



# 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 10th October – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 19th October – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 21st October – Bramley Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session. 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Village Hall.
- Tuesday 24th October – Brilliant Bricks Lego Club, "Monster Madness in the Library!", 10:30am in Bramley Library. Booking details below.
- Tuesday 24th October – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 4th November – Bramley Bonfire.

You can also view local events in the Village Diary at [www.bramleyvillagesociety.org/village-diary/](http://www.bramleyvillagesociety.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 in September, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Defibrillator  
The Parish Council is planning to purchase a public access defibrillator to be installed in the centre of the village. Plans are progressing and we hope to have this new equipment installed by the end of the year. This will be in addition to the one that is available within Bramley Library.
- Vegetation works  
We have been working on vegetation clearance around the village, including clearance of overgrowing brambles alongside Birtley Road close to the junction with Birtley Rise. A working party has cleared the

area and planted grass seed and bulbs. Thanks to all those who helped with this work. Works in other areas will continue as we move into the winter months.

- **Police advice**

Our Neighbourhood Police team asks that all residents remain vigilant about burglaries and keep homes and belongings secure at all times. Advice can be found online at

<https://surrey.police.uk/advice/protect-your-home-and-belongings/burglary/>.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website. The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 19th October. 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.

### **Update on Recycling Centre changes**

Thanks to those of you who submitted comments to Surrey County Council following their proposal to close 4 recycling centres in the county – including the one at Cranleigh. We hear that the public consultation received 13,637 responses, which is considered to be one of the largest responses the council has received to a consultation. We have received an update from Mike Goodman, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport to say that following the consultation, he proposed to Cabinet that the four sites initially marked for closure remain open, albeit with reduction in the days they are open. A core strategic network of CRC sites will remain open 7 days a week, other sites will be closed for part of the week. These proposals were agreed by Cabinet in September. In addition, the following changes will be made:

- Ending of the free daily allowance of chargeable waste from the construction, alteration or repair of homes and gardens such as rubble, plasterboard and soil from December 2017.
- Vans and trailers will be excluded from CRCs at Bagshot, Caterham, Cranleigh, Dorking, Farnham and Warlingham from December 2017.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

**Bramley Neighbourhood Plan drop-in session** - Saturday 21st October, 10:00am to 2:00pm in the Village Hall  
Your opportunity to see and discuss the latest version and give your views.

The Neighbourhood Plan Committee is 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.

The current version of the Neighbourhood Plan is also available to view on the Bramley Parish Council website, and if you are unable to attend the drop-in session please e-mail your comments to [bramleyconsultations@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyconsultations@gmail.com) or contact the Parish Clerk on 01483 894138.

### **News from Bramley Library**

Sign up your 5- to 12-year-olds for Monster Madness! On Tuesday 24th October from 10:30-11:30 am, Bramley Library will host a Brilliant Bricks Lego Club with a monster theme. The cost is £5.50. Book online at [www.brilliantbricks.co.uk/events/monster-madness-in-the-library/](http://www.brilliantbricks.co.uk/events/monster-madness-in-the-library/). Numbers are limited so don't delay, book today!

Congratulations to all who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. You can see photos of some of our 'Animal Agents' in the library lobby! Completion certificates can be collected from the library.

### **Bramley Bonfire - Saturday 4th November**

This year the Bramley Bonfire will be held on Saturday 4th November. Please gather from 6:00pm in the Library car park where torches are available for the procession and the tractors will assemble for taking the children to the field.

### Can you help make this community night a success?

Volunteers are needed and welcomed to help marshal on the night, but also in other roles in advance. Bonfire construction happens most weekends in the build up, so please check the “Bramley Bonfire” Facebook page for times to join in.

If you'd like to get involved with any of these roles please email Phil Baker on [bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com) or make contact via the “Bramley Bonfire” Facebook page.

### **Living next to a watercourse**

Some residents of Bramley live next to a watercourse and as such, many are aware of their responsibilities. If you are in any doubt, however, details of your rights and responsibilities can be found on the Surrey County Council website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-maintenance-and-cleaning/report-a-highway-problem/drainage-and-flooding/living-next-to-a-watercourse-your-rights-and-responsibilities](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/road-maintenance-and-cleaning/report-a-highway-problem/drainage-and-flooding/living-next-to-a-watercourse-your-rights-and-responsibilities). This page also includes a link to a very useful publication produced by the Environment Agency ‘Living on the Edge’. As we move into winter, it's important that our watercourses are kept free and flowing ... so please find out more if you're not totally sure of what to do if, for example, there's an obstruction in a watercourse next to your home.

### **Plea for help ...**

William Le Fort lives in Bramley and has been battling high risk neuroblastoma since he was 4 years old (he is now 10 years). He is just completing his 3rd round of treatment to achieve his 3rd remission - read his full story at: [www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/william](http://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/william). William's medical team and the charity Solving Kids' Cancer have identified treatment done under a clinical trial in New York which would hopefully maximise chances of keeping the cancer in remission and they need to raise £155k fast – by the end of this year. £44,000 has been raised to date.

Bramley residents are coming together to organise numerous fundraising activities and collections on William's behalf – details will be available in due course. Please come along and support these activities and donate online – go to William's website: [www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/appeal/william](http://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/appeal/william).

Any way you can help William by supporting and donating would be most gratefully received by William and his family.

### **Creating a Village Design Statement for Bramley**

It is not too late to join the working group for the Village Design Statement (VDS) for Bramley.

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 [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com) or phone Richard Farr (BVS secretary) on 01483 893905.

For further information on VDSs, please see the Village and Town Design Statement Protocol on the Waverley website at

[www.waverley.gov.uk/downloads/download/944/village\\_and\\_town\\_design\\_statement\\_protocol](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/downloads/download/944/village_and_town_design_statement_protocol).

### **Proposed charging in rural car parks**

The Parish Council has received information from Surrey County Council about a proposal to introduce charges for parking in some of the rural car parks in the county. Many other countryside landowners and managers already charge in order to ensure visitor facilities are maintained and the sites are managed for the future – and SCC are now looking to do the same.

Before they go ahead and develop a proposal for the Council's Cabinet to consider, they would like to learn more about how Surrey's residents use the countryside and their views on car park charging. A consultation has been launched and will run until 6th November. More details can be found at

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/payandconserve](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/payandconserve). Alternatively, you can call 03456 009 009 or text 07860 053465 to request a printed copy of the questionnaire.

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

#### St Catherine's Prep School Open Mornings

9:45am to 11:45am on Thursday 12th October and Friday 3rd November. Contact Mrs Sally Manhire for more information on 01483 899665 or [sally.manhire@stcatherines.info](mailto:sally.manhire@stcatherines.info).

#### St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning

9:15am to 12:00pm on Thursday 9th November. Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info) for more information.

#### Informal concert – Thursday 12th October, 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Taking place in the Lower Atrium. No need to pre-book tickets.

#### Wind in the Willows

A magical performance of the Kenneth Graham classic, taking place on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October from 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

Tickets available at <http://windy.bpt.me> or call 01483 899790.

#### St Catherine's Presents ...

Helen Rappaport – 'Caught in the Revolution'.

Thursday 2nd November at 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Auditorium.

Experience Petrograd in 1917 through the prism of eyewitness accounts. Helen Rappaport, author, renowned TV and radio historian, fluent Russian speaker and translator will bring to life the Russian revolution.

Adult ticket costs £10. Book at <http://russianrevolution.bpt.me> or call 0800 411 8881.

#### Come and Sing with the St Catherine's Association Choir

Bach's 'Magnificat in D' & Charpentier's 'Te Deum'

Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:45pm to 9:45pm in the Anniversary Halls.

£25 fee for the season and please bring a friend.

Concert: Holy Trinity Church, Guildford on Saturday 10th March 2018.

Do please contact [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info) or 01483 899692 if you are interested in joining.

### **Bramley Music**

Come to Holy Trinity Church Bramley on Saturday 18th November at 7:00pm for a concert featuring Home Grown musicians – the trio of Emma Blanco (violin), Annelies Scott ('cello) and Margaret Roberts (piano), Robert O'Connell (bass-baritone) and Alan Newcombe and Stuart White (piano duets). You will definitely enjoy the varied programme they will provide! The concert is in support of the Libra Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of life for disabled and disadvantaged children in Romania. A free glass of wine or soft drink is included. Tickets are £10 (£5 for under 18s and students) and are available in advance from Robertson's in Bramley High Street, or can be reserved via Stuart White on [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645.

### **Gosden House School – Gardening Volunteer opportunities**

Do you have any spare time on a Wednesday morning from 10:00am to volunteer in the wonderful 44 acres and really help the school with maintenance and upkeep of the allotment area and the regeneration of the walled garden?

Gosden House School is a special school on the outskirts of Bramley for children from 4 to 16 years of age who have complex learning difficulties. Horticulture within Gosden House is such an important part of the curriculum for all the children and they love spending time learning outdoors. The school want to be able to offer an environment that is safe and useable for the children and staff.

If you would you like to help please call Anna Chapman or Caroline More at Gosden House school on 01483 892008 or email [achapman@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:achapman@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk).

All volunteers will need to undertake a DBS Volunteer process which is managed by the school. A full induction will be given prior to placements.

### **U3A Wonersh**

The Family History Group resumes its monthly meetings on Thursday 12th at 2:30pm in the Lawnsmead Hall, examining the opportunities for research into the catalogues of a variety of genealogical archives. On Thursday 19th, also at 2:30pm at Lawnsmead, the History Group will hear a further talk from member Richard Jameson on the American presidency, entitled "Trump's First Year". Finally, later in the month than usual, 'Listening to Music' will present a programme of classical music on CDs: 2:00pm on Friday 31st at Lawnsmead.

There are plenty of other activities, including social and outdoor occasions such as pub lunches and the monthly walk: you will find details of the full programme on the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>. Or, if you would like to receive a copy of the printed booklet, please ring the Secretary, Cilla Morris, on 01483 892348.

### **Inconsiderate Parking**

Inconsiderate parking is an ongoing issue that despite the Police regularly giving words of advice and occasionally issuing Park Smart warning notices it continues.

If you are in a rush it still remains your responsibility to park safely as bad parking is dangerous and selfish for other road users and pedestrians. Consider, have you parked on zig zag lines, caused an obstruction, parked on a junction or on a footpath? If you regularly park without thought of other road users you may have your vehicle removed at a cost and inconvenience to you. If you park considerately you can help reduce accidents, improve traffic flow and make Surrey's roads safer for everyone.

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

### Season of Invitation

We'd like to invite you to join us in church! You may be given a card with a picture of a poppy, which is an invitation to the Service of Remembrance on 12th November. There are also cards with picture of angels and candles, which are invitations to the Advent and Christmas services. So... if you haven't been to church for while and a friend gives you an invitation to one of the services why not say Yes! Even if you have not received a you are still very welcome.

### Commemoration of Martin Luther – 1483-1546

This year is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation of the Church in Europe – a movement which began in Germany, spread across northern Europe and influenced our own Reformation in England. During October there will be a display in Holy Trinity Church depicting Luther and the part he played in the Church's Reformation. On Sunday 29th October Holy Trinity will be marking this centenary in their church services at Bramley and Grafham.

### Christmas Shoe Boxes

Once again, the church is organising the collection of shoe boxes filled with gifts to send to disadvantaged children abroad, to make their Christmas more special. Last year 125 boxes were sent from the church, Bramley Infant School and Birtley House. Can they do better this year? Boxes will be provided and a list of what needs to go in them, and ask for a donation of £3 minimum per box for the cost of delivery. If you're unable to fill one yourself, we can make boxes up for you for a donation of £20 per box. Boxes will be in church from beginning of October. If you have any queries please contact Monica Snelling on 894710.

### Regular activities

- The Coffee Stop – 9:00am to 11:00am every Monday morning in the Parish Room. NHS Hearing Aid Clinic on the first Monday of each month - just bring your Brown Book.
- Messy Church - Saturday 28th October from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Songs, stories, craft activities and an evening meal for children and parent. To help with the catering let the church know that you're coming. Text 07470 114332 or e-mail [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

### First Aid Information

The diocese of Guildford has arranged with the Red Cross to provide free first aid training to parishes. The aim is to help older adults, so will cover things like falls, choking, heart attack, stroke etc. A session will last about 2½ hours (with a tea break halfway through) and will be delivered in an informal, fun and interactive way. There are no assessments, and no one is required to get on the floor - (if they don't want to)! The next session will be held in the Parish Room on Monday 16th October at 6:00pm.

Numbers are limited to 16 at each session (over 18s only please). Please sign up with Richard Gates ([rgates1@sky.com](mailto:rgates1@sky.com) or 01483 893861).

### **Project Coordinator job opportunity**

Voluntary Action South West Surrey is seeking a second Project Co-ordinator for their Welcome to Volunteering! project. This post is funded by the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. 28 hours a week based in Guildford. Salary pro rata of £25,250.

Welcome to Volunteering helps people take up volunteering roles to enhance their health and well-being. Beneficiaries are people who have experienced mental ill-health who would like to volunteer but need support to get started. They are looking for someone who has experience of working with people from their client group. You will also need to have knowledge and understanding of the voluntary sector and of working with volunteers.

Working with the existing project co-ordinator, the post holder will be responsible for liaising with Volunteer Involving Organisations to develop suitable volunteering opportunities and will work directly with clients to support them into taking up and sustaining volunteering positions. For further information, an application form and job description please contact Carol Dunnett [c.dunnett@vasws.org.uk](mailto:c.dunnett@vasws.org.uk) or 01483 504626. Closing date Friday 13th October 2017.

### **Zumba comes to Bramley!**

A new Zumba class will be held every Friday from 9:00am to 10:00am in Bramley Village Hall. Cost is £5 per session, although your first class is free. You can also get a free class if you recommend a friend. To book and for more information, contact Tatiana on [tatianastyleinfinity@gmail.com](mailto:tatianastyleinfinity@gmail.com) or call 07840 173452.

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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