



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

January 2018

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Saturday 13th January – Dinner and Music evening at Bramley Village Hall to help raise funds for William Le Fort.
- Saturday 13th January – Visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking organised by Holy Trinity Bramley.
- Tuesday 16th January – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 18th January – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 27th January – Bramley History Society's talk – "Guildford's Lost Shops". 2:30pm in St. Catherine's Preparatory School Hall.
- Tuesday 30th January – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 3rd February – Bramley Music concert "In Celebration of Friendship", 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Bramley.
- Saturday 24th February – Bramley Twinning Group annual Quiz Night. 7:30pm in Bramley Village Hall.

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 December, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Councillor resignation  
Richard Jameson tendered his resignation to the Chairman with immediate effect. Richard has been a valued member of the Parish Council since 2015 and his input will be missed. At the meeting, all Councillors thanked Richard for his service.

This means that there is now a casual vacancy on the Parish Council. If by 12th January 2018 a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer at Waverley Borough Council by 10 local government electors, an election will be held to fill the vacancy. Otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If you would like to request that an election be held to fill the vacancy, please write to Damian Roberts, Returning Officer, Council Offices, The Burys, Godalming, Surrey, GU7 1HR, to arrive by 12th January.

- **Budget**

Members had a full discussion about the budget for the 2018/19 financial year and unanimously agreed to increase the Council's Precept by 1.75%. This equates to an increase of 78p in Council Tax on a Band D household from last year. Whilst we appreciate this may not be welcome news to many residents, due to the budget cuts at Borough and County Council level, it is anticipated that the Parish Council will need to fund more and more environmental works during the year. Already the Parish Council is funding works to clear vegetation from alongside highways and on public rights of way that was previously done by either Waverley Borough and Surrey County Council. In addition, Members agreed to provide a grant of £2,000 to Citizens Advice Waverley for the important work they carry out in the borough. Last year, in Bramley alone, the service personally helped 106 people with a variety of issues. During this year, we will also be investigating with them the possibility of installing an online CAB terminal in Bramley Library.

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 18th January. 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.

### **Eastwood Road play area**

You may have seen that during the first week of the year, long-awaited improvement works have been carried out at the Eastwood Road play area. At the time of writing, the works were still progressing, but the play area should be back open to youngsters during the week of 8th January.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **Bridge works**

The Parish Council has heard that Network Rail are planning to replace the railway bridge on New Pond Road near to Guildford Crematorium some time from April 2018. We don't have any definite details at present, but we wanted to warn you that these major works will impact many roads in the area leading to severe traffic disruption for up to 6 months. As soon as we have any further details, we'll let you know.

### **Downs Link vegetation clearance**

There will be a volunteer group working on the Downs Link on Sundays from 7th January for approximately 4 weeks to clear the vegetation that is encroaching the Downs Link. The group will be working southwards from Station Road, down to where the bridleway crosses the footpath leading to Shamley Green. Similar works will be carried out on the Downs Link working north from Station Road, although we do not have a confirmed start date at this time. Once the encroaching vegetation has been cleared, the Parish Council will be funding the cleaning of the path, making the surface a much wider and more pleasant path to walk, cycle & ride along.

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Thank you to all of you who made our Christmas festivities so enjoyable whether it was the Festive Rhyme-times, the Bauble treasure hunt, the Storytime arts & crafts or the carol singing.

We are now looking forward to an active 2018 and we start off by hosting Duplo sessions. As a first step into the world of Lego building, these sessions are for pre-school children ages 3 and 4. Each session has an exciting theme with an adventure story, involve creative building and challenges. Come and join us for some brilliant building, crazy creations and incredible imaginative inventions! The first session takes place on Tuesday 16th January 2018 from 10:45am to 11:30am and will continue on the following 3 Tuesdays. You can book at Brilliant Bricks: [www.brilliantbricks.co.uk/events/brilliant-bricks-duplo-club-farnham-2/](http://www.brilliantbricks.co.uk/events/brilliant-bricks-duplo-club-farnham-2/).

And at half term, on Tuesday 13th February, Brilliantbricks returns with another Lego Morning. Places can be booked online at [www.brilliantbricks.co.uk](http://www.brilliantbricks.co.uk).

### **Fundraising event for William Le Fort**

The community effort to help raise funds for William Le Fort's cancer treatment in the US has been spectacular ... over £95,000 has been raised so far!

A dinner and music event is taking place this Saturday 13th January for which some tickets are still available. Taking place in Bramley Village Hall from 7:30pm to 11:00pm, tickets cost £15 per person and include a 2-course meal and music from local bands 'Sultana' and 'Straight Circles'.

For details about the event and to buy tickets, telephone 01483 898681. More information about William's campaign can be found at [www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/william/](http://www.solvingkidscancer.org.uk/campaigns/william/).

### **Bramley History Society**

Bramley History Society's next meeting will be on Saturday 27th January 2018:  
- "Guildford's Lost Shops", an illustrated talk by David Rose.

The meeting will be held St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall from 2:30pm, followed by tea and chat. Admission is £2 for Members and £3 for Visitors.

The Bramley 2018 Calendar, with old pictures of Bramley, is also available at £5 and can be obtained from Jill and Gordon on 01483 892911 or [gordonbryant471@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonbryant471@btinternet.com).

### **Happy New Year from the Bramley Twinning Group!**

The annual Quiz Night will take place on 24th February 2018 from 7:30pm in Bramley Village Hall. Yes, it is that time again to clear your thoughts, dust the brain and join in the annual quiz. Bring your own eats and drinks and something to write with. There will be a Raffle – any prizes you may like to donate will be gratefully received.

The cost for the quiz is £14 for a team of four or £3:50 per person. Please contact Bob or Sue Mould as soon as possible to reserve a table – 01483 892738 or email [robert.mould@homecall.co.uk](mailto:robert.mould@homecall.co.uk).

### **Pilates in Bramley**

NEW at Bramley Library room on Tuesdays, 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Pilates classes (max 8) for mixed ability. This class can commence as soon as there are 4 or 5 people interested. Why not start the new year with getting mobile, fit and strong again?!!

Well established and continuing classes at Bramley Village Hall on Tuesday and Farncombe on Thursday evenings; 6:30pm beginners and 7:35pm for intermediate level.

For further information, contact Jill on 07749 515333, email [jill@h4pilates.com](mailto:jill@h4pilates.com).

### **Update from Holy Trinity, Bramley**

The church bells, retuned and refurbished, are due to be back by the end of January!

On Sunday 28th January the Bishop of Guildford, The Right Reverend Andrew Watson, will be leading the 9:45am service at Holy Trinity, Bramley. It is hoped that as many people as possible will join the service to give Bishop Andrew a warm welcome.

Visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking on Saturday 13th January, the first purpose-built mosque in the UK. The visit will include a guided tour around the mosque, an opportunity to see the Muslim congregational prayer, a chance to speak to the Head Imam and a chance to ask questions. Arrive at the Mosque at 12:30pm and the visit will conclude by 2:00pm. A coach is being organised with St Catherine's School. If you would like a seat on the coach, please add your name to the sign-up list at the back of the church.

### A date for your diaries:

Friday 3rd March, 7:00pm – Come to Supper in Holy Trinity Parish Room. “Three Ladies, Three Faiths” – come and hear more about the Hindu, Muslim and Christian faith perspective, followed by a Hindu devotional dance. See the Parish Magazine for more details.

More details about regular Sunday services at Holy Trinity, Bramley and St Andrews, Grafham as well as all other regular events at Holy Trinity can be found at [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

### **Bramley Music**

Come to Holy Trinity Church Bramley on Saturday 3rd February at 7:00pm – for the next Bramley Music concert “In Celebration of Friendship”. It is in support of the local charity Dan’s Fund for Burns, and promises an enchanting medley from La Boheme to Bernstein, Liszt to Lerner & Loewe, and Mozart to Monteverdi – an evening of duets, arias and solos through the ages, with something for everyone, opera, songs from the shows, and even some jazz piano. We are delighted to welcome Danae Eleni (soprano), Edward Saklatvala (tenor) and Kimon Pallikaropoulos (piano). 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 Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or can be reserved via Stuart White on [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645.

### **Come and join the Wintershall Community Choir!**

Weekly rehearsals recommence at 7:00pm on Wednesday 10th January on the beautiful Wintershall Estate a little south of Bramley, and last until 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome, whether you are an experienced singer or whether you have been told you cannot sing – discover that you have a voice after all! There will be no subscription for the Winter term, and we anticipate the subscription for the Summer term will equate to £3 per session. We perform a wide variety of music. There is a performance at the end of each term to aim for, and we have a lot of fun on the way! If you or any of your friends might be interested, please contact Stuart White on [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645.

### **Wonersh and District Garden Club**

A new committee has been elected and have several changes planned, including changing the timing of the meetings to evenings. The meetings will now take place at 7:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month (with the exception of January and August) in Wonersh Memorial Hall.

Newcomers and past members will be welcomed to a programme of interesting speakers as well as Spring and Autumn Shows in April and September. The first 2018 meeting is at 7:30pm on Wednesday 7th February, with an illustrated talk by the club’s new secretary Miss Sally Schuck, entitled ‘Tree Pests – Current and Potential Threats’. Plus a Snowdrop Competition (a vase of 5 snowdrops – 30p per entry).

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Best wishes and Merry Christmas!

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