

This year's Bramley Nativity is taking place on Saturday 17th December. This event is primarily for children aged 7 and under and they must be accompanied by an adult. Assemble at Summerpool House at 4:45pm (the Georgian house at Bramley crossroads). Bring a torch and wear warm clothes and wellington boots. Light refreshments afterwards. There will be a retiring collection for Cherry Trees.

Christmas Special Play Morning

Loseley Fields Children's Centre is hosting a Christmas Special Play Morning based upon the popular Mog books in the Parish room at Holy Trinity Bramley from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Thursday 22nd December. There will be a visit from Father Christmas, cooking, pine cone Christmas trees and a host of other activities. Booking is essential. Contact loseleyfields.childrenscentre@busybees.com or 01483 419325 for more information. Donations welcome on the day for Winston's Wish, the charity for bereaved children.

New arrangements for interim stroke care provision

Interim changes to the provision of stroke care at Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust will take effect from early January 2017.

From 9th January 2017, patients with a suspected stroke, who would currently be taken by ambulance to the Royal Surrey, will be taken to Frimley Park Hospital or St Peter's Hospital for their immediate care. Patients may then be transferred to the Royal Surrey if clinically appropriate for on-going care or discharged home.

These changes are necessary as the Royal Surrey will be unable to support a 7-day hyper acute stroke pathway from January due to a number of changes within the multidisciplinary stroke team. The provision of 7-day acute stroke unit care is unaffected and will continue during the interim period.

A Surrey-wide review of stroke care is on-going and is focused on developing the right model of care across Surrey to improve overall outcomes. The proposals for West Surrey were initially shared with the public at the Clinical Commissioning Group's Annual General Meeting in September 2016. Where changes are proposed for stroke care, these will be subject to a formal public consultation. The Parish Council will be discussing what form of public consultation would be appropriate for Bramley at the December Parish Council meeting.

What's happening at Holy Trinity?

Christmas services:

Holy Trinity Bramley

Sunday 18th December

5:00pm The Village Carol Service by candlelight
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Crib service
Children – please come dressed as angels, shepherds or wise men!
11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9:45am Family Communion Service

St Andrew's Grafham

Sunday 18th December

11:15am Carol Service

Christmas Day

11:15am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

The Coffee Stop: Is open every Monday morning in and Parish Room from 9:00am to 11:00am. Fresh Fairtrade coffee, tea, toast, home-made cakes and more. It's all free (although donations are always welcome), so why not pop in on your way to the shops, or after school drop-off. There are toys and games to keep little ones occupied while you chat.

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 28th January between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Play, story, craft activities, singing and a cooked evening meal for parents and children will be available.

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

Bramley Music Christmas Concert, Saturday 10th December at 7:00pm

Once again Holy Trinity church, Bramley is host to the excellent Harlequin Chamber Choir for their Christmas Concert. The programme will include Britten's Ceremony of Carols with harp accompaniment and Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on Christmas Carols. In addition there will be seasonal favourites, as well as some well known carols for you to join in with, creating a real Christmas atmosphere! The local branch of Chernobyl Children's Lifeline will be supported, which helps children affected by the aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster. 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 drinks will be served in the interval. If you wish to reserve a seat or have any queries, please call or email Stuart White (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645).

Update from St Catherine's School

Autumn term ends on Thursday 15th December. Spring term begins on Wednesday 11th January.

St Catherine's Presents – Wednesday 25th January 2017 at 7:30pm in the Auditorium

Jane Garvey: Speaking up for Women

Best known as a presenter of BBC Radio 4's Woman's Hour, Jane Garvey will talk about the programme and its influence in giving voice to women's views and opinions. Tickets are £10 for adults, free for students. Book at <http://womanshouratstcats.bpt.me> or call 0800 411 8881.

Informal Concert – Thursday 26th January at 7:00pm

A free concert in the Lower Atrium; no need to pre-book tickets.

Vocal Sectional Concert – Monday 30th January at 7:30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Bramley

Prospective Senior School Parents' Morning – Tuesday 31st January at 9:15am

Contact Mrs Clare Woodgate on 01483 899609 or clare.woodgate@stcatherines.info.

Please see www.stcatherines.info for all the sporting events and further details of lectures and performances open to the public.

St Catherine's School would like to wish everyone in Bramley a peaceful, restful and very Happy Christmas!

Update on new Village Hall piano

It's here! Following the announcement about the Baby Grand Piano which has been donated to the Village Hall by a kind Bramley resident, we can report that it has now arrived and is sitting on the stage. Andrews & Co of Farncombe have fitted it with a cover and an 'A' frame to enable it to be moved around safely, and their Mr Donn will shortly be thoroughly overhauling the piano's action. The scene will then be set for the opening concert on Sunday 22nd January at 4:30pm in Bramley Village Hall when we can all offer our Congratulations on the Arrival of a New Baby!

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 (and free Bramley Village Cider!). Proceeds will go towards the cost of moving and servicing the piano. Tickets at £10 (£5 under 18 and students) are available in advance from Robertson's in Bramley High Street, and (if not sold out) at the door, and a free glass of 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 / 01483 892645). It may be a full house so advance purchase or reservations are recommended!

BT Consultation – proposal to remove payphones

BT has opened a consultation about the proposed removal of 46 payphones within Waverley. 2 of these are in Bramley – the one at the end of Chestnut Way and the one in Thorncombe Street. According to BT's records, neither of these payphones have been used in the last 12 months.

Our Borough Councillors need to respond to BT by 23rd December about whether they object or agree to the removal of the payphones.

The Parish Council asks for any comments from residents about the removal of the payphones in question. Please contact the Parish Clerk (bramleyparish@gmail.com or 01483 894138) with your comments by 20th December.

At this time, BT have no plans to remove the payphone at the mini roundabout in Bramley. The Parish Council are considering adopting this phonebox so that we can take over its maintenance. Should we do this, the payphone will be removed and we have the opportunity to use the remaining phonebox for something else, for a village defibrillator, for example. We're currently requesting usage details from BT to find out how often the payphone is used, but in the meantime ... what do you think? Would you like to keep the payphone there, or use the phonebox as something else? Let us know by emailing bramleyparish@gmail.com.

Yoga in Bramley

Weekly Gentle Flow Yoga classes will start in the Holy Trinity church Parish room from Thursday 5th January (term time only) from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more details on the class or to reserve a place, please call or email Rachael on 07554 427007, rachhill@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

The Bramley Calendar, based on historic photographs of Bramley, is available at £5 each and can be obtained by emailing gordonbryant471@btinternet.com, or telephoning 01483 892911 and at the above meetings.

Other publications are available (members will already have received their copies):

- The Bramley Record covering 1914 - £2.50
- The Bramley Record covering 1915 - £2.50
- The Bramley Record covering 1916 - £2.50

Annual membership of the Bramley History Society is £5 per person. Contact 01483 892911 or jillbryant471@btinternet.com for more details.

Wheel of Wellbeing

Surrey County Council has launched the Wheel of Wellbeing, a brand new tool to help people think about some of the things they can do to improve their mood, reduce their risk of depression, strengthen relationships and even add up to 7 years to their lives! Being active, learning, giving to others, connecting with people, taking notice and mindfulness as well as caring for the planet can all improve a person's mental health. Visit www.healthysurrey.org.uk/your-health/mental-wellbeing/wheel-of-well-being/ for more details.

Bramley Parish Council would like to wish all readers a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Bramley Update is usually circulated in the first week of each month. If you have a contribution to the content, please send it to bramleyupdate@gmail.com by the end of the preceding month.

Best wishes

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