



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

- Saturday 9th July – Working Party to clear vegetation prior to installation of new road safety signage on Birtley Road. More details below.
- Saturday 9th July – Bramley Music concert “Sticking Together” in Holy Trinity Bramley from 7:00pm.
- Thursday 14th July – An evening with Mark England, Head of Team GB at St Catherine’s Auditorium from 7:30pm. Funds raised will go to Bramley Infant School. More details below.
- Saturday 16th July – Village Family Picnic from 1:00pm on Gosden Common. More details below.
- Tuesday 19th July – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 19th July – Bramley Resilience Group meeting. 7:45pm in the Village Hall meeting room. If you are interested in receiving an update on what is happening in Bramley with regard to flooding and other resilience planning, you are welcome to attend.
- Thursday 21st July – Public meeting about proposed Dunsfold Park development. 7:00pm in Bramley Infant School Hall. More details below.
- Thursday 21st July – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 2nd August – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.

WHAT’S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

At the Parish Council meeting in June, Parish and Borough Councillor Richard Seaborne gave an update on the Waverley Local Plan which is due to be considered by the Waverley Full Council in July. After this, the plan will be made available for public consultation. It is then due to be submitted for examination by a planning inspector in November. Once it is available for public consultation, we will let you know.

Waverley Borough Council is likely to consider the planning application for the development of 1,800 homes at Dunsfold Park in August. We'll let you know once we have a date for this meeting.

You may have noticed that the fencing on Station Road at the Downs link has been damaged and sections are in need of replacement. A contractor has been organised to undertake this work, which should happen this month.

The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 21st July 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.

Surrey Strategic Highways Assessment

Surrey Highways has recently published a draft Strategic Highways Assessment. This study was commissioned by Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council to assist with the review of each borough's proposed development scenarios and uses highway modelling to aid the evidence base of each borough's Local Plan. The report assesses the impacts on traffic for potential housing developments. Within 3 of the scenarios described in the report, the conversion of the mini-roundabout in Bramley to traffic signals is proposed.

This proposal was also recommended in the Mott MacDonald transport study that Waverley commissioned. In this study, traffic signals were recommended on the grounds of safety: there were 7 reported accidents on the roundabout between 2010 and 2014. This figure is double the number of what would typically be expected at such an intersection.

The Parish Council are currently considering the recommendations of these reports and the reasons behind them. Our initial thoughts are that having traffic lights at the junction may have an adverse effect on our daily traffic issues, although the lights will certainly make it safer for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists. What are your thoughts? We welcome your comments so please email them to the Parish Clerk at bramleyparish@gmail.com or send them to her at the Village Hall.

Hard copies of all the reports can be obtained from the Parish Clerk.

Door-to-door salesmen

We have been made aware that there could be so-called 'Nottingham Knockers' working in the area at the moment.

Named after a scam originating in Nottingham, young people travel across the UK targeting a town at a time. They knock at doors and claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at very high prices.

Police always advise residents to refrain from buying at the doorstep and not to buckle to pressure from salespeople offering supposedly one-off 'buy it now' low prices. However, often kind-hearted residents feel they are helping the Nottingham Knockers to turn their lives around so agree to buy their wares. Some UK regions have discovered a notable rise in crime during the times their local areas were being visited by such groups.

We strongly urge you not to purchase goods from door-to-door salesmen, and to inform Surrey Police by calling 101 if you are visited by anyone trying to sell you goods.

Open Garden at Snowdenham House

A huge thank you to Richard and Frances Clarke for allowing members of the public to visit their wonderful garden on 11th June, raising nearly £2,300 for Holy Trinity and £500 for HASTE. Thanks too to Patti Hassell and her team for cooking and serving the extravaganza of cupcakes. Perhaps also to Vicki the Vicar for divine intervention, which kept the weather fine despite downpours and flooding as close as Gosden Common. And it has hardly stopped raining since!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Public Meeting

The Protect Our Waverley (POW) campaign are holding a public meeting in Bramley Infant School Hall on Thursday 21st July at 7:00pm. At the meeting POW will be presenting their views on the proposed development at Dunsfold Park and inviting discussion from those attending. The Parish Council urge everyone who is not aware of the planning application to attend the meeting to find out how this proposed development will affect our Parish.

Working Party

Last year the Parish Council secured funding from a developer for improving road safety signage on Birtley Road near Bramley Infant School. Surrey Highways is currently working on the design of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) to replace the existing school warning sign just to the south of the School, on Birtley Road. In order to maximise the amount of money actually spent on signage the Parish Council and Village Society have jointly agreed to carry out clearance of some of the vegetation from the verge. A volunteer working party will be held on Saturday 9th July between 8:00am and 12:00pm to do most of the work. Please join the group at the junction of Woodrough Copse and Birtley Road if you have time. All adult residents are welcome but we would particularly like to see a good turnout of dads from the Infant School since the signage is for the benefit of the School. Please bring your own tools (secateurs, loppers and bow saws). No power tools please. If you have a hi-viz vest please wear it since we will be working next to the road. These working parties are always good fun and a great chance to make a difference in the Village, so do join us.

Bramley Music, Saturday 9th July at 7:00pm

Come and hear "Sticking Together" taking place in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley with Tom Hollister wielding the sticks on percussion together with Richard Saxel on piano. Tom, who is in his final year at the Royal College of Music, brings his characteristic humour and charm to an entertaining recital featuring a wide range of instruments and musical styles, together with pianistic contributions from Richard who is Head of Performance at Cranleigh School. Do join us on this journey through the exciting world of music for piano and percussion. The charity being supported is the Rosemary Foundation, which provides a "Hospice at Home" service. Tickets are £10 (under 18s and students £5) and are available at the door or in advance from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or they can be reserved via Stuart White (01483 892645, stuartwhite@waitrose.com). There is also a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval! Any enquiries please contact Stuart.

An Evening with Mark England – Thursday 14th July, 7:30pm in St Catherine's School Auditorium

Come and hear the Head of Team GB discussing all of the hard work required by our very own Team GB in the lead up to the RIO 2016 Olympic Games. Chef de Mission Mark England is taking time out from his very busy schedule to talk to us - just two days before he takes Team GB to Rio.

Only £5 per ticket. Doors open 7pm, 7.30pm start. The bar will be open in the intermission and there will be a very special themed raffle.

Tickets are selling - if you haven't yet bought your tickets please do so. Tickets are available from the following locations:

- Bramley Infant School Reception;
- Kilfeather and Dunbrill Butchers;
- email bramleyptfa@gmail.com with your ticket requirement and you can pay online;
- Or track down one of our ticket sellers - Liz Sutherland, Beverlie Wilkinson, Jane Austin or Melissa Norton.

Funds raised to Bramley Infant School - money raised will go towards facilities for and improvements to the school playground.

Please do tell your friends and neighbours - this is a great community event and we would love as many local residents and sports enthusiasts to attend as possible.

Village Family Picnic, Saturday 16th July on Gosden Common

Bramley Village Society and Bramley Cricket Club invite you to their Village Family Picnic on Saturday 16th July on Gosden Common. Bring along your own picnic and enjoy an afternoon of cricket supporting your local team. Match starts at 1:00pm. There will be a cash bar serving beer, Pimm's and wine plus an evening barbecue after the match. Games and entertainment for children. Bring along something to sit on!

Update from Bramley Library

As the Summer holidays are upon us, so is The Big Friendly Read at Bramley Library. This, like last year's Summer Reading Challenge, encourages children to read and visit the library during the Summer. This year it is linked with the books of Roald Dahl and is for children aged 4-11. It is launched on the 16th July but children can start at any time through the holidays.

We are delighted to announce that the Parish Council have underwritten the cost of supplying the library with a new photocopier following the scheduled removal of the one currently supplied by Surrey County Council. Please do use our copier and remember that the library also offers wifi, printing, scanning, shredding, faxing and computer facilities as well as coffee!

We would like to thank the Bramley Fete Committee for their very generous donation to our library which will allow us to purchase movable furniture for displays, leaflets and books.

Post Office opening hours

You may remember last summer that our local Nisa store took over the running of Bramley's Post Office, and at the same time offered extended opening hours. Since then, we have had a few reports that the staff are not able to offer some services during the published hours. We have had a chat with the manager of Nisa who has confirmed that the post office is open to most services during the advertised opening hours. What he cannot do is accept items for next day delivery after the last collection time of 5:00pm. Apparently some customers have visited the Post Office in the evening asking for items to be delivered the following day. If you have something that you would like to be delivered the next day, we ask you to please make sure you take it for posting before 5:00pm.

Surrey fly-tipping prevention strategy

Fly tipping is a serious crime, which costs the national economy millions of pounds a year in clean-up costs, undermines legitimate business and poses a serious risk to our environment. In Surrey, fly tipping represents an unacceptable blight on our rural and urban communities.

Surrey councils and other partners have joined up to tackle and reduce the problem of fly-tipping in Surrey. A joint strategy has been developed that will focus on coordinating and enhancing the prevention, investigation and enforcement activities of partner organisations. This strategy details the aims, objectives and actions needed to achieve their vision in partnership with the stakeholders. You can obtain a copy of this strategy through the Parish Clerk.

One of the first activities to commence in the strategy is a county-wide anti fly-tipping campaign. For information on this, visit recycleforsurrey.org.uk/flytipping.

Home Fire Safety Visit

Fires can be prevented and a free home fire safety visit can help. Firefighters will visit you at a convenient time to go through potential problem areas in your home and offer advice on the installation and maintenance of smoke alarms.

They will also look at kitchen hazards, smoking materials, candles, heaters, electric blankets and dangers from harmful substances. Surrey residents can arrange a free home fire safety visit by calling the request line on freephone 0800 085 0767.

Remember to fit smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them regularly.

Update from St Catherine's School

St Catherine's School will be on holiday from Thursday 7th July to Thursday 8th September.

Coming up next term ...

St Catherine's Prep School

Open Mornings from 9:45am to 11:45am on Wednesday 14th September, Thursday 6th October and Friday 4th November.

Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or sally.manhire@stcatherines.info for more information.

St Catherine's Senior School

Open Mornings from 9:15am to 12:00pm on Friday 16th September, Wednesday 5th October and Tuesday 8th November.

Contact Mrs Judy Corben on 01483 899609 or judy.corben@stcatherines.info for more information.

St Catherine's Presents ... The Band of the Welsh Guards

On Wednesday 5th October at 7:30pm, the Band of the Welsh Guards will be performing at St Catherine's in the Auditorium. Book at <http://bandatstcats.bpt.me> or call 0800 411 8881.

Yoga at Bramley Library

Regular weekly yoga classes (one hour) run in the meeting room at Bramley Library. There is currently one place available on a Thursday morning at 10:45am. Suitable for either a beginner or a more experienced yogi. For more details about the class, contact Rachael Hill on 07554 427007 or email

rachhill@hotmail.co.uk.

Or perhaps you prefer ... Pilates & Keep Fit?

Gill Keitch of Fit for Life has started a new Pilates class each Wednesday lunchtime in Bramley Village Hall. These classes can help improve your posture, balance, flexibility and mobility.

She has also running a Keep Fit class on Wednesdays from 10:30am to 12:00pm in the same location.

To find out more information, contact Gill on 07887 570935 or email gill@fitforlife.gb.com.

Waverley Get Active 50+

Waverley Borough Council, in partnership with Active Surrey and Sport England have launched 'Get Active 50+' to encourage residents over the age of 50 to take part in more physical activity by offering reduced price exercise classes and sports lessons. A number of different activities will be running throughout the year, including swimming sessions at Cranleigh and Godalming Leisure Centres. The first activity starts in July, with low-cost beginner golf lessons at Bramley Golf Club. All sessions will be in a fun and relaxed environment, delivered by PGA professional coaches.

Details of this and all other activities can be found at www.waverley.gov.uk/getactive50.

U3A Wonersh

The current programme is drawing to a close, although T'ai Chi continues weekly in the Lawnsmead Hall on Tuesday mornings until the 19th. But on Thursday 14th comes the true culmination of the summer season in the form of the Ebernoe Picnic. This has been a U3A tradition ever since it was first organised by Sheila Warner and her late husband Leslie twenty years ago, taking place in the idyllic surroundings of the cricket ground at Ebernoe Common near Northchapel and Balls Cross. However, Sheila has reluctantly decided that the 20th Picnic should be the last. If you have ever been to Ebernoe you will know how peaceful and lovely it is – do bring your lunch and join the group on this very special occasion, starting at midday. For more detailed directions, ring Sheila Warner on 01483 417119.

Wonersh U3A's autumn programme is due to be published before the end of July. If you would like to be sent a copy, please give your details to Carol Watters on 01483 893280 as soon as possible. The full details will at the same time be made available on the website at www.wonershu3a.co.uk.

BVS Business evening

Calling all Bramley Businesses!

The Bramley Village Society are hoping to repeat and improve on last year's successful initial try so are holding the next Business Evening on Wednesday 14th September, that is, after the main Holiday season and earlier in the year so that the evenings are still light! Secondly, this year's event will be held early in the evening so that the businesses can avoid a long delay from finishing work until the commencement of the event, i.e. just time to set up before the local residents arrive.

BVS are hoping that any businesses that were not represented last year and for obvious reasons this will interest especially those who do not have a shop front for customers to visit, will consider attending this function or at least have their names added to the list maintained by the BVS. Please contact Phil Scattergood by email initially so that he can send you more details of the evening's content as they are confirmed – email philscattergood@btinternet.com.

For the Village Residents!

This year BVS are hoping to expand the programme to encourage more villagers to come and see the range of businesses that this village has to offer, in the displays and stalls which will be available. More details will be available in next month's Bramley Update and other advertising. So put the date in your diary now!

Bramley History Society

Bramley History Society will be meeting as follows:

- Saturday, 24th September. A talk about 'the Wey and Arun Canal' at the Holy Trinity Church Room at 2:30pm. Members £2 and £3 non-members. Free tea and biscuits.
- Tuesday 4th October evening. The AGM will be the St Thomas Moore room at 7:30pm. A short talk and presentation about Bramley postcards. Members £2 and £3 non-members. Free tea and biscuits.
- Saturday 26th November. David Rose returns to give us a talk about 'Guildford in WW1' in the Holy Trinity Church Room at 2:30pm. Members £2 and £3 non-members. Free tea and biscuits.

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
- will be available at our October meeting.

For information and membership - Contact Jill or Gordon on 01483 892911 or gordonbryant471@btinternet.com.

Bramley Update in August

The August issue of Bramley Update will be circulated on 28th July. If you have a contribution to the content, please send it to bramleyupdate@gmail.com by **MONDAY 25th JULY** at the latest.

Best wishes

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