



# 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 11th April – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 20th April - Bramley Parish Council Annual Assembly meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
- Saturday 22nd April - St George's Eve Dinner. 7:00pm for 7:30pm in the Jolly Farmer. All welcome.
- Tuesday 25th April - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 20th May - Bramley Village Fete. 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Gosden Common.
- Saturday 20th May - Bramley Fell Race. 1:00pm from Gosden Common.
- Thursday 1st June - Bramley Village Society AGM. 8:00pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

You can also view local events in the Village Diary at [www.bramlevillagesociety.org/village-diary/](http://www.bramlevillagesociety.org/village-diary/). If you would like to add your organisation's events to the diary, please email the Bramley Village Society at [bramlevillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramlevillagesociety@gmail.com).

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Dunsfold Park.  
We have received news that the planning application for the new development at Dunsfold Park has been called in by the Secretary of State. The application will now be considered at a Public Inquiry. The Parish Council is working with our neighbouring parishes on representation at this Inquiry. It is believed that a combined Joint Parish Council involvement would carry considerable influence because it would represent most of the parishes surrounding the site as well as parishes to the north and south of Waverley's boundary.
- Neighbourhood Watch  
The Parish Council has received news from Waverley Borough Council about the relaunch of the

Neighbourhood Watch scheme within the borough. Surrey's Chief Constable and Senior Officers have renewed their commitment to Neighbourhood Watch. To survive and grow, they say that Neighbourhood Watch has to be seen by residents, the Police and local authorities as having more relevance and value to communities than just burglary prevention. The new computer system called In The Know is up and running, and Watch Co-ordinators are invited to register themselves at [www.intheknow.community/](http://www.intheknow.community/). The next few years are likely to see substantial changes in the roles and types of activities undertaken under the banner of Neighbourhood Watch. Particular examples might be a much greater role in contingency planning and community cohesion.

If there is sufficient interest within Bramley, the Parish Council would be happy to facilitate the co-ordination of a parish-wide Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. In recent years we have tried to generate interest, but for a successful scheme to be established representation from all geographical areas of Bramley is required. We feel that neighbourhood watch does already exist informally within our community, but if you would be interested in becoming part of a group of like-minded individuals to help protect our community, do contact the Parish Clerk.

Typical crimes that take place in Bramley include theft of plant machinery, paving stones and equipment from sheds, damage to cars and the odd occurrence of violent behaviour in the centre of the village. The creation of a more formal Neighbourhood Watch scheme could help remind residents to review and improve their home security.

You can view the minutes of the meeting on our website at [www.bramleyparish.co.uk/index.php?PageID=1008](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk/index.php?PageID=1008). The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 20th April. This meeting is our Annual Assembly where the Chairman will deliver the Council's annual report. This meeting will take place in the Village Hall from 7:30pm. 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.

### **Housing Needs Assessment**

By now you should have received in the post a Housing Needs Assessment form to complete. This survey has been sent to each household in the parish and the results will help us to understand the need for affordable housing in Bramley as well as the needs of other groups, such as the elderly looking to downsize or for emerging households that may be looking to take advantage of the Government's current "Help to Buy" products. The last assessment of this type was undertaken in 2009.

We are keen to gather the views of as many households as possible, so we would be grateful if you could complete and return this form. It is possible to complete the survey online if you would prefer. To do this, follow this link: [www.surreyca.org.uk/projects/affordable-rural-housing/](http://www.surreyca.org.uk/projects/affordable-rural-housing/).

### **Resurfacing works on Station Road**

Following our emails to you last month about the planned resurfacing works on Station Road, many of you are just as frustrated as we are by the inability of Surrey Highways to firstly stick to a plan and, just as importantly, to carry out accurate notifications to the appropriate authorities. Buses were re-routed, residents had to cancel and reschedule appointments and our refuse collection was severely disrupted. When the works were rescheduled to Wednesday 29th March, Surrey Highways were advised that this might not be a good time as there would be extra traffic accessing Station Road that day due to a planned event at St Catherine's School. Without informing anyone, Surrey Highways took it upon themselves late in the afternoon of the 27th, to reschedule the works to the 28th.

We have written to the Surrey County Councillor responsible for highways to ask for a written explanation and apology that we can circulate to residents. No response has been received to date.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **Flytipping**

It has been brought to our attention that a number of residents whose gardens back on to the Downslink are disposing of their green garden waste outside of their back gate on the verge alongside the Downslink. We'd like to remind all residents that the Downslink is a public right of way, owned by Surrey County Council. The dumping of any waste on a public footpath or bridleway is a criminal offence, even if it is green waste. Waverley Borough Council spend many thousands of pounds each year clearing up flytipped waste. Wouldn't you want your taxpayer's money to be spent on something of more value? We ask that all those residents who have disposed of their garden waste in this way, remove it as soon as possible and dispose of it in a legal manner, either at one of our local Recycling Centres or through Waverley's green waste collection service. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### **Update from Bramley Library**

When you next pop into Bramley Library with your youngsters, be sure to take part in our Easter Treasure Hunt and Tree Decoration! The activity runs until Easter Saturday, April 15th. The library is open Tuesdays, Thursday afternoons, Fridays (but not Good Friday) and Saturdays. The library volunteers look forward to seeing you.

Another school holiday event is our 3-for-the-price-of-2 DVD offer. The library has a wide selection of DVDs suitable for all ages. Grab a selection for your holiday entertainment!

### **St George's Eve Dinner – 22nd April. 7:00pm for 7:30pm in the Jolly Farmer**

Every year the Bramley Village Society holds an annual dinner to celebrate our patron saint; normally on St George's Day itself, but this year for logistical reasons the dinner will be on the 22nd rather than the 23rd April. All are very welcome to come and enjoy a great 3-course meal with traditional roast and dessert for only £22. If you would like to be part of an 'English' tradition, please contact Joe O'Connell on 894250 or email [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com). Please note that tickets must be bought in advance and placed are limited.

### **The 4th Bramley "Fell" Race**

Saturday 20th May 2016 at 1pm at the Bramley Village Fete. Looking for a local Tough Mudder? It's only 2 miles up and down Chinthurst Hill!

Enter online at through Eventbrite: [www.eventbrite.com/e/bramley-fell-race-tickets-32501474786](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/bramley-fell-race-tickets-32501474786). Entry forms available at [www.cranleighrunners.com](http://www.cranleighrunners.com) or entries on the day. £5 all entries. Senior and Junior Prizes 10-18 year olds.

Email [davemaughan180@hotmail.com](mailto:davemaughan180@hotmail.com) for more information.

### **Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday, once a month?**

The Villages Wednesday Club (formerly the Four Villages Day Centre) needs volunteers: they run from 9am to 3pm every Wednesday at Blunden Court in Bramley, giving local elderly people a friendly day with morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, activities, exercises, etc.

If you would like to help, they need :

- People to help generally and chat to Members, either in the morning or afternoon.
- A washer-up in June, July and August (don't worry, there's a machine to do the donkey work!)
- Someone to run a pop-up grocery shop once a fortnight
- Someone to help serve fish & chips on the second Wednesday of each month.

They are a friendly bunch of people and volunteering with the Villages Wednesday Club isn't just work, it's also a nice sociable time. They ask their volunteers to commit to one Wednesday a month, and there is a rota system enabling you to swap your shift with someone else if need be. For further information please contact the Manager Jenny Warner on 01483 894795, or email [manager@fourvillages.co.uk](mailto:manager@fourvillages.co.uk). Further information on the website [www.fourvillages.co.uk](http://www.fourvillages.co.uk).

### **Bramley Golf Club Open Weekend – 8th and 9th April**

Bramley Golf Club will be holding an Open Weekend at the club on Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April, from 10:00am to 4:00pm each day. The following activities will be available for visitors over the weekend:

- Free Group Coaching Sessions for Adults and Juniors. Visitors are advised to pre-book.
- Free Individual 10-minute Coaching Assessments. Visitors are advised to pre-book.
- Putting and Pitching Competitions at the Putting Green and Short Game Area.
- Indoor Fun Putting Competition - fundraising for the Captains' Charity.
- Complimentary light lunch for visitors participating in activities.
- Membership information desk in clubhouse.

Existing and aspiring golfers from the local community are invited to go along, get involved and find out more about the club. Equipment is not required, so if you don't have clubs or golf shoes, don't worry. Just come comfortably dressed wearing trainers. Jeans are permitted, as Bramley is a modern and forward-thinking club, with thriving and active ladies and juniors sections as well as social and competitive golf for players of all abilities.

Over the Open Weekend, visitors will also be able to enter a competition to win two Lifestyle Memberships for six months, which offer golf both during the week and weekend for the summer.

Bramley Golf Club is an 18-hole golf club owned and run by its members and takes pride in its friendly welcome and relaxed atmosphere. The course offers majestic views over the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and they are committed to a policy of continuous investment and improvement in the golf course and clubhouse.

For further information and to pre-book places on the free coaching sessions, please contact Jerry Kilby, Club Manager on 01483 892 696 or by email to [secretary@bramleygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bramleygolfclub.co.uk).

### **Bramley Village Society - Annual General Meeting – 8:00pm in the Village Hall meeting room.**

All Bramley village residents are invited to attend and help elect the committee for the coming year. If you would like to get involved in promoting the interests of the village and in running village events, please contact the Secretary, Richard Farr on 01483 893905 or email [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com) about joining the committee.

### **What's happening at Holy Trinity – your local Parish Church**

#### Easter Services

- Sunday 9th April, Palm Sunday - 9:45am, combined Service with St Andrew's, Grafham.  
The service will be lead by the Bishop of Dorking, the Right Rev'd Dr Jo Bailey Wells. The Procession with palms will meet in St Catherine's Prep School Car Park.
- Monday 10th April  
8:00pm, Night Prayer, with Address
- Tuesday 11th April  
8:00pm, Stations of the Cross
- Wednesday 12th April  
8:00pm, Night Prayer, with Address
- Thursday 13th April, Maundy Thursday  
8:00pm, Holy Communion, with foot-washing and vigil
- Friday 14th April, Good Friday  
10:00am, Hot Cross Bun Service and Messy Church  
1:30-3:00pm, At the Foot of the Cross
- Sunday 16th April, Easter Sunday  
8:00am, Holy Communion (BCP)  
9:45am, Family Service with Children's Easter Egg Hunt  
11:15am, Holy Communion (BCP) at St Andrew's Grafham

\*\*\* You are very welcome at any of the services \*\*\*

The April Messy Church takes place on Saturday 29th April. 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! (NB. There's also a Messy Church session following the Hot Cross Bun Service on Good Friday Morning!).

#### New Rainbow or Brownie unit in Bramley

Are you over 18 and full of enthusiasm to help girls develop and have fun? The unit plans to run on either Tuesday or Thursday the Parish Room, but guiding is flexible; you may only be able to help every other week or can offer admin support - everything helps, and you'll get lots of support and training.

If you would be interested or want to find out more please get in touch with Hannah Roberts, Girlguiding Tillingbourne and Wey District Commissioner at [dchannahroberts@gmail.com](mailto:dchannahroberts@gmail.com) or telephone her on 07748 370407.

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

The Restoration Appeal to repair and restore the ancient bells at Holy Trinity is going well, but still needs more help. 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 / [foynes.1@btinternet.com](mailto:foynes.1@btinternet.com), or Richard Seaborne on 01483 890550 / [richardseaborne@aol.com](mailto:richardseaborne@aol.com).

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](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

#### **Easter Monday at St Andrew's Church, Grafham**

Sir John Betjeman called our delightful little Victorian church a 'hidden gem' and we'd like to share it with you.

The church will be open on Easter Monday (17th April) from 11 am to 4pm. The Easter Garden and every nook and cranny of the church will be beautifully decorated with flowers. Whether you know St Andrew's well or have never been before you are very welcome to drop in. The churchyard is rather special too! A warm welcome and light refreshments await you.

St Andrew's is on the left on the A281 just before zigzag bends signs and a change of speed limit. Parking, which will be clearly signposted, is available at the Grafham room (coming from the Bramley direction it's on the left after the Grafham cricket pitch) from where it is a short walk further along the road to the church. For more details please contact Camilla – [camillawhite@waitrose.com](mailto:camillawhite@waitrose.com).

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

St Catherine's is on Easter Holiday until 26th April.

Prep School Open Morning – Reception Entry Only. Thursday 4th May at 9.45am  
Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 / [sally.manhire@stcatherines.info](mailto:sally.manhire@stcatherines.info).

Prospective Senior School Open Morning – Friday 5th May at 9.15am  
Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 / [clare.woodgates@stcatherines.info](mailto:clare.woodgates@stcatherines.info).

Senior School Summer Concert – Friday 5th May at 7.30pm  
Auditorium; no need to pre-book tickets.

Prep School PTA May Fair – Saturday 6th May 10am – 1pm  
All are welcome at the traditional School Fair in the grounds of the Prep School.

There's plenty to do with fete-style stalls running all morning and commercial stalls selling the most wonderful array of homewares, gifts, clothing and jewellery. Enjoy a coffee or tea and cake, or stay for a

barbeque lunch and glass of Pimms. You could win an iPad mini as part of the raffle or any one of a number of luxury hampers. It's fun for all the family.

#### The St Catherine's Association Rock Choir & Band

You are once again invited to be part of our Association Rock Choir and Band. Don't just sing in the car or the shower, come and join us!

The first rehearsal is on Wednesday 3rd May in the Auditorium from 7.30pm- 8.45pm. Further rehearsals will take place on Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th May.

Even if you are not sure if you can sing, come along to the first rehearsal and find out more.

The Choir will be singing "Best Day of My Life" which is a great, catchy tune, and music will be supplied.

There will be 4 rehearsals before the Choir performs at the Rock and Jazz Concert on 26th May 2016. Band members also required.

If you would like to join please email: [dawn.pilkington@stcatherines.info](mailto:dawn.pilkington@stcatherines.info).

#### A message from Mrs Phillips, Headteacher at St Catherine's:

"I recently received an anonymous letter from a resident of Bramley village concerning parking outside St Catherine's on the white zig zag lines adjacent to the zebra crossing. It seems that this took place during a St Catherine's evening event.

The difficulty I face is the change in arrangements for the zig zag lines. Those outside the school before the school paid for the installation of the crossing for the village, were yellow zig zags, regulated by school hours only. Now the crossing is in place, the white lines are mandatory 24/7. I have therefore reminded all St Catherine's parents of that change and I am sure they will heed the warning. I offer the same reminder here to all residents locally. The temptation to extend the parking to the garage is considerable but the law is very clear on white zig zag lines on the approach to a zebra crossing and the importance of keeping sight lines for motorist and pedestrians clear.

I thank the anonymous resident for drawing the situation to my attention but regret that I am unable to correspond to thank him/her in person."

#### **Wonersh Village Fair, Sunday 2nd July 2017**

Applications from parties interested in running a stall are invited and volunteers are requested on the day to help set up, run a stall and clear up. Help would therefore be appreciated during the morning and/or afternoon of the day of the Fair.

Help is especially requested for some strong men to help erect and dismantle the marquees!

Please contact Francesca Rowe on 1483 890275 / [francesca\\_rowe@btinternet.com](mailto:francesca_rowe@btinternet.com) (Chair) or Graham Payne on 01483 893627 / [payne.graham@sky.com](mailto:payne.graham@sky.com) (Secretary).

#### **The Crafting Place**

The Crafting Place at Unit 25a, Smithbrook Kilns is somewhere to go to buy wool, fabric and other needlecraft supplies. It's also somewhere to go to learn something in one of their workshops or book individual crochet, sewing or knitting lessons. They also run 'Stitch & Natter' groups where you can spend time with like-minded people. Find out more at [www.thecraftingplace.co.uk](http://www.thecraftingplace.co.uk).

#### **Together in Music – an evening of multi-award winning performances on 20th May**

Showcasing the very best in orchestral and choral chamber music from the professional Waverley Ensemble and multi-award winning Surrey Hills Chamber Choir, 'Together in Music' promises an evening of great contrasts from the Baroque and Classical highlights of Corelli, Telemann, Handel and Haydn, to emotionally charged spirituals, folk tunes and other choral songs - with the choral ensembles all delivered in the Surrey Hills' highly expressive and largely unconduted style.

The Waverley Ensemble will be led by the internationally acclaimed violinist and Baroque specialist, Ishani Bhoola, who founded the ensemble. The group perform regular concerts in Haslemere and have already attracted a loyal audience.

The groups first performed together in 2014 and the combination of orchestral and choir ensembles, variety of programme and high quality music was well-received by the audience. The groups will combine for the lively and popular 'Missa Brevis St Joannis de Deo' by Haydn, as well as performing items separately: 'Corelli Trio Sonata in D major; Telemann Trio Sonata in G major; Handel Trio Sonata in G minor and Telemann Quartet in E minor; folk songs, spirituals and songs by Monteverdi, MacMillan, Barnham and others, including local composer Ian Assersohn.

Following on from the Surrey Hills Chamber Choir's sell-out Christmas concert, 'Together in Music' will again be held at the beautiful setting of St Nicolas Church, Bury Street, Guildford at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £14 for adults and £5 for under 16s and are available to buy online from [www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk](http://www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk) or on the door.

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