



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

**November 2016**

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 13th November – Remembrance Sunday parade. 10:55am at the Bramley War Memorial.
- Thursday 17th November – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 19th November – Bramley Music's "Notes from Home" at Holy Trinity Bramley. More details below.
- Tuesday 22nd November – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Wednesday 23rd to Sunday 27th November – Open Studio at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane. More details below.
- Saturday 26th November – Village Sweep. Community sweep in the village to help clear the Downlink and other areas of fallen leaves. Meet at 9:00am at the station gates on Station Road.
- Tuesday 6th December – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 6th December – Bramley Resilience Group meeting. 7:45pm in the Village Hall meeting room.
- Sunday 18th December – Bramley Village Carol Service, 5:00pm in Holy Trinity church, Bramley.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### **Bramley Parish Council update**

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

- Street lighting. One of our residents has contacted the Parish Council to report that in his view, that there is insufficient street lighting in Eastwood and Station Roads. If you live in this area, you may have a view as to whether this is the case or not. If so, we'd like to hear from you. You can either email the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com), or telephone her on 01483 894138. You may be interested to know that to install a new light costs approximately £600. The annual power supply costs around £45 per light and the cost to replace a bulb costs £74.50.

- Baby grand piano in the Village Hall. A local resident has very generously offered to donate her baby grand to the Parish Council, to be made available for users of the Village Hall. The piano will be placed on the stage and Councillors hope you will agree that it will be a valuable addition to our venue and will enhance the “hirability” of the hall for concerts and choral performances. Some minor reparatory works are currently being carried out and we hope the piano will be in place and ready for use by the end of the year. We are planning to hold a concert in the New Year to welcome the piano to the hall ... more news to follow next month.

You can view the minutes of the meeting on our website.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 17th November 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?

### Vacancy for Groundsman

Sadly one of our trusty Grounds-people, Charlotte Wood, is leaving us later this month, so we are now seeking someone to undertake her duties. The work entails maintaining the various grounds within the parish of Bramley, normally comprising grass strimming, shrub clearance, watering, weeding, ground preparation, litter clearance and other general manual duties. If you would be interested in applying for this paid role, please contact the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com). The work can be varied and satisfying, up to around 30 hours per month.

### Big Sweep!

We're asking anyone who is available for a short time on the morning of Saturday 26th November to help clear some of the Downslink of the many leaves that are now falling from the trees. If we have enough people, it should only take around 30 minutes. Come at 9:00am to the station gates on Station Road armed with your favourite outdoor broom! All welcome ... including keen youngsters!

### Road closures

There are a number of road closures for highway works taking place this month:

- The M3 motorway will be closed in both directions between junction 2 and 3 from 9:00pm on Friday 18th November to 5:30am on Monday 21st November, whilst Woodlands Lane Bridge is demolished and other works are undertaken. Diversion routes will be clearly marked for the duration of the closure. Drivers are encouraged to find alternative routes and to avoid the M3 during this time.
- A section of Chinthurst Lane, Bramley (at the junction with Station Road) will be closed from Friday 25th November for approximately 3 days between the hours of 7:30am and 5:00pm whilst resurfacing works are carried out. Access will still be available for residents or businesses.

### Update from Bramley Library

Do you love Bramley Library? We have a broad range of volunteer opportunities ranging from an hour a month to as much time as you'd like to give. Do occasional jobs appeal? Things like sorting and shifting boxes, organising one-off events, running children's activities? Or would you like to join the team of regular volunteers who run the library day-to-day, or the small team of volunteers who lead toddler Rhyme Time sessions on Friday mornings? If any of these opportunities appeal, do pop in during opening hours for a chat, or contact us by email at [bramleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bramleylibrary@gmail.com). Our library volunteer motto is: “Only volunteer for the jobs you enjoy!”

Speaking of children’s activities, a giant autumnal bookmark stands proudly on the inner door of the library. It was made by the children who took part in the half-term Story Time activity on 28th October. Photos of the fun are on the library’s social media channels.

You may also notice that the library became even sunnier after a recent hard prune of the shrubbery outside the library windows. Do pop in and see for yourself.

### **Open Studio**

Mary Hainline will be hosting another Open Studio at Pentire on Snowdenham Lane in Bramley from Wednesday 23rd to Sat 27th November daily between 8:30am and 4:00pm in aid of Kids' Kidney Research. Art and gifts will be available to buy, plus tea, cakes and a raffle will be on offer with all donations going to the charity.

Mary looks forward to giving you a warm welcome! For further information call: Mary Hainline on 01483 898 626.

### **Update from St Catherine's School**

Coming up this term.....

String Sectional Concert, Wednesday 16th November at 7:30pm in the Auditorium.

No need to pre-book tickets.

The Psychology of Dance, Thursday 24th November at 6:00pm in the Auditorium.

Dr Peter Lovatt, Head of the Dance Psychology Lab at the University of Hertfordshire, is a charismatic speaker who will entertain with insights into the relationship between mood and dance and the link between motor disorders and dance. His work has led to intriguing insights into the way in which dance can improve wellbeing. Please email [jean.arrick@stcatherines.info](mailto:jean.arrick@stcatherines.info) if you are interested in attending. Tickets are £5.00.

### Mozart's Requiem

The St Catherine's Association Choir will be performing Mozart's Requiem in Holy Trinity Church, Guildford on Saturday 18th March at 7:30pm.

Please don't be shy - there is no audition and you are guaranteed a very warm reception.

Rehearsals are always on Wednesdays from 7.45-9.45pm:

16th November  
23rd November  
30th November  
7th December

Further rehearsals after Christmas.

For more details please contact Mrs Dawn Pilkington on 01483 899781 or [dawn.pilkington@stcatherines.info](mailto:dawn.pilkington@stcatherines.info).

Please see [www.stcatherines.info](http://www.stcatherines.info) for all the sporting events and further details of lectures and performances open to the public.

### **Bramley Music Concert on Saturday 19th November 2016 at 7:00pm**

Come and hear "Notes from Home" – a concert in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, featuring 'home grown' musicians Sarah, Madeleine, Emilia and Clem Pickering on piano, violin, 'cello and viola, Alan Newcombe on piano, and Alan and Stuart White with piano duets. The programme will include as its centrepiece Elgar's beautiful Violin Sonata, and alongside that in the first half will be a movement from a York Bowen viola sonata, and Vaughan Williams' Six Studies in English Folk-Song for 'cello. The second half will be of piano music, with Alan playing some Bagatelles by Alan Rawsthorne, Country Tune by Arnold Bax, and some Shakespeare-related music (in this anniversary year), finishing with Alan and Stuart playing Over the [Surrey?] Hills and Far Away by Richard Rodney Bennet – delightful arrangements for duet of some favourite nursery rhymes. If you are sufficiently appreciative, then you may be rewarded by a couple of crowd-pleasing encores!

We shall be supporting the charity Ace Africa (UK) – [www.ace-africa.org](http://www.ace-africa.org) – which does valuable work with children and their communities. 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 tickets or have any queries, please email or call Stuart on 01483 892645.

### **Do you like singing carols?**

If so, come and join the Village Carol Service Christmas Choir! There's nothing like a packed candle-lit church full of people celebrating Christmas, singing well-known carols, and this is a way to be a very special part of it. The Choir will lead the congregational singing, and will also sing some lovely carols by itself. Don't worry if you've never sung in parts before – all you need is enthusiasm and to be available for most of the rehearsals. So here are the dates for you to put in your diary:

The service and all the rehearsals are in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.

- Thursday 24th November: rehearsal from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 1st December: rehearsal from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Wednesday 7th December: rehearsal from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Thursday 15th December: rehearsal from 7:00pm to 8:30pm
- Sunday 18th December: pre-service rehearsal from 3:30pm to 4:40pm
- Sunday 18th December at 5:00pm: the Village Carol Service

This is always great fun, and there's always room for new singers, so don't hesitate! If you'd like to take part, or want to find out more, just 'phone or email Stuart White (01483 892645 / [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com)).

### **The Nativity at Wintershall**

As has been for the past 26 years, an excellent way of celebrating Christmas is by attending The Wintershall Nativity play which takes place in and outside the Barn Theatre, Holly Barn complete with shepherds and sheep, donkeys and the three wise men on horseback! It depicts a Christian view of Christmas in both an exciting and original way.

Performances take place from 14th to 18th December. Tickets cost £18 for adults, £9 for children. A family ticket at £50 is available for 2 adults and 2 children. There is a 20% discount for the 7:00pm Thursday performance. Please email [admin@wintershall-estate.com](mailto:admin@wintershall-estate.com) to take advantage of this offer.

Come warmly dressed with boots/appropriate footwear. The 'inn' opens for tea, coffee and mince pies about an hour before each 90-minute performance.

To book tickets visit [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or telephone 01793 418299.

### **Surrey Hills Christmas Concerts**

Join the award-winning Surrey Hills choirs at their annual Christmas concerts this December. The programme includes many well-known songs, Christmas classics and audience carols to put you in the festive mood. Due to the popularity of this concert, the Surrey Hills Singing School will be holding two concerts again this year – one in Cranleigh and one in Guildford.

The traditional Family Christmas concert on Saturday 10th December at Cranleigh Village Hall features all the Surrey Hills Choirs. The youngest performers, the Training Choir, share the joy of singing with friends with the song "Sing Together" and also tell how the elves help Santa prepare for Christmas in "Carol of the Elves". The junior choir, the Young Voices, will transport you to the magical world of Neverland with the song "I'm Flying" from the musical Peter Pan. Their other songs include "When I'm Gone" (also known as the Cup song) from Pitch Perfect, Jingle Bell Rock and the Huron Carol. The ladies choir, the Surrey Hills Singers, will be singing two of their current favourites, the beautiful "A Thousand Years" by Christina Perri and "Royals" by Lorde. Their Christmas songs include the haunting "Noel Fantasy" – a medley of well-known carols – and the very lovely Basque carol "The Angel Gabriel". Finally, the Chamber Choir's programme will include "When you wish upon a star", "Soles Occidere" by local composer Ian Assersohn, "Veni Veni Emmanuel" and "Il est ne le divin enfant". The diversity of performers and many well-known

songs and carols makes this concert appropriate for all ages and music lovers and starts at 6:30pm. The choirs will also invite the audience to join them in singing some traditional carols.

If you'd prefer a more sophisticated Christmas concert, then attend the atmospheric late night candlelight concert on Sunday 11th December at 8:00pm at St Nicolas Church, Guildford featuring the adult choirs only, the Surrey Hills Chamber Choir and Surrey Hills Singers. This magnificent church is perfect for such an occasion and in addition to the songs mentioned above there will be other seasonal classics including "My Lord has come" by Will Todd, the uplifting spiritual "The Virgin Mary had a baby boy", "This Little Babe" by Benjamin Britten and the popular Angel's Carol by John Rutter, as well as highlights from Handel's Messiah.

Tickets for Saturday: £10 Adults and £4 for children 16 and under. Tickets for Sunday: Adults £12 and £5 for children 16 and under. Tickets include wine and refreshments and are available to purchase online at [www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk/tickets](http://www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk/tickets) until 9:00pm the night before the performance. After the online ticketing closes please email [tickets@surreyhills-choirs.co.uk](mailto:tickets@surreyhills-choirs.co.uk) or call 01483 892474. Please book early as the concerts are very popular.

### **U3A Wonersh**

This month's meeting of the Needlecraft Group will be on Monday 12th at 2:00pm: bring your current piece of work and share tips and a cup of tea with other members of the group in comfortable surroundings at Blunden Court in Bramley. The last meeting this term of the Listening to Music Group will be on Tuesday 22nd at 2:00pm or – for Big Band Music ('From Bighthelmstone to Brighton') presented by Dennis May – come at 2:30pm on Friday 25th: both these meetings are in the main hall at Lawnsmead, Wonersh. Michael Hartnall's series on 'Opera for All' takes place on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00pm in Bramley Village Hall and the last meeting before Christmas will be on 6th December.

Full information about all the activities of Wonersh U3A can be obtained via the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

### **Wonersh and District Garden Club**

Attend the Wonersh and District Garden Club meeting on Tuesday 6th December 2016 @ 2:15pm for an enjoyable talk on 'Rural Crafts of bygone years' given by Mr Tim Winter along with a festive drink, a few nibbles and lots of seasonal cheer – all at the Wonersh Memorial Hall.

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