



# 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

- Monday 5th March – Bramley Showcase. Meet the local clubs and societies. All welcome. 8:00pm in the Village Hall.
- Friday 9th March – Chilworth Community Cinema showing of "Lincoln". More details below.
- Saturday 10th March – St Catherine's Association Choir Concert, Holy Trinity Church Guildford. More details below.
- Tuesday 13th March – Celebrating 100 years of Votes for Women talk by Parliament Artist-in-Residence, Mary Branson. 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. More details below.
- Tuesday 13th March – Free Mindfulness taster session from 8:00pm in Bramley Library meeting room. See below for more details.
- Tuesday 13th March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 22nd March – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 24th March – Bramley History Society talk "Heath Robinson - an illustrated talk". More details below
- Tuesday 27th March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 21st April – Godalming Band's Spring concert in Bramley Village Hall. More details below.
- Thursday 26th April – Bramley Infant School annual Bridge afternoon. More details below.
- Sunday 20th May – Bramley Village Fete CHANGE OF DATE!

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 February, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Local policing
- Progress of the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan
- Parking issues and speed of traffic on the A281
- Vegetation clearance on the Downs Link
- Communications within our community.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website. The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 22nd March. 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 and on parish noticeboards one week prior to the meeting.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **Bramley Showcase, TONIGHT at 8:00pm in the Village Hall**

The local clubs, societies and voluntary organisations are an important part of what makes Bramley such a vibrant community. Not only do they provide recreational and social facilities, they also enable residents to meet with like-minded others.

The Bramley Showcase is an annual event run by the Bramley Village Society where clubs, societies and organisations set out their wares in the Village Hall. To help the evening along, we provide a free glass of wine, Bramley cider, or a soft drink on your arrival.

Everyone is welcome to drop in, so why not come and socialise with other residents.

The Village Society is particularly keen that new residents find out what is available in Bramley, so if you have new neighbours who may not have signed up to the Bramley Update, please encourage them to attend the Bramley Showcase – it's a fun evening, and an easy way to get integrated into village life.

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Bramley's annual village fete takes place in May and Bramley Library aims to have a show-stopping selection of donated books for sale at the book stall. Consider the fete book stall the perfect recycling opportunity. If you have books in good condition that need a new home, donate them to Bramley Library to make space for new book bargains you'll pick up at the fete! Book donations in manageable-sized boxes or bags are welcome at the library. If you have lots of books to donate, please send an email to [bramleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bramleylibrary@gmail.com) and we'll get in touch to coordinate collection with you.

As Easter approaches Bramley Library is planning its Easter themed activities. There will be an on-going egg hunt and craft activities in the library with another of our very popular Story Time events on 10th April at 2:00pm. We hope to see you!

### **Chilworth Community Cinema**

Chilworth Community Cinema, formed in October 2017, shows films chosen by its audience on the second Friday of every month in Chilworth Village Hall, New Road, Chilworth at 8:00pm (doors open 7:15pm).

The next film is Lincoln (directed by Steven Spielberg and starring Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field and Tommy Lee Jones) on Friday 9th March. Entry costs £5 on the door. Beer, wine and ice creams can be purchased before the showing and in the interval when tea, coffee and hot chocolate can also be bought. The purchase of refreshments includes a ticket for the night's raffle.

Further details can be obtained by e-mailing Diane Kenny on [cccinema17@outlook.com](mailto:cccinema17@outlook.com).

### **Celebrating 100 years of Votes for Women**

Mary Branson, Artist-in-Residence at Parliament, will give a talk about the creation of her new, permanent exhibit there. The exhibit, 'New Dawn', celebrates the struggle for votes for women.

The talk is taking place at Holy Trinity, Bramley, on Tuesday 13th March at 7:00pm. The £10 ticket price covers a finger buffet and a glass of wine.

Tickets can be reserved by ringing Mary Hainline on 01483 898626, or can be purchased at Robertson's on Bramley High Street. All proceeds go to Grafham Rooms and St Andrew's Church, Grafham.

**Free Mindfulness Taster Session with Claire Garthwaite, mindfulness teacher and medical doctor**  
Tuesday 13th March, 8:00 to 8:45pm in the Bramley Library meeting room.

Come and find out what mindfulness is and how neuro-scientific training can help you improve resilience, handle stress better, relax more deeply.

A chance to hear about the scientific evidence behind mindfulness, ask questions and experience a mindfulness exercise for yourself.

Email [claire@withmindfulness.co.uk](mailto:claire@withmindfulness.co.uk) if you would like to come to the taster session or find out about an 8-week mindfulness course. More details can be found at [www.withmindfulness.co.uk](http://www.withmindfulness.co.uk).

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

St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning, Tuesday 6th March, 9:45am to 11:45am

For more information, contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [sally.manhire@stcatherines.info](mailto:sally.manhire@stcatherines.info).

St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning, Wednesday 7th March, 9:15am to midday

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

The following Music Department events are all held in the School Auditorium and there is no need to pre-book tickets:

- Chamber Music Concert – Monday 5th March, 7:00pm
- Woodwind & Brass Sectional Concert – Monday 12th March, 7:30pm
- Leavers' Recitals – Monday 26th March, 7:30pm

Baby Cats Classics – Friday 16th March, 9:45am to 10:45am in the Prep School Library.

'Chansons des Chatons' – a special singalong in French. Suited to children 2 years and above. Admission is free but spaces must be reserved in advance by emailing [prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info).

### St Catherine's Association Choir Concert

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

The Association Choir at St. Catherine's School will be performing two remarkable and flamboyant Baroque master pieces on Saturday 10th March 2018, at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. Tickets £15 (£10 children & students). Book online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3320569](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3320569) or call 0800 4118881.

### Job advertisement: Sports Club Assistants (casual hours)

St Catherine's is looking for Sports Club Assistants to work casual hours including weekends and evenings. Life guard training will be given if needed.

For further details and an application form, please visit the School website at [www.stcatherines.info/StaffVacancies](http://www.stcatherines.info/StaffVacancies) or email the HR Assistant, Mrs Netty Creswell, on [jobapplications@stcatherines.info](mailto:jobapplications@stcatherines.info).

### **84-year-old Bramley resident Annie walks for Parkinson's UK**

Two days before her 84th birthday, on Sunday 11th March, Annie Morris will walk from her home in Bramley to Guildford. Annie hopes to raise awareness for Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB), a disease suffered by her husband Dan, and to generate vital funds for research.

DLB is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's Disease or Parkinson's Disease. Lewy Bodies are abnormal protein deposits in the brain which cause it to deteriorate. The deterioration causes Parkinson's-like symptoms of

mobility (but not necessarily the typical Parkinson's tremor), sleep problems and hallucinations. The condition has massive effects on the patient's quality of life. Dan was once a fiercely independent man, but he unfortunately now relies on 24-hour care.

This is the second most frequent cause of age-related neuro-degenerative dementia. Currently there is no cure for Dementia with Lewy Bodies. Although around 130,000 people are thought to suffer from this devastating disease in the UK, there is little general awareness of it.

This 3-mile journey might be a stroll in the park for some, but for Annie it presents multiple challenges: she herself suffers from arthritis, hip, knee and back problems and she is dependent on a rollator to walk.

Annie would be delighted with any donation or even just a cheer of encouragement on the day of the walk itself. She will be leaving Bramley at 9:30am.

For more details about Dan & Annie's journey and to make a donation, please visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nannyannie](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nannyannie).

### **Surrey Police desk in Godalming to close**

From the end of March, the Surrey Police counter at the Waverley Borough Council offices in Godalming will be closing. The nearest front counter for this area will now be at Guildford and will be open from 8:00am to 10:00pm.

### **Bramley History Society**

Bramley History Society's next meeting takes place on Saturday 24th March – "William Heath Robinson", an illustrated talk by Michael Miller.

Heath Robinson for a time lived locally in Cranleigh and was known for his eccentricity and innovation. The talk takes place in St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall from 2:30pm and will be followed by tea and chat. Admission is £2 for Members and £3 for Visitors.

A few of The Bramley 2018 Calendar, with historic pictures of Bramley are available at a reduced price of £3. Publications including The Bramley Record for each year from 1914 to 1917 are available at £2.50 each and Bramley's Home Front (A village in Surrey During WWII) at £7.50.

All publications will be available at our meetings or from Jill or Gordon on 01483 892911 or [gordonbryant471@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonbryant471@btinternet.com).

The History Society are researching The Bramley Flower Show, also known as The Bramley Cottage Garden Show. They know it ran from the 1890's to the 1950's and are looking for memories / programmes / prize cards that they can copy and preserve – any trophies out there to photograph? Any photos of information gratefully received. Again, contact Jill or Gordon on 01483 892911 or [gordonbryant471@btinternet.com](mailto:gordonbryant471@btinternet.com).

New researchers and members are more than welcome at any time.

### **Godalming Band's Spring Concert, Saturday 21st April at 7:00pm**

Experience some classic pieces from the world of film and TV music at Godalming Band's concert this spring. Proceeds from the evening will help fund the band's new set of uniforms, which replaced the band's 25-year old 'blues'.

Held at Bramley Village Hall, doors open at 6:30pm for 7:00pm start. Tickets are £6 for adults, £3 for under 16s, and may be reserved via Dominic Cleal on 01483 355129 or [pro@godalming.band](mailto:pro@godalming.band).

### **Update from Bramley Infant School**

The Annual Bridge afternoon is taking place on Thursday 26th April, from 2:15pm to 5:15pm in Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School Hall. Doors open at 2:00pm and players are kindly asked to bring along a table, a cloth and cards. Tea will be served during the afternoon with a variety of fresh sandwiches and home-made cakes. There will also be a raffle with goodies to be won and a home-baked cake stall. This very popular event is now

in its 10th year and all profits raised go to Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School. Last year the event raised nearly £600 which was very gratefully received by the school and together with other funds raised by the PTFA this was put towards iPads and books for the school, as well as contributing towards the new playground and gardens. The children love their new playground and outdoor environment.

To reserve a table (and places are limited) please send a cheque for £40 payable to 'Bramley Infant School PTA' to Melissa Norton at 3 Eastwood Road, Bramley, GU5 0DY. You can contact Melissa for more information - either by email at [meltag@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:meltag@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone 01483 493880.

### **S is for SINGING! – Sunday 29th April 2018 in Bramley Village Hall**

Junior & Adult Singing Workshops directed by Sarah Poole

#### Juniors (10:00am to 1:00pm)

A three-hour session ideal for ages 7-16 years with the main focus on enjoying singing in an enthusiastic and encouraging atmosphere. This will include fun exercises, rounds, simple songs and easy ensemble pieces. The workshop will concentrate on building confidence and enjoyment of singing and help each participant to discover their vocal capabilities. Music will include Disney favourites alongside music from the shows and everyone will receive a certificate of participation at the end of the workshop. Make friends, have fun and learn some new skills. No previous experience is necessary.

#### Adults (2:00pm to 5:00pm)

An afternoon of ensembles, aspects of solo singing and vocal coaching to help you understand and develop your voice. Tutored by International soprano and teacher Sarah Poole, this relaxed and highly encouraging course will focus on general vocal techniques notably breathing, posture, articulation, interpretative and presentational work. There will be an opportunity to work within an ensemble alongside a session with advice on how to learn new songs and develop your singing skills. Whether you are a beginner or more experienced singer, this course is suitable for anyone who has a passion for singing and would like to release their inner voice. Everyone is welcome and the Adult Workshop is ideal for ages 17 years and above.

The Junior Workshop costs £15.00, Adult Workshop £20.00 (both include refreshments).

For more information, telephone 01963-370051 or email [doublebass@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:doublebass@tiscali.co.uk).

### **Bramley Fete – CHANGE OF DATE**

The date of the 2018 Bramley Fete has been changed to SUNDAY 20th MAY, 12:00pm to 4:00pm (not Saturday 19th as previously advertised). This change has been made to avoid a diary clash with not only the Royal Wedding but also the FA Cup Final.

### **Pilates in Bramley**

Pilates classes for mixed ability take place at:

- Bramley Library meeting room on Tuesdays, 12:00pm to 1:00pm
- Bramley Village Hall on Tuesday evenings (6:30pm beginners and 7:35pm for intermediate level)
- 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).

### **Bramley Cricket Club welcomes new players of all ages and abilities for the 2018 season.**

Why not come along to winter nets on a Wednesday evening (8:00-9:00pm at Charterhouse School) to develop those cricketing skills in a relaxed and friendly environment?

Bramley CC offers a range of standards and cricket formats for all to enjoy. From mid-April through to September, the Club fields two League sides on a Saturday, has friendly fixtures on a Sunday, T20 games on a Wednesday evening and training on a Thursday evening. The Club also has a highly regarded junior Colts section with training and league matches on a Sunday morning (both boys and girls teams).

Please contact Jon Vocking if interested ([vocking2@gmail.com](mailto:vocking2@gmail.com); 07970 981 474).

## **Update from Holy Trinity Bramley**

### What have you given up for Lent?

This Lent why not fill an old jam-jar (or two) with some money to donate to WaterAid? Just £5 could pay for a tap so that children can have access to clean water. Having a tap will mean that some children won't have to miss school to walk for up to an hour to fetch just one bucket of dirty water up to four times every day. So pick up a jar sleeve from church during Lent and fill up a jam-jar with spare change!

### Mothering Sunday

Come and join us in church at 9:45am on Sunday 11th March for a Family Service. There'll be a posy of flowers to give to all the Mums in church!

### Next Bramley Music event

A Grand Night Out - Saturday 17th March at 7:00pm. A musical extravaganza hosted by Sir Richard Stilgoe, with performances by past and present students of the Orpheus Centre. Don't miss it! Details at [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk) or in the Parish Magazine.

### Easter Services

- Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday  
9:45am – Palm procession and Sung Holy Communion. The Procession with palms will meet in St Catherine's Prep School Car Park
- Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th March  
8:00pm Night Prayer, with Address
- Thursday 29th March – Maundy Thursday  
8:00pm Holy Communion, with foot-washing and vigil
- Friday 30th March – Good Friday  
10:00am Hot Cross Bun Service and Messy Church  
1:30-3:00pm At the Foot of the Cross
- Sunday 1st April – Easter Sunday  
8:00am Holy Communion  
9:45am Family Communion service with Easter Egg hunt  
11:15am Holy Communion at St Andrew's Grafham

The next Mindfulness session is on Monday 26th March from 9:30-10:30am in church. Everyone is welcome and no previous experience is needed.

The Coffee Stop is open in the Parish Room on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00am.

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Best wishes

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