



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 September – Celebrity Recital from 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Bramley. More details below.
- Saturday 16th September – Summer Reading Challenge certificate presentation at Bramley Library from 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- Thursday 21st September – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Friday 22nd September – Bramley Past & Present social get together. 7:30pm in the Jolly Farmer. Please let the staff in the pub know if you are planning to attend.
- Saturday 23rd September – Bramley History Society Annual General Meeting followed by "Recording Bramley history", with a view of a selection of the Society's archives and photographs. 2:30pm in St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall.
- Tuesday 26th September – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 26th September – Bramley Resilience Group meeting. 7:45pm in the Village Hall meeting room.
- Wednesday 27th September – A dramatised recital of St Mark's Gospel from 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Bramley.
- Friday 29th September – Bramley Past & Present social evening in the Jolly Farmer.
- Tuesday 3rd October – Supper at Holy Trinity Bramley with Kauser Akhtar from 7:00pm. More details below.
- Saturday 21st October (provisional) – Bramley Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session. 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Village Hall. More details below.
- Saturday 4th November – Bramley Bonfire.

You can also view local events in the 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

The Parish Council did not meet in August and it was a relatively quiet month.

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

Bramley Neighbourhood Plan update

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee would like to thank all those who have contributed feedback by email or in person: a reminder that the draft document is available on the Parish Council website for review. We're creating the next version of the documents as we gather input and will be publishing these at the end of September.

During October, likely 21st at the Village Hall between 10:00am and 2:00pm, we will be having a drop-in session where you will be able to see and discuss the latest version and give your views. You'll receive more information closer to the time and will also be receiving a very short summary of the plan towards the end of this month through your door with the regular Bonfire flyer.

We're keen to hear from you as the plan will determine where and what housing gets developed, whether the Parish supports the Wey and Arun Canal Trust running the new canal alongside the Downs Link, whether the Parish should support new mobile phone masts to improve the current dire reception and so on. The Neighbourhood Plan is our opportunity to determine all these topics for the next 15 years. Email your comments to bramleyconsultations@gmail.com or contact the Parish Clerk on 01483 894138.

Suspension of Bus Services in Station Rd and The Street

Although The Street in Woneresh has now been re-opened, gas works continue and the bus company has deemed the current state of the road unsafe to allow the resumption of bus services down Station Road and The Street. Diversions will continue until further notice. Customers can monitor the status on:

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-trains/bus-timetable-changes/temporary-changes-to-bus-services-and-road-closures>

On the subject of road works in this area, you will note that an anti-skid surface has been applied to Station Road either side of the junction with Barton Road and Eastwood Road. This surface has been applied by Surrey Highways to increase awareness of the junction and as part of a programme of actions identified by a local working group comprising residents and parish councillors following a series of accidents at this intersection a few years ago.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The Trumpet Shall Sound in Bramley on Saturday 9th September at 7:00pm!

Come and hear world renowned trumpeter Crispian Steele-Perkins in Holy Trinity Church Bramley – this year's Celebrity Recital in the Bramley Music series. He is accompanied by leading pianist Leslie Pearson. Crispian brings us not only a wide variety of composers (Handel, Stradella, Haydn, Mozart, Bernstein, Bacharach and Glenn Miller) but also a wide variety of instruments, including (particularly for Hoffnung fans) how to make music from a hosepipe! Apart from playing with the most beautiful tone imaginable, he is a wonderful communicator and we are in for a tremendous evening. Tickets are £15 (under 18s and students £5) and can be bought in advance from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or at the door, or can be reserved via Stuart White (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645). Tickets are going very well so don't delay! There is a free drink in the interval. The charity that will be supported is the Fountain Centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

News from Bramley Library

Lots of primary school children registered at Bramley Library for this year's Summer Reading Challenge, encouraging them to read at least six books by mid-September. The children who took part will be congratulated and awarded completion certificates on Saturday 16th September from 10:00am to 12:00pm. There will be refreshments too! Do come along.

Thank you to the many people who brought their children to the 'Talk on the Wild Side' in the library last month. The turnout exceeded all expectations, as did the range of live animals that Graham Cornick of Hydestile's Resident Animals brought along, and much fun was had by the young and young-at-heart.

Get 2-for-1 admission (for adults bearing Surrey Library cards) to the Watts Artists' Village until the end of September 2017. Available Tuesdays to Saturdays, when the gallery is open. Full details at www.wattsgallery.org.uk/whats-on/2-1-admission-surrey-library-service-users/.

Bramley Library received ten tickets for an exhibition at Clandon Park that gives restricted access into part of the house to show the loss and survival from the 2015 fire. The first five people to request tickets at the library will receive one each. The remaining five tickets will be allocated by a draw. For more information about the exhibition, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/clandon-park/features/explore-even-further-into-the-house-at-clandon-park-in-2017.

Bramley Village Society / Parish Council Working Party

On the morning Saturday 16th September, starting at 8:00am, a joint BVS / Parish Council working party will attack the remaining weeds and roots in the common land just to the south of the bus shelter on the A281 near Birtley Rise. Several previous sessions have removed much of the dead timber and brambles. It is hoped that this session will enable the area to put in a state for the sowing of grass seed. All residents are welcome to join in for as long as they can spare. Meet at the bus shelter. Please bring forks, mattocks, potato hoes and rakes. If anybody has access to a light roller and the means to transport it to the site please contact either Richard Seaborne on 898550 or Joe O'Connell on 894250.

Creating a Village Design Statement for Bramley

Bramley Village Society has agreed to initiate the production of a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Bramley, at the invitation of Bramley Parish Council.

Village Design Statements are practical tools to help decisions on design and development. They provide a framework for local people to collectively determine how their community might develop and grow, and how developments can be in keeping with their local surroundings. They are not about whether development should take place, but inform how developments should be undertaken so as to respect the local identity and character.

For further information on VDSs, please see Waverley's Village and Town Design Statement Protocol at www.waverley.gov.uk/downloads/download/944/village_and_town_design_statement_protocol.

VDSs are already in place for several of our neighbouring parishes, and may also be found on the Waverley website at www.waverley.gov.uk/info/1004/planning_policy/1392/village_and_town_design_statements.

The VDS would sit alongside but separate from the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan, preparation of which is already underway under the control of a subcommittee of Bramley Parish Council.

If you live in the Civil Parish of Bramley, which includes Thorncombe Street, Grafham & Smithbrook, and would be interested in actively participating in the preparation of the Bramley VDS, please make an expression of interest by email to bramlevillagesociety@gmail.com or phone Richard Farr (BVS secretary) on 01483 893905.

Bramley Cricket Club enjoys a strong I'Anson League campaign

Bramley Cricket Club has enjoyed a successful season. With two games remaining, both teams are second in their respective divisions of the I'Anson League.

If the 1st XI were to win their remaining games and other results were kind, they could still mathematically become champions of Division 3. However, more realistically, there is a strong focus on retaining second place with the final two games being against the first and third placed teams. Unfortunately, only one team is guaranteed promotion this season owing to a reduction in the number of teams per division for 2018. The best the 2nd XI can finish however is second in Division 6 with the leaders marginally out of reach.

There has been a lot of cricket played on Gosden Common this summer. As well as the odd mid-week game, friendly Sunday fixtures have been played regularly and continue until mid-September. Bramley Colts has seen an ever-increasing number of children enjoy their cricket, and the Under 9s finished in fifth place in their first season in the West Surrey Development League, which was a fantastic achievement from all concerned.

The traditional games against local rivals Shalford for the 'Boomerang' takes place every year. Once again, the seniors match proved frustrating for Bramley 1st XI. However, we are pleased to report success for the Colts who beat Shalford home and away to be the proud holders of the 'Mini-Boomerang' in the first ever staging of the junior event – many congratulations to the Colts!

Residents invited to give their views on modification to the Local Plan

Residents and local businesses are invited to give their views on the main modifications to the Waverley Local Plan Part 1 from Friday 8th September.

As part of the ongoing examination, Waverley Borough Council has prepared modifications to the plan in liaison with the Planning Inspector conducting the examination. These include increasing housing numbers from 519 to 590 new homes per year, increasing the number of properties to be built in Bramley during the plan period from 70 to 90, and some changes to the Green Belt. The consultation also includes details about how the council proposes to distribute these homes in accordance with the spatial strategy set out in the plan.

All comments received will be passed to the Inspector for review and he will take them into account before issuing his report later in the year.

There are a number of ways to take part in the consultation:

- Using the Council's online consultation system (the council's preferred option) at www.waverley.gov.uk/lpp1examination
- Emailing your comments to planningpolicy@waverley.gov.uk
- The consultation document is also available from the planning reception of the Waverley Borough Council office in Godalming, or you are welcome to contact the Parish Clerk on 01483 894138 for a copy.

The deadline for responses is 5:00pm on Friday 20th October 2017.

U3A Wonersh

The programme for Autumn 2017 is now starting: you can find it on the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>. Or, if you would like to receive a copy of the printed version, please ring the Secretary, Cilla Morris, on 01483 892348.

Please note that venues have changed this term for three of the regular groups: Mah-Jong, meeting on the 1st Thursday of the month (7th September / 5th October and so on) at 10:00am – now in Shalford Village Hall; Woodcarving on the 3rd Friday (15th September) at 10:00am – now in Bramley Village Hall, and Table Tennis, usually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (but in September on the 20th only), at 10:30am – now in Bramley Sports Pavilion.

Other regular meetings this month include: T'ai Chi, for Improvers at 9:30am and for Beginners at 11:15am, both on Tuesday 12th (and weekly thereafter) in the main hall at Lawnsmead, Wonersh; and Photography at 2:30pm on Thursday 28th, also at Wonersh, when the group will be exploring and comparing cameras and their functions. Visitors are welcome to come and try out any of the groups referred to before deciding whether to join as members: you will be made very welcome.

Rug sale in Bramley Village Hall

There will be a rug sale at the Village Hall in Bramley on 7th and 8th October. Please feel free to drop round at any time during the day to view what's on offer and perhaps make a purchase.

Bramley History Society

Bramley History Society will be meeting as follows:

- Saturday 23rd September
Annual General Meeting followed by "Recording Bramley history", with a view of a selection of the Society's archives and photographs.
- Saturday 25th November
"Snowdenham Hall", an illustrated talk by Paul Connor.
- Saturday 27th January 2018
"Guildford's Lost Shops", an illustrated talk by David Rose.
- Saturday 24th March 2018
"William Heath Robinson", an illustrated talk by Michael Miller

All talks will take place in St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall and begin at 2:30pm. They are followed by tea and chat. Admission £2 for members and £3 for visitors.

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
- The Bramley Record covering 1917 – £2.50

For information and membership, contact Jill or Gordon on 01483 892911 or gordonbryant471@btinternet.com.

Changes at Bramley Café

There have been some changes at the village café, which now has a new look with comfortable chairs, a new menu including many more healthy options. Why not pop in to take a look and place an order?

News from Holy Trinity Bramley

Details of everything that's going on at Holy Trinity, the weekly newsletter and the Parish magazine can be found at www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk.

Regular events

- The Coffee Stop – every Monday morning from 9:00am to 11:00am
- Sunday Lunch – Sunday 10th September at 12:30pm in the Parish Room. To book a place, sign the list at the back of the church or leave a message at the Parish office – 890042. (Suggested donation £5)
- Messy Church – Saturday 30th September from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. This month's theme is 'The True Vine' and will include songs stories, craft activities and a free meal.

Special events

- Dramatised recital of St Mark's Gospel – Wednesday 27th September at 7:00pm to 9:30pm, delivered by Gerald Osborne with Colin Heber-Percy. All done from memory and not to be missed! Entrance is free and interval refreshments will be provided. There will be an opportunity at the end of the evening to make a donation to the charity Send a Cow. All welcome.

- Supper in the Parish Room on Tuesday 3rd October at 7:00pm. The guest speaker is Kauser Akhtar, Faith Links Adviser for the Diocese of Guildford and wife of the Imam of the Woking mosque, who will be speaking about 'The True Face of Islam'. Tickets £10 per head to include supper and a glass of wine or soft drink. To book a place either sign the list at the back of the church, telephone the Parish office on 01483 890042 or email office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk.
- 1st Bramley Brownies – the new Brownie pack will be meeting in the Parish Room on Thursday evenings from September. The group is already over-subscribed, but if you would like volunteer to help, enabling the group to increase in size, please contact Vicki Burrows on 892109.
- Education Sunday – 10th September at 9:45am
Attend the 9:45am service on Education Service to celebrate education, praying for the pupils and staff at our local schools at the beginning of a new school year. Representatives from all the Bramley schools will be taking part in the service and it's a change for us all to show our support for everything the schools do for our children. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Room after the service.
- Welcome Back to Church Sunday – 24th September at 9:45am
Family, neighbours and friends who may not normally go to church, or who haven't been for a while are invited to some of the special services this Autumn.
- After the special service on the 24th, there's the Harvest Festival on 1st October. Donations of pasta, pasta sauces, jam, coffee and toiletries are welcomed and will be donated to the Godalming Food Bank. Gifts of money will be donated to Christian Aid.

NHS Hearing Aid clinics – starting this September!

Richard and Evelyn Gates have qualified as Diocesan Hearing Champions, after taking a course organised by the Diocese and given by NHS Audiologists. They will be offering to service NHS hearing aids and dispense new batteries (brown book required) at clinics to be held in the Parish Room on:

- 1st Monday of each month, 10:00am and 11:00am at the Monday Coffee Stop
- 1st Tuesday of each month, 3:00pm to 4:00pm at Tuesday Tea

The service is also being offered to users of the 4 Villages Day Centre on the first Wednesday of each month, after Holy Communion at Blunden Court. You are welcome to attend any of the above sessions, just bring your hearing aids and brown book. Regrettably, privately-supplied hearing aids cannot be dealt with.

First Aid information

The Diocese of Guildford has arranged with the Red Cross to provide free first aid training to parishes. Each session will have the theme of helping older adults, so will cover things like falls, choking, heart attack, strokes, etc. A session will last around 2.5 hours and will be delivered in an informal, fun and interactive way.

Two sessions have been arranged – Tuesday 26th September at 3:00pm in the Library meeting room and Monday 16th October at 6:00pm in the Parish room at Holy Trinity. Numbers are limited to 16 at each session (over 18s only). You can sign up with Richard Gates (rgates1@sky.com or 01483 893861).

New Pilates classes in Bramley

Viva Pilates for Life will be running weekly Pilates classes in Bramley Village Hall each Tuesday at 11:15am, commencing 19th September. Classes are £10 per session, although your first trial class is free. Pilates is a great and unique way to maintain your body's core strength, balance, tone, posture and wellbeing. To find out more information or to book your place, contact paulinebiz@hotmail.co.uk.

New Trustees needed

Citizens Advice Waverley are looking for people to join their dynamic Trustee Board. Good communication skills and a commitment to the aims and principles of the Citizens Advice service are essential to this role. Ideally candidates will also have experience in working with the public sector and/or in an HR, legal or finance role. An interest in digital services / social media would also be valuable.

You can find out more about these roles, their main duties and responsibilities, the personal skills and qualities required and the code of conduct at www.waverleycab.org.uk/category/jobs/.

If you are interested in being considered for this role, please email your CV to Phil Davies, Chief Executive at ceo@waverleycab.cabnet.org.uk or post it to Citizens Advice Waverley, 36 Bridge Street, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HP. Closing date for applications is Monday 25th September.

Surrey Hills Singing School

Open rehearsals for the four choirs from adult to child and experienced to novice start in September, commencing on Monday 11th. More details on the choirs and rehearsals can be found at www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk or you can email debbie@surreyhills-choirs.co.uk or telephone Debbie on 01483 276281.

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 by the end of the preceding month.

Best wishes

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