



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

## November 2017

News from Bramley and Grafham brought to you by Bramley Parish Council

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 4th November – Bramley Bonfire. Gather at 6:00pm in the Library car park.
- Tuesday 7th November – Bramley Infant School Open morning from 9:30am.
- Tuesday 7th November – Future Plans at St Catherine's School presentation. 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Auditorium of the Anniversary Halls.
- Tuesday 7th November – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 11th November – Storytime in Bramley Library from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Book your place by visiting the Library or email [bramleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bramleylibrary@gmail.com).
- Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday parade. 10:50am at the Bramley War Memorial.
- Thursday 16th November – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 18th November – Bramley Music's 'Home Grown' concert from 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Bramley.
- Tuesday 21st November – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 25th November – Village Leaf Sweep. Meet at 9:00am at the Downs Link gates on Station Road.
- Saturday 25th November – Bramley History Society's talk "Snowdenham Hall". 2:30pm in St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall.
- Tuesday 5th December – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.

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 in October, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- **Bramley Neighbourhood Plan**  
Final plans for the drop-in session on 21st October were discussed at the meeting. Thanks to all residents who “dropped in” with their views about the Plan. If you were unable to make it, there will be other opportunities in the future to tell us your thoughts. If you’ve not seen the plan as yet, you can find the current draft version on the Parish Council at [www.bramleyparish.co.uk/index.php?PageID=1006](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk/index.php?PageID=1006). Any comments you have can be sent to [bramleyconsultations@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyconsultations@gmail.com).
- **Police report**  
It was noted at the meeting that there seems to be an increase in crime in Bramley over recent months. In the past month there have been a number of thefts from properties and vehicles; attempted burglaries and property damage. In Bramley there have also been 3 instances of ball-bearings being fired at properties and vehicles, causing some damage. These latter crimes seem to be part of a series also affecting Hascombe, Smithbrook and Chiddingfold and are being investigated by the Police as a high priority. If you have seen anyone firing projectiles, or have any other information that could help, please contact Surrey Police on 101.

To help stop crime in our area, please remember to keep your homes and vehicles secure at all times and do not leave items on show in your car.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website at [www.bramleyparish.co.uk/index.php?PageID=1008](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk/index.php?PageID=1008). The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 16th November. 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 Leaf Sweep

Following the successful leaf sweep in the village carried out by some Councillors and members of the public in 2016, a repeat session will take place on Saturday 25th November from 9:00am. If you wish to help out, please meet at the Downs Link gates on Station Road with your own brushes, etc.

### News from Bramley Library

Bramley Library hosted 2 lively 'BrilliantBricks' sessions over half-term. The attendees built monsters while adults enjoyed a quiet hour in the library with coffee and home-made cakes. We are planning to have further sessions during February half-term. Meanwhile our next Storytime event is on Saturday 11th November from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, aimed at 4-7 year olds but siblings are most welcome. Please sign up in the library in person or by email ([bramleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bramleylibrary@gmail.com)) as this allows us to plan for the expected numbers, although you can still turn up on the day.

For our older youngsters, we have expanded our Young Adult section to include non-fiction books as well as audio-books.

We have received a donation from the 2 reading groups which meet monthly in the library and we have purchased a new shredder and a guillotine with these funds.

### Future Plans at St Catherine’s School

St Catherine’s School would like to invite all members of the community to a meeting taking place on Tuesday 7th November from 6:00pm to 9:00pm in the Auditorium of the Anniversary Halls when they will be sharing their plans for new building improvements on the Senior School site.

This project seeks to replace some aging boarding accommodation and a classroom block. They are therefore builds on the existing footprint that buildings currently occupy, but the School would like anyone interested to see what they have in mind before they submit their request for planning permission.

### **Other events at St Catherine's**

Senior School Open Morning – Thursday 9th November, 9:15am to 12:00pm

Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info) for more information.

Jazz Café – Monday 13th November, 7:00pm

Lower Atrium; no need to pre-book tickets.

Baby Cats Creative – Wednesday 15th November, 9:45am to 10:45am

Store time in the Prep School Library. Admission is free but spaces must be reserved in advance by emailing [prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info).

Vocal Sectional Concert – Thursday 16th November, 7:30pm

Lower Atrium, no need to pre-book tickets.

A Night at the Theatre – Friday 17th November, 7:30pm

Lower Atrium, no need to pre-book tickets.

Baby Cats Classics – Thursday 30th November, 9:45am to 10:45am

Christmas Special in the Prep School Hall. Admission is free but spaces must be reserved in advance by emailing [prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info).

Sing with the St Catherine's Association Choir – Bach's 'Magnificat in D' & Charpentier's 'Te Deum'

The Association Choir will be performing two remarkable and flamboyant Baroque masterpieces on 10th March 2018 at Holy Trinity Church in Guildford. They will particularly welcome new Tenors and Basses in the choir. If you enjoy singing, do go along and join them. They rehearse on Wednesdays between 7:45pm and 9:45pm at the School. Contact [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info) or 01483 899692 for more information.

### **Auction of Promises for William the Warrior**

Following on from the report in last month's Bramley Update, to help raise money for 10-year-old William Le Fort's treatment - a Bramley resident suffering from high risk neuroblastoma - members of our community have come together to create an online auction of promises. It is really simple – just go to the website ([www.auctionofpromises.com](http://www.auctionofpromises.com)), search for 'William the Warrior', and bid!

There is a really fantastic selection of experiences, tickets, family days out and vouchers on offer. Why not stock up on some unique Christmas gifts while helping a really amazing cause? Here are just a few examples of auction items:

- A culinary experience day for two plus dinner at The Jetty restaurant
- A brewery tour for 4
- A round of golf for 4 at Bramley Golf Club or Cranleigh Country Club
- Pamper day at Aveda
- Catered lunch for 4 at your own home or a cocktail party for 60
- Interview coaching
- A ride on a Harley Davidson
- Luxury car trip and pub lunch
- Holistic or Sports massage
- Plus much more ....

All the gifts have been donated by the people in the community and local businesses to fundraise for William's cancer treatment – a massive thank you to everyone who has donated so generously. Please support William and get hold of some really special experiences at the same time!

To bid, go to:

<https://auctionofpromises.com/auctionread.aspx?a=3079> or alternatively go to [www.auctionofpromises.com](http://www.auctionofpromises.com) and search for 'William the Warrior'.

The auction closes on 17th December 2017.

For more information about William and his story, please visit [www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/william](http://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/william). To date, £58,077 has been raised; the fundraising target is £155,000. Your ongoing support will be much appreciated.

### **Update on changes at Surrey's Community Recycling Centres**

Further to the report in last month's Bramley Update, Surrey County Council has now published the planned changes at their Recycling Centres (CRCs). Full details can be found at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/recycling), but in a nutshell they are:

- From 4th December 2017 there will be no free daily allowance for chargeable non-household waste and changes to the Surrey residents' ID scheme.
- From 8th January 2018 there will be restrictions on where you can take vans, trailers and pick-ups
- From 8th January 2018:
  - Cranleigh CRC will only be open on Monday, Saturday and Sunday
  - Guildford CRC will be open every day except Tuesday and Wednesday
  - Witley CRC will be open 7 days per week
- CRC opening times will be 8:00am to 4:00pm on weekdays and 9:00am to 4:00pm at weekends.

### **Report from Bramley Cricket Club**

A roller coaster of a season has come to an end for Bramley Cricket Club.

Promotion for both league teams was targeted though ultimately, both failed, each finishing 2nd in their respective divisions. The 1st XI can point to a lack of consistency with the bat which cost them in the end. Despite this, both sides can be proud of their performances over the course of the season. The 1st XI finished behind Tilford after a hard fought campaign, winning 11 and drawing 2 of their 19 matches, the 2nd XI lost out to Fernhurst, winning 6 and drawing 6 of their 16 games. Further, the Sunday XI won 3 and drew 2 of their 10 friendly matches this season, finishing 5th of 10 league teams. In addition, exciting news has recently been received with one of the girls having been selected for the Surrey development squad next season!

2018 is just around the corner and much planning is going on behind the scenes as investment continues with new ground equipment and extensive works planned to improve the quality of the wicket. Next season will be a challenging year for the 1st XI who, after the reorganisation of the league to reduce the number of teams per division, will face a tougher standard of opposition in Division 3 and a mid-table finish would be an excellent result. The 2nd XI will be aiming for promotion from Division 6, and the Sunday XI shall continue to offer involvement for all with an attractive fixture list against like-minded opposition. The club also hopes to see the emergence of some of the older colts into the Sunday XI; it will be exciting times watching the start of their senior careers.

Whilst the players rest up a little and contemplate getting back into the gym, senior winter nets are just around the corner, starting in January. Details shall be made public in the New Year for anyone wishing to join.

### **Open Studio**

There will be an Open Studio at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley GU5 0AT from Thursday 30th November to Sunday 3rd of December, 8:45am to 4:30pm, in aid of Kids' Kidney Research.

There will be original paintings and gifts available to buy, plus tea, cakes and a raffle, with all donations going to the charity.

For further information, ring Mary Hainline on 01483 898626, or email her at [maryhainline@gmail.com](mailto:maryhainline@gmail.com), or see her website at [www.maryhainline.com](http://www.maryhainline.com).

(Future dates: May 11th to 13th 2018, Open Garden with Art in aid of Motor Neurone Disease Association.)

**Free Mindfulness Taster Session** – Tuesday 14th November in Bramley Library meeting room from 8:00pm to 8:45pm.

Want to reduce stress? Want to find out what mindfulness is and how it can help with wellbeing?

Come to a session led by Claire Garthwaite, mindfulness teacher and medical doctor. (Mindfulness is currently taught in the NHS and recommended by NICE).

Please email [claire@withmindfulness.co.uk](mailto:claire@withmindfulness.co.uk) if you would like to come or for more information visit the website [www.withmindfulness.co.uk](http://www.withmindfulness.co.uk).

### **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).

### All Soul's Service – Sunday 5th November at 4:00pm

The service is traditionally the time in the year when departed loved-ones are especially remembered. The names of the people whose funeral services have taken place in these parishes during the last two years will be mentioned by name, and candles can be lit by members of the family. Other departed loved-ones can be remembered at the service if their names are written on the list, which will be put at the back of the church before the service. If you can't get to the church for the service, please send the names to [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk) or leave a message on 01483 890042.

### The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 12th November.

Come and join us at the War Memorial at 10:50am for wreath-laying and the 2-minute silence, followed by a service in the Church.

### The Annual Sunday Toy Service – Sunday 3rd December at 9:45am

Please bring new toys / gifts, which will be donated to the Children's Hospice Shooting Star Chase. The gifts should be wrapped and labelled, saying whether it's for a boy or girl, and the age. The age-range is from babies to young people up to the age of 19 years. The gifts have to be new to prevent any possible infection. Apart from children's toys, books, CDs, nail-varnishes, etc will be welcomed – things suitable for the ever-increasing number of young people surviving longer with life-limiting diseases, due to advances in medical science.

### 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.
- Tuesday Tea – on 7th November from 2:30pm in the Parish Room. Includes an NHS Hearing Aid Clinic, just bring your Brown Book.
- Messy Church - Saturday 25th November 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).

### Join the Village Carol Service Choir!

The village service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be held at 5:00pm on Sunday 17th December. Every Thursday evening at 7:00pm, Marie will be holding short rehearsals in the church. There will be a two-hour rehearsal and tea on Saturday 16th December, the day before the Choir service. Alternatively, the anthems are on YouTube, so you could learn them at home and come along nearer the time to get used to singing together.

The anthems are:

- 'Star Carol' - John Rutter
- 'Rocking' – arr. David Willcocks (we sing the Lullaby parts, a children's choir will take the top line)
- 'A Christmas Gloria' – Evelyn R Larter
- 'Adam lay ybounden' – Boris Ord

- 'The Angel Gabriel' – arr Edgar Pettman
- 'Away in a Manger' – arr David Willcocks

Please let Jill Mussett know if you will be joining in, so that they have some idea of numbers. Jill can be contacted on 01483 271476 or [jillym07@gmail.com](mailto:jillym07@gmail.com).

### **Bramley Music**

The next Bramley Music concert at Holy Trinity church is 'Home Grown' on Saturday 18th November at 7:00pm. The Pewley Piano Trio will play Beethoven's C minor trio op 1 no 3, some Piazzolla tangos, and arrangements of some lighter numbers such as Gershwin's Bess, the Beatles' Here There and Everywhere, Pennies from Heaven, and Oklahoma. The members of the Pewley Piano Trio are all local musicians: Emma Blanco (violin), Anneliese Scott ('cello) and Margaret Roberts (piano). Robert O'Connell, a bass / baritone who grew up in Bramley, will be singing some Vaughan Williams songs, accompanied by Margaret. And we welcome back our honorary locally nurtured pianist Alan Newcombe from Hamburg, who with Stuart White will be playing some atmospheric piano duets by Rachmaninov.

The charity The Libra Foundation will be supported ([www.librafoundation.org.uk](http://www.librafoundation.org.uk)) which works to improve the quality of life for disabled and disadvantaged children in Romania. Tickets are £10 (£5 for under 18s and students) and are available in advance from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or they can be reserved via [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com), or call 01483 892645, and they will also be available at the door. There is a free glass of wine / soft drink in the interval.

### **News from Bramley Infant School**

The Infant School Open morning for Reception class 2018 is taking place on Tuesday 7th November from 9:30am. No need to book a place, if you're interested please just go along.

The Infant School PTFA are also holding a number of events in the coming months:

- Quiz Night on 10th November from 7:30pm in the School Hall
- Christmas Fair on 2nd December from 12:00pm to 2:00pm
- Bramley Village Ball on 9th December from 7:00pm at St Catherine's School
- "Our Bramley" Photographer of the Year competition judging evening on 19th January 2018 from 8:00pm in the School Hall. Wine & cheese also available!

For more information on any of these events, please contact Mel Holroyd at [bramleyptfa@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyptfa@gmail.com).

### **U3A Wonersh**

The November lecture on opera by Michael Hartnall will take place on Tuesday 7th at 2:00pm in Bramley Village Hall. This month's walk is to be on Wednesday 15th: assemble at the Red Lion, Shamley Green at 10:00am, with lunch to follow there afterwards – the walk will be led by Colin Frost, who can be contacted for details on 01483 533122. And the last meeting this autumn of the 'Listening to Music' group will offer a programme of classical music on CDs, starting at 2:00pm on Tuesday 28th in the Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh.

You may like to know of two start-ups which are planned for the next programme, both to meet in Wonersh: it is hoped that a new book-reading group can be established to meet at 2:30pm on the second Monday of each month, starting in February; and from January at 2:30pm on the third Tuesday there will be a Bridge group (which is expected to play mainly rubber bridge). If you are interested in either of these activities, it will be helpful for planning purposes to hear from you as soon as possible: please find Cilla Morris on 01483 892348. New members are always welcome to Wonersh U3A: you can find details of the full programme on the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

### **Bramley History Society**

The Bramley History Society next meeting and talk will take place on Saturday 25th November, entitled "Snowdenham Hall", an illustrated talk by Paul Connor. It will take place from 2:30pm in the St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall, followed by tea and chat. Admission £2 for members, £3 for visitors.

The BHS 2018 calendar will be available at the above event, or by contacting Jill or Gordon Bryant (see below).

Publications from the society (at £2.50) are available:

- The Bramley Record covering 1914
- The Bramley Record covering 1915
- The Bramley Record covering 1916
- The Bramley Record covering 1917

For information and membership, contact Jill or Gordon Bryant on 01483 892911 or [gordonbryant471@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonbryant471@btinternet.com).

### **'The Nativity' at Wintershall**

This year's 'real' Christmas story at Wintershall in Bramley will take place from 13th to 17th December. Stand with shepherds in the field and see Mary arrive on a donkey. Sit in the barn where the baby Jesus lies in his manger. A timeless, memorable experience for young and old as the story of Christmas is brought to life.

Tickets cost £18 for adults, £9 for children. A family ticket priced at £50 is available.

More details including times of performances and booking details can be found at [www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or by calling 01793 418299.

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