



# 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 9th May – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 18th May – Bramley Parish Council 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.
- Tuesday 23rd May – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 1st June – Bramley Village Society AGM, 8pm in the Village Hall meeting room.
- Saturday 3rd June – Working party to help clear brambles, 8:00am to 12:00pm (see below for details)
- Tuesday 6th June – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Sunday 11th June – Village Cricket Picnic. Gosden Common. Match starts at 2:00pm.

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 society, club or organisation's public events to the Village Diary, you can now do so by filling in a simple form (see the link on the website).

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### Bramley Parish Council update

In April the Parish Council held their Annual Assembly. This gave Chairman Francesca Stern the chance to report on Parish Council activity for the last 12 months. Members of the public also had the opportunity to ask questions to Councillors directly.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 18th May. This meeting will be the first meeting of the financial year. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting and will have

the opportunity to raise matters of interest with Councillors. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting.

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

Further to the report in the April issue of Bramley Update about the highway resurfacing works on Station Road, we have received a response from Councillor John Furey, the Surrey County Councillor responsible for Highways, as follows:

“I would like to apologise for the lack of advanced notice given to residents when the scheme was brought forward at short notice. During all works we try to accommodate as many people as possible, unfortunately as was the case for this scheme, accommodating the school caused problems for others.

The surfacing work on Station Road Bramley was carried out in preparation for High Friction Surfacing (antiskid) which will be installed later this year as part of a safety improvement scheme. The works were rescheduled to accommodate the school who made contact with us and raised their concerns with my colleague. They advised us they were having a concert day on Wednesday which was going to greatly increase the amount of traffic to the school and then a half day on Thursday when the children finished for the half term holiday. We were also advised that the contractors were unable to attend the site on Friday 31st as they had other commitments, so moving the works to Friday was not an option.

With this in mind, and given the number of people that would need access to the school, the difficult decision was made to bring the work forward to Tuesday 28th March rather than rescheduling for another time. To try to limit disruption our working hours were set at 9.30 - 16.00, outside of peak traffic hours, and access was maintained for residents when safe to do so. Our passenger transport team were notified of this change so they could inform the bus companies, unfortunately the lack of notice for them also meant this may have not been updated as successfully as normal.

Unfortunately bringing the work forward at such short notice meant that we were unable to provide our normal level of communication. In this instance our communication has failed and we are sorry for those that were affected by the lack of notice.”

Although the responsibility for the lack of communication about the rescheduling of the works lies solely with Surrey Highways, for completeness our Chairman has met with representatives from St Catherine’s School to discuss the issue. The School apologises for any inconvenience that may have been caused and has agreed to keep in closer contact with the Parish Council should a situation such as this arise in the future.

### **News from Bramley Cricket Club**

Bramley Cricket Club remains undefeated after two weekends of the season. The 1st XI have won their first two I’Anson League Division 3 games with dominant performances – batting second on consecutive weekends, the Bramley 1st XI won at Blackheath by 6 wickets with Captain Lee Burgess leading from the front, and at home to Grayswood by 10 wickets with their bowlers dominant. The Sundaes defeated Warfield in the first friendly fixture of the season with Ben Lewis hitting 150 not out, and drew at Eversley with Rory Brooks-Kent hitting 85 in an unsuccessful run chase.

### **New Bus Service**

Arriva Buses have recently started a new bus service from Guildford to Horsham, passing through Bramley. The new hourly X1 Arriva Coach service was launched on 2nd May. For timetable details, visit [www.arrivabus.co.uk/kent-and-surrey/services/x1---guildford-to-horsham/?direction=outbound](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/kent-and-surrey/services/x1---guildford-to-horsham/?direction=outbound).

## **WHAT’S HAPPENING?**

### **Working Party**

Some of you will have noticed that a small joint Bramley Parish Council / Bramley Village Society working party has started work to clear back the brambles and recover pavement from under encroaching weeds in

the area to the south of the Birtley Road bus stop opposite Birtley Rise. It is proposed to follow up by holding another working party between 8:00am and 12:00pm on the morning of Saturday 3rd June. All over-18 residents are welcome to participate. Even if you can only spare an hour that will be enough to make a difference. Bring your own tools - spades, loppers, secateurs, rakes, brooms and heavy duty garden waste bags. No power tools please. There will be somebody from the Parish Council or Village Society at or near the bus stop from 8:00am onwards to assign tasks. This is an opportunity to help tidy up an unkempt and very visible part of the village. Many hands make light work!

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Don't miss the chance to contribute books for this year's Village Fete book stall, run by Bramley Library volunteers. Book donations in manageable-sized boxes or bags are welcome at the library until 13th May.

In general library news, all the large print books and audiobooks have been swapped with other libraries. Pop in to see all the new titles there are on the shelves. While you're in you may notice that a defibrillator has been installed in the library entrance. And, the library now sells Teapigs tea as well as Nespresso coffee for £1 each.

### **Open Garden at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane**

Once again, local artist Mary Hainline will be opening her beautiful garden in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Research from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th May from 9:00am to 8:00pm. There will be art, ceramics, tea and cakes for sale at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane, GU5 0AT. For further information telephone Mary on 01483 898626.

### **Bramley Fete - Gosden Common, Saturday 20th May, Noon till 4:00pm**

Come and enjoy a fun day out for all the family at Bramley Fete, which starts at noon with the arrival of the floats from Bramley Infant School escorted by Harley Davidsons from the Hogs Back Chapter.

There will be a fantastic range of food and drink stalls (including a barbecue, hog roast, Loseley Ice Cream, waffle on a stick, gluten free snacks, beer tent and Pimm's!), entertainment from the music tent, the fell race (see below), Tug of War, as well as a range of traditional stalls. See you there!

#### Donations to Fete Stalls

- Helpers - if you would like to join in the fun of the day and help on a stall or set up, contact Nick Huet at [huetnick@hotmail.com](mailto:huetnick@hotmail.com).
- Country Kitchen Stall - if you can make jams, chutneys, marmalades or cakes, please contact the Bramley Infant School PTFA at [bramleyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyptfa@gmail.com).
- White Elephant - Contact Britt King at [britt.king@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:britt.king@yahoo.co.uk) or telephone 01483 892146 to arrange drop off before the fete or on the day.
- Book Stall - run by Bramley Library - contact Elizabeth Molineux on 07909 581089
- Grand Draw - if you could donate a prize contact Kirsty Miller - [k.m.miller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:k.m.miller@hotmail.co.uk).

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

Saturday 20th May 2016 @ 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: <https://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.

### **Wintershall Garden Open for NGS**

The garden at Wintershall will be opening as part of the National Garden Scheme on Sunday 14th May from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

As well as the National Garden Scheme, other charities being supported on the day will be GRACE (the local gynae-oncology charity) and St Anna's orphanage in Ghana.

Tea and home-made cakes will be available and families are welcome to picnic in the grounds. Admission £5.00, children free.

### **Bramley Music**

The next concert in Holy Trinity Church is on Saturday 20th May at 7:00pm - "Bramley Music Rising Stars" - the Elysian Piano Trio. It is the same day as the Bramley Village Fete, so make a day of it! The fete ends at 4:00pm so there is plenty of time to get ready to round the day off with a concert.

For this concert the organisers have teamed up with the Royal College of Music with a view to providing their young graduates (the "rising stars"!) with performance opportunities, and the Elysian Piano Trio will be performing. They are award winning musicians Emily Sun (violin), Jane Lindsay (cello) and Jennifer Hughes (piano). Their combined solo and chamber concerts have seen them perform throughout the UK and across Europe, Australia and the USA. Their programme is very attractive, with music by Haydn Schumann, Kreisler, Handel and Brahms, including not only trios, but also pieces in different combinations: for 'cello and piano, violin and piano and violin and 'cello.

The charity being supported this time is The Orpheus Centre. Founded by Sir Richard Stilgoe, it is Surrey based and provides supported housing and a diverse curriculum of performing arts, independence, functional and life skills to over 40 young disabled adults each year – see [www.orpheus.org.uk](http://www.orpheus.org.uk).

Tickets are £10 (£5 students and under 18s) and are available in advance from Robertson's in Bramley High Street. You can alternatively reserve tickets via Stuart White (email [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com), or telephone 01483 892645), and they will also be available at the door. With a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval, internationally renowned musicians in a superb acoustic, and the knowledge that you are supporting a worthy cause, you will be hard pressed to find better value elsewhere!

**Bramley Village Society - Annual General Meeting** – 8:00pm on Thursday 1st June 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. For details of the current committee and any other candidates, please see the Village Society website - [www.bramleyvillagesociety.org](http://www.bramleyvillagesociety.org).

### **Cider Festival at The Wheatsheaf**

The Wheatsheaf pub in Bramley is holding their first cider festival on Saturday 10th June, which they hope will become an annual event. Various ciders will be available, as well as a bouncy castle, music and barbecue in the garden.

If anyone would like to have a stall at the event, please contact Sue at the pub by email at [suzanne@thewheatsheaf.plus.com](mailto:suzanne@thewheatsheaf.plus.com).

**Village Cricket Picnic** - Sunday 11th June, Gosden Common. Match starts at 2:00pm

Having a family picnic with friends and watching your local cricket team are both excellent ways to enjoy an English summer afternoon. So why not do both and come to Gosden Common with your picnic hamper and something to sit on to watch the Bramley Sundaes cricket team play (and hopefully beat!) Hambledon. The afternoon is being organised by the Bramley Village Society and Bramley Cricket Club.

As well as the cricket match itself, there will be entertainment for the children and a cash bar (beer, wine, Pimm's and maybe some Bramley Cider). There will also be a barbecue at the end of the match. Further details to follow, but watch out for flyers and posters around the village. For more information, email the BVS ([bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com)) or call 01483 894250.

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

[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 Pimm's. 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

The School are once again inviting you to be part of their Association Rock Choir and Band. Don't just sing in the car or the shower, go and join them!

The Choir will be singing "Best Day of My Life" which is a great, catchy tune, and music will be supplied. There are 3 more rehearsals before the Choir performs at the Rock and Jazz Concert on 26th May 2016. Band members also required. Rehearsals take place on Wednesday 10th, 17th and 24th May.

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

#### **U3A Wonersh**

Due to the County Council elections on 4th May, two U3A events have been postponed: this month the Mah-Jong group will meet a week later than usual, in the Turner Room at Lawnsmead at 2:30pm on Thursday 11th; the Travel Group talk will be rescheduled for a future date. The May meeting of the Needlecraft Group will be on Monday 8th at 2:00pm at Blunden Court, Bramley. On Tuesday 9th, Hugh Turrell-Clark will give the next talk in his series on Art History (postponed from April) – 2:30pm in Bramley Village Hall. This month's History Group meeting will take the form of a morning walk through Shamley Green on Thursday 18th, led by Michael Harding and starting at 11:00am from the Arbuthnot Hall (adjacent to the Bricklayers Arms) in the centre of the village. On Tuesday 23rd there will be the last of this programme's Listening to Music recitals on CD – at 2:00pm in the Lawnsmead Hall.

Guests are always welcome: for complete details about Wonersh U3A and its programme of activities, please consult the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

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

##### Meet the Vicar at The Coffee Stop!

The Coffee Stop is open in the Parish Room from 9:00-11:00am every Monday morning (except Bank Holidays). Everyone is welcome - old, young and in between - to enjoy fresh Fairtrade coffee, tea and home-made cakes. Vicki Burrows, the Vicar of Bramley, is always there so if you haven't met her or would like to have a chat with her, pop in to the Coffee Stop one morning!

The next Messy Church will be held on Saturday 27th May. There'll be stories, craft activities, play, singing and a delicious cooked evening meal for parents and children. It's a lot of fun – come and join in! And - it's free (although any donations will be gratefully accepted!).

Come to Tea! You will be very welcome at one of the monthly Tuesday Tea parties in Holy Trinity Parish Room from 2:30-4:00pm on 6th June and 11th July. Enjoy tea, chat and delicious cakes! There is no charge (but donations are welcome!).

The next few monthly Sunday Lunch at 12:30pm in Holy Trinity Parish Room are taking place on 14th May, 11th June and 9th July. Come and enjoy a tasty main course and a choice of delicious desserts. A donation of £5 per head would be appreciated! - water is provided, but drinks are extra. To book your place please either sign the list at the back of the church, or leave a message at the Parish Office, tel. 890042.

##### Calling All Cake Makers!

Holy Trinity Church is running the refreshment stall at the Bramley Fete on Saturday 20th May. Please sign the list at the back of the church or phone Debbie (898244) or Anne (893428) if you can provide a cake or two and/or be able to help on the day.

##### Plant sale

The annual plant and cake sale will be held at Summerpool House on Saturday 13th May from 10:00am to 12:00pm.

### Save the Date!

Come and join the Bramley Singathon on Saturday 15th July.

During the week of 14th to 20th May invitations will be delivered to all households in the village for a fun marathon singing event in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 15th July to raise funds for Christian Aid. The idea is to invite everyone in Bramley (including all the different groups and local organisations) to come and sing their favourite songs, hymns and choruses, dropping in for as long or as short a time as they like. There will be refreshments throughout the day, and it may be divided into slots with different themes, or for different organisations e.g. nursery rhymes for the Mums & Toddlers.

It's inspired by 'Hymnathons' which have been held at other churches, where they sing through the hymn book from end to end. So please save the date and watch this space for more details over coming months.

Also, if you would like to help in the planning process, or if you have any ideas about how to make this as successful as possible, do please contact John or Janet Hall (01483 208099) or Stuart White (01483 892645).

More details about everything that's going on at Holy Trinity, the weekly Newsletter and the Parish Magazine can be found on the website - [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

### **What's on at St Andrew's, Grafham**

Sunday 7th May at 6:00pm – Evensong

A traditional service using the Book of Common Prayer followed by a glass of wine.

Sunday 21st May at 11:15am – Rogationtide service and walk

In January the start of the cycle of agricultural festivals in the Church year was marked with Plough Sunday. At Rogationtide God is asked to bless the seed which has now been sown, together with the animals, wildlife and wildflowers as you walk through the countryside. Meet in the yard at Whitley Manor Farm at 11:15am and return to share a ploughman's lunch in one of the barns after the walk.

Thursday 25th May at 11:30am – Ascension Day walk

There will be a walk around part of the Grafham parish boundary to keep the tradition of beating the bounds on Ascension Day. Departure will be from St Andrew's at 11:30am. Parking will be available at the Grafham Room. The distance is c. 6 miles but with opportunities for short cuts home. Please bring a packed lunch and a drink. Sturdy shoes or walking boots recommended. Dogs welcome but will need to be on leads at times.

You are warmly invited to any of these services and events. For more information contact Camilla on 892645 or [camillawhite@waitrose.com](mailto:camillawhite@waitrose.com).

### **Wonersh and District Garden Club - Save Our Society!**

The Wonersh and Blackheath Cottage Gardeners' Society was formed in 1893 and apart from a break during World War I, continued until 1967. The present club was formed in 1960 and because its members also came from neighbouring villages the name changed in 1978 to Wonersh and District Garden Club.

In recent years for a variety of reasons, the club has suffered a decline in membership. This is due to an ageing membership but members are determined to rectify this by attracting new members.

Currently the Club meets at the Memorial Hall, Wonersh at 2:15pm on the first Tuesday of each month (except January and August). Normally three shows are held each year, a Spring Show in April, a Summer and Floral Art Show in July, and an Autumn & Homecraft Show in September. Due to the decline in membership this has not been possible this year. At other monthly meetings guest speakers are invited to talk on a variety of subjects, usually with slides.

At the AGM on 3rd October there will be a motion to disband the club unless more members come forward. The committee hopes that this will not happen and that this notice will attract new members to an interesting village organisation where the annual subscription is only £10 (single membership) and £14 (family), and they look forward to welcoming you.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th June and will be a visit to Plant Passion in East Clandon from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Meet at Wonersh Memorial Hall at 2:00pm.

Looking ahead, on 4th July there will be an illustrated talk entitled 'Gardens of the Emerald Isle' plus a Sweet Pea Competition.

For further information please contact: The Secretary on 01483 893808.

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