



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 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 at Gosden Common from 2:00pm
- Thursday 15th June – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 20th June – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 4th July – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 4th July – Bramley Resilience Group meeting from 7:45pm in the Village Hall meeting room (follows Planning meeting).
- Tuesday 11th July – Bramley Wheels Annual General Meeting. 2:30pm in the St. Thomas More church parish room. All welcome.

You can also view local events in the online Village Diary at 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

At the Parish Council meeting in May, as the first meeting of the financial year, Members were elected (or re-elected) into their posts as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of our various committees. Details are as follows:

- Chairman of the Council – Francesca Stern
- Vice-Chairman of the Council – Richard Seaborne
- Highways & Rights of Way Committee Chairman – Richard Seaborne
- Bramley Library Committee Chairman – Sue O'Connell

- Planning Review Committee Chairman – Patrick Molineux
- Bramley Resilience Group Chairman – Tony Coleman.

Contact details for these and all other Members of the Council can be found on the website.

Other matters that were discussed at the meeting include:

- Crime prevention

We have received some advice from Surrey Police. Although Bramley is a good safe area, there are still criminals that pass through, looking for insecure garden sheds, garages, outbuildings and where there is easy access to them. This is generally via insecure side entrances. Petrol tools, bicycles, golf clubs and garden ornaments are usually targeted and the crimes tend to happen overnight. Surrey Police are advising residents to check the security of side entrances and rear boundaries, install security lighting and locks on sheds, record serial numbers and photograph items. Tools can be registered on Immobilise for free. Residents are also encouraged to sign up to “In The Know” for latest crime updates, crime prevention advice and news in the area.

Since the meeting, the Clerk has received reports that door-to-door salesmen have been operating in Bramley. Residents are advised not to buy from these sellers ... it is thought that often visits such as these are a precursor to selecting houses vulnerable to burglaries. If a door-to-door salesman visits you, Surrey Police asks that you report their presence in the area by telephoning 101. They can then increase patrols as appropriate.

- Public defibrillator

Surrey Libraries has recently installed public defibrillators in all libraries within Surrey. The one in Bramley Library is located in the library lobby beside the automatic doors. This defibrillator will only be accessible whilst the Library is open. The Parish Council is in discussions with Surrey County Council to ask if the equipment can be moved to an external wall and placed inside a secure cabinet, so it can be accessible 24 hours per day. Should Surrey County Council not be willing to move the equipment, the Parish Council will purchase a separate defibrillator to be placed in an external location within the centre of the village.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 15th June. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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. For more information, email the BVS (bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com) or call 01483 894250.

“Basie Bounces into Bramley” on Friday 30th June!

Spend a summer evening enjoying the fabulous 17 piece Junction 4 Big Band in Bramley Village Hall at 7:00pm. This will be a concert to remember, and looks set to be extremely popular, so much so that it may well be a sellout. Tickets at £10 (£5 under 18 and students) are available in advance from Robertson's in Bramley High Street, and any unsold remaining will be available at the door. A free glass of wine or soft drink will be served in the interval. Any enquiries to stuartwhite@waitrose.com. The Village Hall makes a

superb concert venue, so when combined with the exuberance and sheer life of big band music, it is definitely one not to miss!

Bramley Fete

Message from Margaret Darvill, Chairman of Bramley Fete Committee

“The Bramley Fete was enjoyed by all who came. Thank you very much to all of you who manned stalls and did a great deal of work behind the scenes. Sadly due to the weather and a number of people being away on holiday, we have not made as much profit as last year and therefore there will be less to distribute. If any organisation wishes to have a chance of a donation, send a letter saying how much you would like, what it is for and how much it will cost to margaret.darvill@btinternet.com.

I shall be standing down as Chairman after four years of being at the helm. Thank you for your support.”

Update from St Catherine’s School

Prep School Open Morning – Friday 9th June at 9:45am and

Prep School Open Day – Saturday 1st July.

Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or sally.manhire@stcatherines.info regarding both of these events.

Prospective Senior School Open Morning – Thursday 22nd June at 9:15am

Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or clare.woodgates@stcatherines.info for more information.

Informal Concert – Thursday 15th June at 7:00pm in the Lower Atrium

No need to pre-book tickets.

Middle School Summer Concert – Friday 23rd June at 7:00pm in the Auditorium

No need to pre-book tickets.

Middle Cantores Concert – Friday 30th June at 7:00pm at All Saints Church in Witley

No need to pre-book tickets.

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

Bramley Music

Come and hear the renowned Harlequin Chamber Choir on Saturday 8th July at 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. They bring you a programme entitled “My Spirit Sang All Day” which contains an eclectic mix of styles and periods of music, ranging from Monteverdi and Mendelssohn to Gershwin and Richard Rogers, via Chilcott, Whitacre, Elgar and Sullivan amongst others! The concert is in support of Shooting Star Chase. Tickets at £10 (£5 under 18 and students) are available in advance from Robertson’s 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 a ticket or have any queries, please call or email Stuart White (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645).

It's not unusual ...

It's not unusual to see the occasional request for volunteers in the Bramley Update. However, sometimes the request is more of a cry for help from an unsung but important service to our community; this is one of those. Bramley Wheels urgently need two volunteers to take over the roles of Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer.

For those of you that are not aware of what Bramley Wheels does, it arranges lifts to enable Bramley residents to keep medical appointments. There are currently about 35 volunteer drivers who carry out some 200 journeys during the year. No charge is made but donations are always welcome to cover costs.

Bramley Wheels has been in existence for over 40 years and is currently run by Judy and David Baldwin. They will be retiring at this year's AGM. Please consider if you or someone you know could take over one of these roles. The Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer roles are not onerous. Most of the day to day work is carried out by the Duty Officer - who receives the original request from the client and then finds a driver to carry out that request. Currently eight of the volunteers act as Duty Officer on a week by week basis which equates to about 6 times a year.

Bramley Wheels is part of what makes Bramley a community rather than just a place to live. We shouldn't let it fall into decline through apathy.

If you would like more information please call Judy or David on 893708, and if you feel you could help in any way please come to the Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 11th July at 2:30pm in the parish room of the RC church of St Thomas More.

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

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.

NEW – Monthly services of Holy Communion at Blunden Court

Starting in June, and on the first Wednesday of each month (except in August), the midweek service of Holy Communion will be held at 10:30am in the Resident's Lounge at Blunden Court. You can attend the service at 10:30am on:

- Wednesday 7th June
- Wednesday 5th July
- Wednesday 6th September
- Wednesday 4th October
- Wednesday 1st November
- Wednesday 6th December

There will be no 10:00am mid-week service at Holy Trinity on the dates above.

The next Messy Church will be held on Saturday 24th June – with a seaside theme! 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!).

Holy Trinity Holiday Clubs

Vicki and Lucy (a Bramley Infant School mum) will be running two short holiday clubs in Holy Trinity Parish Room during the summer holidays, from 10:00am to 1:00pm on 25th-27th July and 29th-31st August.

Meet the Vicar at The Coffee Stop

The Coffee Stop is open in the Parish Room from 9:00am to 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 see her then.

Why not try one of the monthly Tuesday Tea Parties, held in Holy Trinity Parish Room from 2:30pm on 6th June and 11th July. Enjoy tea, chat and delicious cakes. There is no charge (but donations are welcome).

Monthly Sunday Lunch, held at 12:30pm in the Holy Trinity Parish Room. The next dates are 11th June and 9th July. Come and enjoy a tasty main course and a choice of desserts. To book your place, either sign the list at the back of the church or leave a message at the Parish Office, tel 890042. (A donation of £5 per head would be appreciated – water is provided, but drinks are extra).

Free Mindfulness Courses

Mindfulness merely means paying attention to our experience in the present moment. Learn to let go of worries and habits which no longer work for us, and to boost our well-being. Attendees will be invited to

'dip into the present moment' with simple exercises to focus attention. The courses will be held in the Parish Room from 9:30am to 10:30am on Monday 26th June and Monday 24th July.

The sessions are free and open to all. For further information contact Suzette Jones at suzette.jones@cofeguildford.org.uk or phone 01483 790335.

Join the Bramley Singathon on Saturday 15th July

There will be a fun marathon singing event in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 15th July 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 month.

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)

Life of Christ at Wintershall, 20th to 24th June 2017

This powerful biblical outdoor drama takes you back in time to when Jesus lived on earth. Follow over 100 actors in full costume moving through the beautiful grounds of the Wintershall estate with its lakes and ancient woodland re-enacting the remarkable events of Jesus' life.

The event will take place each day from 20th to 24th June between 10:00am and 3:30pm. The performance is in three acts with a lunchtime interval. Tickets are £20 for adults, £12 for students, £18 for senior citizens and £9.50 for children (3-18 years). A family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children can be purchased for £50.

Book now at www.wintershall-estate.com or by calling 01793 418299.

Surrey Hills Family Summer concert

This year's Surrey Hills summer family concert will take place on Saturday 1st July at 6pm at Cranleigh Village Hall. The concert features the Surrey Hills Singers (Mum's choir), Young Voices and Training Choir and promises to be a fantastic evening with a programme suitable for all the family. The choirs will perform a mix of styles and favourites include Cups, Hakuna Matata, Flashlight, Singing in the Rain, Skyfall, A Thousand Years, I got Rhythm, Linden Lea and many more. They don't perform hiding behind folders, but sing from memory so they can share the emotion of each song and engage directly with the audience. They will make you smile, laugh, cry and applaud with the choice and delivery of songs and quality of singing. Some songs are choreographed to add even more entertainment value, as well as being lots of fun for the singers to learn at rehearsals! You may not know any of the performers, but do still join them for a wonderful evening of great singing. You won't be disappointed. Refreshments are included in the ticket price and are held after the concert with the performers.

All three of these choirs are un-auditioned and new members will be welcome in September. The ladies choir (Surrey Hills Singers) rehearse Monday mornings in Ewhurst; the Training Choir and Young Voices rehearse after school on Mondays in Cranleigh. All choirs sing a variety of styles of music – though the young choirs sing mainly pop, Disney, musicals and gospel - and rehearsals focus on learning vocal technique and improving musicianship alongside learning the songs. The camaraderie of singing in a group is great for personal well-being as well as keeping the brain active. Singing also helps children in many ways educationally too and is the perfect way to improve confidence through performance. It's a very stimulating, relaxing and fun hobby. What better way to keep fit and healthy or share a hobby with your child? Contact Debbie for further details (see below).

Tickets for the concert are £10 for adults and £4 for children under 16 and are available on the door, or contacting Debbie at debbie@surreyhills-choirs.co.uk or calling 01483 276281.

Tick season!

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we'd like to warn you about the dangers of ticks and Lyme disease. Lyme disease is a bacterial infection that begins with a bite from an infected tick. Lyme disease can affect the skin, joints, heart and nervous system. The Health Protection Agency says there are 2,000 to 3,000 cases of Lyme disease in England and Wales each year.

A common symptom of Lyme disease is a distinctive rash around the bite area. This rash gradually expands over a period of several days, and can reach up to 12 inches (30 cm) across. Parts of the rash may clear as it enlarges, resulting in a 'bull's-eye' appearance. The rash usually feels warm to the touch but is rarely itchy or painful. The rash can develop after a delay of between three to 30 days, with an average of about seven days, after a person is bitten. Other symptoms include flu-like symptoms that can include a stiff neck, chills, fever, swollen lymph nodes, headaches, fatigue, muscle aches and joint pain.

Without treatment, Lyme disease can lead to muscle pain, swollen joints and temporary paralysis of muscles in the face and other neurological symptoms. No vaccine is currently available, so tick awareness, avoidance of tick infested areas if possible, avoidance of long grass, use of appropriate clothing in tick infested areas, and early removal of attached ticks remain the most important prevention measures. Insect repellents containing DEET are also useful to protect uncovered areas of skin.

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Best wishes

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