



# 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 8th July – “My Spirit Sang All Day” Bramley Music concert at Holy Trinity church.
- Saturday 15th July – start of the Summer Reading Challenge at Bramley Library.
- Tuesday 18th July – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 20th July – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 1st August – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 2nd September – BVS Annual Ploughman's Lunch, 12:30pm in St Catherine's Prep School garden.

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

At the Parish Council meeting in June, a number of matters were discussed, including:

- Bramley Neighbourhood Plan  
You should have received our email earlier this week giving details of progress to date on the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan. A very draft version of the Plan is now available on the Parish Council website or contact the Parish Clerk on 01483 894138 if you would like a hard copy. If you have any comments you would like to make about the Plan, please do email them to [bramleyconsultations@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyconsultations@gmail.com) or deliver them by hand to the Parish Council office in the Village Hall by 30th September 2017. We urge as many people as possible to review the plan and will value any and all feedback received.

- **Rats on the Downslink**  
We have received reports of the presence of rats on the Downslink. This is not unusual for this time of year, but we ask residents whose properties back on the to this public path to not put food in compost bins at the end of the garden, nor to leave food out in their gardens for wild animals.
- **Finance**  
After a successful internal audit, Councillors approved the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2017. They have now been submitted to be externally audited. Residents are welcome to view the Accounts – they are available on the Parish Council website or contact the Parish Clerk for a copy. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the accounts, you are invited to contact the Parish Clerk by emailing [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com), or you can telephone her in the office on 01483 894138.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 20th July. 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.

### **Basie Bounces into Bramley**

Thanks to all of you who came to the fantastic Big Band night at the Village Hall last Friday. The Junction 4 Big Band got everyone tapping their feet and clapping along with the popular tunes. One family who were there came all the way from Braintree in Essex!

Discussions are happening about inviting the band back for a Christmas concert in December ... watch this space!

### **Bonfire nuisance**

Now that we have some lovely long summer evenings, you may be tempted to get rid of some of your garden waste by burning it in your garden. The occasional bonfire doesn't really offend anyone, but we have received reports of almost weekly bonfires in the Eastwood Road area. Before you light a bonfire in your garden, we ask that you pay a thought to your neighbours.

Waverley Borough Council says that there are no specific laws against having a garden bonfire and no byelaws in Waverley to specify when a bonfire must be lit, but there is legislation to deal with the nuisance they can cause if not managed appropriately. Legislation also controls dark smoke emitted from trade bonfires. They receive lots of complaints about bonfire smoke and odour every year.

If you affect your neighbours with smoke and/or ash, Waverley can investigate the matter to ascertain whether you are causing a statutory nuisance. A one-off bonfire is not normally a statutory nuisance, but if you have more regular bonfires that cause disturbance to your neighbours, they would consider enforcement action, which could include a hefty fine.

### **Rogue Traders**

The Parish Clerk recently received a report of a distressing case of a rogue trader tricking an elderly resident of Shamley Green after putting a leaflet advertising roofing services through the resident's letterbox. After originally quoting a sum of under £1,000 to undertake minor roofing works, the trader eventually sent a bill of over £20,000 to the resident, after unnecessarily removing valuable cast iron guttering and replacing with plastic gutters. This particular case is now in the hands of the Police and Trading Standards, but we ask you to please make sure you do your research when employing a tradesman to work on your home. Personal recommendations on tradesmen are always best if possible, but you can also check the reputation of others on websites such as [www.checkatrade.com](http://www.checkatrade.com).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **Detailed planning application for new houses in Ricardo Court**

We have received the detailed plans for the new housing development to be built in Ricardo Court (the previous planning application that was granted by Waverley Borough Council concerned access arrangements only). The Parish Council will be discussing this new application at their Planning Review committee meeting on Tuesday 18th July from 7:30pm in the Bramley Village Hall meeting room. If you have any particular concerns about the plans, do come to the meeting to raise them with Councillors. You can view the plans on the Waverley Borough Council website and they will also soon be displayed in Bramley Library.

### **Possible closure of Cranleigh Recycling Centre**

Surrey County Council has launched a consultation about possible changes to community recycling centres (CRCs).

The Council says it very much regrets having to make these proposals. Whilst they create efficiencies, which take into current account patterns of use, they are at the same time a reduction in service that is highly valued by residents.

Continued cuts to funding, rising costs and increasing demand for key services means that the need to find savings has reached unprecedented levels. This year alone the Council needs to make savings of more than £100m – that's about 10% of the overall budget.

The following changes are proposed:

- Permanent closure of four smaller CRCs – Bagshot, Cranleigh, Dorking and Warlingham
- Ending the free daily allowance of non-household waste
- Closing CRCs on two weekdays so all sites are open for five days a week
- Restricting users of vans, trailers and pick-ups to larger CRCs only
- Ensuring CRCs in Camberley and Farnham are only used by Surrey residents

For more information, please visit the consultation webpage at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/recyclingcentres](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/recyclingcentres) and ideally complete the consultation questionnaire, which is live until Monday 7th August.

Hard copies are also available at CRCs and by calling 03456 009 009 or texting 07860 053 456. The Council encourage consultation returns to be made via the above webpage where at all possible for ease of processing.

The consultation responses will be used to inform the final plans which will be agreed by Surrey County Council's cabinet this autumn.

The Council states that although it understands why these changes will not be welcomed, it does firmly believe that the changes will allow a comprehensive and efficient CRC service to Surrey's residents to be maintained while delivering savings to the taxpayer to help protect essential services.

Bramley Parish Council urges residents to respond to this consultation and will be discussing the proposal at the next Parish Council meeting on 20th July. An online petition against the changes has also been established which you may wish to sign. You can do so by following this link: [www.change.org/p/surrey-county-council-keep-cranleigh-refuse-site-open](http://www.change.org/p/surrey-county-council-keep-cranleigh-refuse-site-open).

### **Bramley Music**

"My Spirit Sang All Day" – Concert in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 8th July at 7pm

What better way to spend a summer evening than listening to sublime choral music in your village church! The Harlequin Chamber Choir returns to bring a wonderful programme of music by Mendelssohn, Rheinberger, Monteverdi, Finzi, Chilcott, Aston, Whitacre, Elgar and Sullivan, not to mention settings of the spiritual Deep River, Summertime, Rainy Days and Mondays, and 'Swonderful, plus, if you are

sufficiently appreciative, an encore to send you off with a spring in your step. The choir will demonstrate the versatile acoustics in the church by singing from different places in it. The children's hospice charity, Shooting Star Chase will be supported. 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](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) / 01483 892645).

### **Help to set the right priorities for housing**

Waverley Borough Council is seeking help from residents, housing providers, developers and anyone with an interest in affordable housing to help set the right priorities for new affordable homes in the borough.

The council is working on its new Housing Strategy, which will set out the type of housing that our residents will be able to afford, either to rent or to help them get a foot on the housing ladder. Waverley wants to make sure that residents have a chance to live in a home that is suitable and affordable.

Anyone can fill out the questionnaire – whether you own your own home, are a council or housing association tenant, living with your parents and looking to move out for the first time, starting a family or you are privately renting, they want to hear from you.

Councillor Carole King, Portfolio Holder for Housing, said the questionnaire will help to set the right priorities:

“We will be providing housing in a range of tenures, from council homes to rent and shared ownership schemes with housing associations. I hope residents will help us to set the right priorities by completing the questionnaire.”

The survey is available via Waverley's website: [www.waverley.gov.uk/housingsurvey](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/housingsurvey). Residents who would prefer a printed version can get a copy by ringing 01483 523555 .

### **Update from Bramley Library**

The Summer Reading Challenge will begin again on 15th July and run until 16th September. Children aged 4-11 can join in by reading six library books over the summer holidays. Complete the Challenge to help the Animal Agents solve a mystery and collect special rewards on the way. Bramley Library will be holding a special event during the challenge – animals included!

### **Bramley CC Push for Promotion**

Nearing the half-way point of the season, Bramley CC is enjoying league success with both teams challenging strongly for promotion in their respective l'Anson Leagues – the 1st XI sit in second place of Division 3, and the 2nd XI in first place of Division 6. However, with only one team promoted from each league this year, owing to the planned reduction in the number of teams per division for 2018, there is only reward for finishing as champions. All support is welcomed over the coming months as the teams strive for top of the table.

Regular friendly fixtures are also being enjoyed on a Sunday, playing at picturesque grounds against like-minded folk, when cricket is most certainly the winner!

In addition, Bramley Colts go from strength to strength with over 65 registered children. The Under 9s, in their first season in the West Surrey Development League, are currently in fourth place which is a fantastic effort from all concerned. The Colts have many more friendly and league games throughout the school summer holidays. All new recruits are most welcome – all abilities, girls and boys. Any children aged between 7 and 12 years old who fancy a game, please come down to Gosden Common on a Sunday morning at 10am.

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

St Catherine's School will be on holiday from Thursday 13th July until Thursday 7th September.

The School looks forward to welcoming many Bramley residents to the Annual Ploughman's Village Lunch on Saturday 2nd September in the grounds of St Catherine's Prep School.

Coming up next term.....

### St Catherine's Prep School Open Mornings – 9:45am – 11:45am

- Wednesday 13th September
- Thursday 12th October
- Friday 3rd November

Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [Sally.Manhire@stcatherines.info](mailto:Sally.Manhire@stcatherines.info) if you are interested in attending.

### St Catherine's Senior School Open Mornings – 9:15am – midday

- Friday 15th September
- Wednesday 4th October
- Thursday 9th November

Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info) if you are interested in attending.

### Association Choir

A number of residents sing in the Association Choir already. They will be regrouping in September to start work on a piece (yet to be confirmed) for a performance in March 2018. Do please contact the School if you are interested in joining. Email [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info) for more information.

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

### The Rev'd Camilla White

We're sad to report that Camilla has resigned from her post as Assistant Curate in the United Benefice of Bramley and Grafham. Holy Trinity will say farewell and give thanks for Camilla's ministry among us on Sunday 23rd July.

### A date for your diary:

A dramatised recital of St Mark's Gospel is being given by Gerald Osborne, with Colin Heber-Percy at Holy Trinity on Wednesday 27th September at 7:00pm. Free entry at the door. All are welcome. Interval refreshments will be provided. Finishes at 9:30pm.

"This is a compelling event. One man holds the audience with the dynamic and faith-provoking words of St Mark. Don't miss it." Prebendary Edward Mason, Rector of Bath Abbey.

There will be no Messy Church in July or August. The next one will be on Saturday 30th September.

Trinity Toddlers will be taking a summer break after the session on Wednesday 19th July. They will meet again at 10:00am on Wednesday 6th September.

### 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 10am to 1pm on 25-27 July and 29-31 August. It costs £25 for 3 sessions or £10 per session and includes a healthy lunch. For more information and to book please contact Lucy Smith on [lucy\\_j\\_smith@outlook.com](mailto:lucy_j_smith@outlook.com).

The Coffee Stop is staying open through the summer!

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. The Vicar, Vicki Burrows, is often 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!

You will be very welcome at the next Tuesday Tea Party, which will be held in Holy Trinity Parish Room from 2:30pm on 11th July. Enjoy tea, chat and delicious cakes! There is no charge (but donations are welcome!).

Come and join us for our monthly Sunday Lunch will be held at 12:30pm in Holy Trinity Parish Room on 9th July. Come and enjoy a tasty main course and a choice of delicious desserts. 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. (A donation of £5 per head would be appreciated! – water is provided, but drinks are extra).

NB: The Bramley Singathon, which was to have taken place on Saturday 15th July has been postponed for the moment.

Bramley Update is usually circulated between the 4th and 7th of each month. If you have a contribution to the content, please send it to [bramleyupdate@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyupdate@gmail.com) by the end of the preceding month.

Best wishes

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