



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 10th April – Storytime at Bramley Library. More details below.
- Thursday 19th April – Bramley Parish Council Annual Assembly. 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
- Saturday 21st April – Open Morning at Bramley Golf Club. More details below.
- Saturday 21st April – Godalming Band's Spring Concert, 7:00pm in Bramley Village Hall
- Saturday 21st April – Bramley Music's "Rising Stars" piano recital, 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Bramley
- Monday 23rd April – St George's Day Dinner, 7:00pm for 7:30pm at the Jolly Farmer - for tickets see below
- Tuesday 24th April – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 8th May – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Sunday 20th May – Bramley Fete. 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Gosden Common and the 5th annual Bramley Fell Race at 1:00pm

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 March, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Co-option of new Parish Councillor. Tom Hughes was co-opted onto the Council and we look forward to working with him. More details about Tom are included below.
- Progress of the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan
- Replacement of open-topped bins in Bramley village. Members agreed to ask Waverly Borough Council to replace 5 open-topped bins with closed ones. 3 of these replacements will be funded by Bramley Parish Council.

Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Parish Council website. The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 19th April. This meeting is our Annual Assembly where the Chairman will deliver the Council's annual report. It will take place in the main Village Hall from 7:30pm. 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.

### **Police matters**

There have been a couple of criminal matters of particular concern occurring in Bramley over the last month:

- Elderly and more vulnerable people have been targeted by 2 young males with Irish accents whilst leaving the Kingfish takeaway on the High Street by demanding they hand over their food. On one occasion they were seen leaving in a pick-up vehicle in the direction of Cranleigh. Police are interested in knowing whether other members of the public have been approached. If you know anything about this, please inform the Police by telephoning 101.
- There have been increased occurrences of so-called "Nottingham Knockers" in Bramley. Named after a scam originating in Nottingham, young people travel across the UK targeting a town at a time. They knock at doors and claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, before trying to sell the householder everyday household products at very high prices.

Police always advise residents to refrain from buying at the doorstep and not to buckle to pressure from salespeople offering supposedly one-off 'buy it now' low prices. However, often kind-hearted residents feel they are helping the Nottingham Knockers to turn their lives around so agree to buy their wares. Some UK regions have discovered a notable rise in burglaries during the times their local areas were being visited by such groups.

We strongly urge you not to purchase goods from door-to-door salesmen, and to inform Surrey Police by calling 101 if you are visited by anyone trying to sell you goods. If needed, the Police will act by increasing patrols in the area.

### **Decision on Dunsfold Park planning application**

We're sure you will all have heard the news by now, but in case you haven't; the Secretary of State last week endorsed Waverley Borough Council's decision to grant planning permission for a new settlement at Dunsfold Park, which includes 1,800 new homes, a new school, community centre, business space and supporting infrastructure.

Despite all of our best efforts, this is not the decision we were hoping for. You can see the full details of the decision on the Parish Council website, or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **New Councillor – Tom Hughes**

Tom was officially co-opted onto the Parish Council at our meeting in March. A Linersh Wood resident, Tom tells us that he is keen to make a difference to Bramley. As he heads towards a new phase in his life with retirement planned later this year, he feels this is a great opportunity after 39 years of work to contribute to village life.

Tom tells us: "I have a strong desire to give back to my community, to continue the good works of the Parish Council and create a village environment in which all in the community can prosper, be engaged and feel councillor's listen, support and act on their behalf."



Tom is hitting the ground running and I'm sure you'll see him out and about in the Parish and at a variety of village events over the coming months. Welcome Tom!

### **Major roadworks planned on New Pond Road, Compton**

Although not within Bramley, we thought you would like to know about planned roadworks that may have an impact on your commute. Network Rail is closing part of New Pond Road (B3000) from 23rd April to 13th July 2018 while they replace the railway bridge.

These works will replace the masonry arch bridge which carries the road over the railway. The current arch structure was not designed for the current heavy vehicle loads and previous strengthening is no longer effective.

There will be a clearly signed diversion route in place during these works. More detailed road diversion maps will be provided by Surrey Highways shortly. Further information about the works and the diversion route (when published) can be found on the Surrey County Council website or by contacting the Parish Clerk.

### **Inconsiderate parking**

The Parish Council regularly receives reports from residents about inconsiderate parking within Bramley and whilst we have limited powers to do anything about it, we always try to solve the issue. You may not be aware that YOU can also help with this. Surrey County Council pay more heed to requests for additional parking restrictions based on the number of complaints they receive. Once such example in Bramley is on Snowdenham Lane, where cars often park in a dangerous location at the end of the row of houses on the left-hand side (after Mole Cottage). Last year, the Parish Council asked Surrey Highways to consider imposing parking restrictions in this location (e.g. double yellow lines). This proposal was considered by the Parking Review team, but at that time was not deemed to be sufficiently dangerous for any action to be taken. We know residents feel differently however – when a car is parked in this location it is almost impossible for approaching cars to see past it and could cause a serious collision.

If you have any particular parking concerns – on Snowdenham Lane or anywhere else – we urge you to report them to Surrey Highways on their website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks/network-rail-bridge-replacement-works-new-pond-road-compton](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks/network-rail-bridge-replacement-works-new-pond-road-compton). If possible, please also inform the Parish Clerk by emailing [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com), so we can keep track of all of your concerns.

### **Update from Bramley Library**

At the Bramley Fete in May 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.

Our Easter themed activities continue with another of our popular Story Times (including crafts, with coffee/tea available for the responsible adults). It takes place on Tuesday 10th April starting at 2:00pm. This will give you the opportunity to admire our Easter Tree and the new blinds in the junior section of our lovely village library; though why wait till then? Come sooner, we have just had a supply of new books and our 3 for 2 DVD offer runs throughout the Easter holidays.

### **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 A Street Cat Named Bob (directed by Roger Spottiswoode and starring Luke Treadaway, Ruta Gedmintas, Joanne Froggatt and Bob the Cat as himself) on Friday 13th April. 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).

### **Anyone for Golf?**

Bramley Golf Club will be holding an Open Morning on Saturday 21st April from 10:00am to 2:00pm. The event will include free coaching sessions (pre-booking advised) and assessments, as well as pitching and putting lessons/competitions. Men, Ladies and Juniors are all welcome. Call 01483 892696 or email [secretary@bramleygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bramleygolfclub.co.uk).

### Ladies – it's time to get into golf!

It's fun, active and sociable. Come along and give it a try at Bramley Golf Club, one of the prettiest golf clubs in Surrey, with a FREE taster morning on 26th or 27th April. Clubs and balls will be supplied but come comfortably dressed wearing trainers. Two hours free coaching from 10:00am to 12:00pm and complimentary refreshments.

Spaces are limited so call Nick English on 01483 893685 or email [proshop@bramleygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:proshop@bramleygolfclub.co.uk).

### **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).

### **Bramley Music**

The next concert in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, is a Piano Recital on Saturday 21st April at 7pm. It is the 'Rising Stars' concert for 2018, in conjunction with the Royal College of Music, in support of the RCM Scholarship Fund, which aims to ensure that financial circumstances do not prevent talented students from fulfilling their potential. Graduate Russian pianist Varvara Tarasova (<http://varvaratarasova.com>) will play music to include Mozart's Allegro 'Sophie and Constanze, Debussy's 'Suite bergamasque' (which includes the famous 'Clair de lune'), transcriptions by Rachmaninoff of Fritz Kreisler's well known tunes 'Liebesleid' and 'Liebesfreud', Schumann's Carnival, and Chopin's 'Heroic' Polonaise. Holy Trinity's superb Steinway Grand Piano will also play its part in making this a very special occasion! 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 ([stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645).

### **St Georges Day Dinner**

The Bramley Village Society's annual dinner to mark St Georges Day will be held in the Jolly Farmer, 7:00pm for 7:30pm, on Monday 23rd April.

Meet in the bar for a drink before sitting down with other local residents for a Jolly Farmer roast dinner.

Tickets are £22 per person to cover the cost of the meal and are available from Joe O'Connell, phone 01483 894250, email [joe.bramley@gmail.com](mailto:joe.bramley@gmail.com).

### **5th Bramley Fell Race 2018**

It's back for a record 5th year, the Toughest event in Bramley (OK, barring getting a lock in at the Jolly Farmer!), the Bramley Fell Race rocks into town, Sunday 20th May at 1:00pm, Gosden Common, Bramley as part of the wonderful Village Fete.

Real celebrity line up this year as Top Australian batsmen undertake community service (joke!). Seriously, after last year's success and record breaking performances, it is going to be a bumper Year!

The team have also moved into the digital age and entries are available online at pre Brexit prices of £5. Entries on the day will be accepted but please arrive early to avoid disappointment!

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bramley-fell-race-2018-surrey-tickets-43969305376](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bramley-fell-race-2018-surrey-tickets-43969305376).

So even if you are not running then please pass this on to your friends and if struggling go for family. The pitch is, it is only 2 miles and that there is a well-stocked Beer tent post-race!

They are looking for Marshalls, so if you can spare no more than an hour that will be greatly appreciated. Email Dave Maughan, [davemaughan180@hotmail.com](mailto:davemaughan180@hotmail.com).

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

Details about regular services and events at Holy Trinity, can be found at [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

The next Mindfulness session is on Monday 30th April from 9:30am to 10:30am, taking place in church. Everyone is welcome, and no previous experience is needed.

### May dates for your diary

- Friday 4th May - following the postponement of the March supper due to bad weather, Three Ladies, Three Faiths Interfaith Supper, Holy Trinity Parish Room, 7:00pm. Full details in the April Parish Magazine
- Saturday 12th May – Plant and Cake Sale at Summerpool House, 10:00am to 12:00pm. If you'd like to help, or would like more information, please contact Ann Campbell - 893234 or Wendy Williams - 892591
- Saturday 26th May – By kind permission of Richard and Frances Clark, Open Garden at Snowdenham House, 2:00pm to 5:00pm. All proceeds to support the Chase Shooting Star Children's Hospice and Holy Trinity Church. Advance booking is essential. Full details in the April Parish Magazine or on the Holy Trinity Bramley website.

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

Jennifer Bate Organ Academy Concert – Saturday 14th April at 4:15pm

Choral Evensong in the Chapel conducted and accompanied by the participants of the Jennifer Bate Residential Organ Academy. No need to pre-book tickets.

### The St Catherine's Association Rock Choir

St Catherine's is once again inviting you to be part of their Association Rock Choir and Band. Don't just sing in the car or the shower, come and join the choir!

The first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 2nd May in the Auditorium from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. Even if you are not sure if you can sing, go along to the first rehearsal and find out more. The Choir will be singing "Human" by Rag'n'Bone Man, which is a great, catchy tune, and music will be supplied.

There will be 4 rehearsals before the Choir performs at the Rock and Jazz Concert on 25th May 2018. If you would like to join, please email [dawn.pilkington@stcatherines.info](mailto:dawn.pilkington@stcatherines.info).

St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning – Thursday 3rd May, 9:45am to 11:45am (Reception entry only)

Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [sally.manhire@stcatherines.info](mailto:sally.manhire@stcatherines.info).

St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning – Friday 4th May, 9:15am to midday

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

**Open Garden and Art** – Friday 11th May to Sunday 13th May, 9:00am to 8:00pm

Mary Hainline is again opening her idyllic walled garden free of charge to the public, and is looking forward to welcoming you. There will be art and gifts, plus tea, cakes and raffle, all donations going to the SW Surrey branch of the Motor Neurone Association.

Location: Pentire, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley GU5 0AT (a minute's walk from the A281 roundabout). Contact Mary on 01483 898626, or at [maryhainline@gmail.com](mailto:maryhainline@gmail.com) or visit [www.MaryHainline.com](http://www.MaryHainline.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).

### **Bramley History Society**

The following publications are available:

- The Bramley Record is our magazine, produced each year covering notes and articles of local history. The last three magazines each cover a year of the Great War. Each of these are available at £2.50 and the final year, 1918, is being researched at this time and will be available at the end of this year.
- Bramley's Home Front (A village in Surrey during WWII) at £7.50.
- Holy Trinity Bramley (the Church and its Bells) at £8.99.

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

### Research:

The Bramley Flower Show, also known as The Bramley Cottage Garden Show, was a vast event. The History Society knows it ran from the 1890's to the 1950's and is 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).

The Society is also still collecting and researching Bramley WW1. If you have any photos or family stories, please let Jill or Gordon.

The History Society look forward to seeing you at the Bramley Fete and their meetings and talks which will recommence in September.

**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).

### **U3A Womersh**

Hugh Turrell-Clark's subject for his art history lecture this month will be the art of Venice up to 1550 – beginning at 2:30pm on Tuesday 10th in Bramley Village Hall. The Family History Group meeting on Thursday 12th takes the unusual form of a presentation by Judy Davies, who has entertained the group before, of an animated slideshow entitled "Pressed or Volunteer – The Story of a Boatswain" which should be of interest to a wide audience: starting at 2:30pm in the Lawnsmead Hall. Also at Lawnsmead, the Listening to Music Group

will hear a recital of classical music on DVD – at 2:00pm on Tuesday 17th – and the Photography Group will be looking at Shadows and Patterns – at 2:30pm on Thursday 26th.

This is no more than a limited selection of Wonersh U3A's activities this month: you can find details of the full programme on the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>. And if you would like a copy of the 2018 Yearbook, please ring Cilla Morris, the Secretary, on 01483 892348. Guests are always welcome to come along and sample any event in the programme.

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May at 7:30pm in The Memorial Hall. BBC Radio Surrey's "Dig It" gardening expert Steve Bradley will give a talk and demonstration on 'Plant Propagation'.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 6th June, John Negus talk is entitled 'A Carribean Calypso'.

For further information contact the Chairman 01483 893627

### **Wonersh Village Fair, Sunday 1st July 2018**

Arrangements are well under way for this year's Wonersh Fair, but it is not too late for YOU to VOLUNTEER TO HELP or apply to run a stall.

The committee are looking for volunteers on the day to help set up, run a stall and clear up at the end. Even an hour would be greatly appreciated. Attractions this year will again include all the fun of the fair and usual stalls with many activities for children.

If you are able to help, please call Anne Powell-Evans on 01483 504129 or Hannah Neale on 01483 893989; or email: [wonershvilagefair@hotmail.com](mailto:wonershvilagefair@hotmail.com). You can also find them on Facebook at Wonersh Village Fair.

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