



# 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

- Saturday 9th April – Storytime at Bramley Library from 2:00pm to 3:30pm.
- Tuesday 16th April – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 20th April – 'Try Bowls/Open-house', 2:00pm to 6:00pm at Bramley Bowls Club. More details below.
- Tuesday 23rd April – St George's Supper. 7:00pm for 7:30pm at the 'Jolly Farmer'. More details below.
- Thursday 25th April – Bramley Parish Council Annual Assembly. 7:30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.
- Thursday 25th April – Bramley Infant School annual Bridge afternoon. More details below.
- Saturday 27th April – Open Day at Bramley Golf Club. More details below.
- Tuesday 30th April – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 2nd May – Waverley Borough Council elections. The polling station will be at Bramley Village Hall, which will be open from 7:00am to 10:00pm on the day..
- Saturday 11th May - Bramley Music concert with the Milan Trio from 7:00pm in Holy Trinity church, Bramley.
- Saturday 18th May – Bramley Village Fete. 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Gosden Common.

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 meeting in March, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Ownership of Gosden Common  
Following the report in the March issue of Bramley Update, thank you to those people who contacted the Parish Clerk to give their views on the possible transfer of ownership of Gosden Common from Guildford Borough Council to Bramley Parish Council. Members discussed the feedback in the meeting and agreed

to fund the valuation of the common that Guildford BC need to carry out. Depending on the outcome of this valuation, this matter will be progressed later in the year.

- The Clerk reported that she has ordered a new streetlight to replace the one that was knocked down on Horsham Road. This should be installed during April, after which time UK Power Networks will connect it to the power supply.
- Various grounds matters were discussed. The Clerk has ordered a sweeping machine to be used primarily to sweep the Downs Link to keep it clear of leaves and mud. In addition, the Parish Council is considering funding the installation of dog waste bins along the Downs Link.

The full minutes of the meeting are available on the Parish Council website.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 25th April. This meeting is our Annual Assembly where the Chairman will deliver the Council's annual report. We have invited our Neighbourhood Policing team to attend to give a presentation on Policing in Bramley. The meeting 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. Refreshments will be available after the meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting.

### **Parish Council Elections**

Just before going to press we heard the news that 9 candidates have put themselves forward for the Parish Council elections taking place on Thursday 2nd May. As there are 9 seats available on the Parish Council, the election is uncontested. The Members of Bramley Parish Council from May 2019 will be:

- Maurice Byham
- Tony Coleman
- Martin Foley
- Tom Hughes
- Patrick Leung
- Patrick Molineux
- Richard Seaborne
- Francesca Stern
- Bob Stern

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Come and join in the fun at Bramley Library over the Easter holidays!

From April 6th to 20th take part in our egg hunt and colour a decoration for our Easter tree. We are also holding a Storytime on April 9th from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. It is suitable for 4-8 year olds, siblings are welcome (parental supervision required for youngsters). Story starts at 2:00pm so don't be late!

Bramley Library is again running the book stall at our Village fete and is collecting donations of contemporary fiction, good quality non-fiction and children's books. Books may be brought to the library - in manageable sized boxes would be much appreciated! We regret we are unable to accept donations on the day.

As you are probably aware Bramley Library is staffed entirely by volunteers. In recent weeks Surrey County Council has passed over more responsibility for systems management. This will allow Bramley to offer a better service...but please bear with us while the volunteers gain experience with the new systems!

### **Asian Hornets**

You may have heard about the Asian hornet that's invading our country. This species is a threat to our native pollinators and will heavily impact not just honey bees but all pollinators with devastating results. Crops like tomatoes, beans, gourds and aubergines will be affected as they together with very many other vegetables and flowers rely on insect pollination.

There is a local Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT) in Bramley that members of the public should contact if an Asian hornet is spotted. They were found at Slyfield and Alton last year. Two nests were destroyed in Brockenhurst and on Jersey there are Asian hornets in large numbers.

Bramley residents could be pivotal in finding the Asian Hornet by simply spotting them in gardens, when out for a walk or through using a dedicated trap. The local AHAT team can advise you on what to look for and how to report them. By law any sighting of the Asian hornet must be reported. Visits to gardening or ramblers' association meetings as well as to land owners can be arranged.

The team is seeking sponsorship to cover the costs of traps (about £10 each) and posters. If there's interest, a workshop in the village can be organised to show you how to make your own trap.

If you'd like more information or would like to put a trap in your garden or estate, please contact the team at [ahatgbka@gmail.com](mailto:ahatgbka@gmail.com).

### **Update from Holy Trinity - your local Parish Church**

#### Easter Services

- Sunday 14th April – 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 15th, Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th April  
8:00pm Compline (Night Prayer)
- Thursday 18th April – Maundy Thursday  
8:00pm Holy Communion, with foot-washing and vigil
- Friday 19th April – Good Friday  
1:30-3:00pm At the Foot of the Cross
- Sunday 21st April – Easter Sunday  
8:00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
9:45am Sung Holy Communion service led by The Right Rev'd Jo Bailey Wells, Bishop of Dorking. Followed by an Easter Egg Hunt  
11:15am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at St Andrew's Grafham led by The Right Rev'd Jo Bailey Wells, Bishop of Dorking

Everyone is welcome to attend any of the services.

Details about regular services at Holy Trinity and other events (e.g. Coffee Stop on Mondays, Tuesday Tea and Parish Lunches) can be found in the FREE Parish Magazine and on the website - [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

**Bramley Bowling Club** would like to invite all to their 'Try Bowls/Open-house' roll-up session on Saturday 20th April from 2:00pm until 6:00pm ('ish).

Whether you are an experienced or novice bowler, or would just like to have a go, you'll be welcomed by friendly members at the bowls green and newly refurbished clubhouse/bar located up the lane beside the Bramley Bed Centre (opposite The Coombes, near Bramley Infant School).

Why not just pop in for a chat? Refreshments will be available. Don't worry, it's not an 'old' person's sport, far from it as they have playing members from teens upwards.

If you can't make this date, we have 'roll-up' sessions every Tuesday evening from 6:00pm onwards (weather permitting) from May until September.

Check out the website at [www.bramleybowlingclub.co.uk](http://www.bramleybowlingclub.co.uk).

**Bramley Golf Club** will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 27th April from 11:00am to 4:00pm.

The event will include group coaching sessions on the driving range with the club's PGA Professionals. These sessions are for complete beginners, intermediates and Juniors (please sign-up in advance). No equipment is necessary!

All are welcome to visit the attractive clubhouse and grounds with panoramic views over the majestic Surrey Hills. There will be an opportunity to try out the swing studio, a putting and chipping competition on the practise ground and tours around the golf course on a 4-seater buggy!

The event is FREE to attend. Apply to [secretary@bramleygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@bramleygolfclub.co.uk), call 01483 892696 or visit [www.bramleygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.bramleygolfclub.co.uk) for more information about the day.

**St George's Supper**, Tuesday 23rd April, 7:00pm for 7:30pm at the Jolly Farmer

Come and enjoy a 3-course dinner from the 'Jolly' carvery with other Bramley residents to celebrate St George's Day.

Tickets are £23 per person, available from the Bramley Village Society by emailing [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com) or phone Joe O'Connell on 01483 894250. Advance sales only as number need to be confirmed by a week ahead of the event.

### **Wonersh U3A**

Wonersh U3A activities in Bramley during April include History of Art at Bramley Village Hall on Tuesday 9th, Table Tennis at Bramley Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 17th, Woodcarving on Friday 26th in Bramley Village Hall, and Art on Friday 24th, also at Bramley Village Hall.

This month's coach trip is to Waddesdon Manor, Bucks, on Wednesday 24th, with two pick-up points in Bramley. Going further afield, Monday 29th is the start of Wonersh U3A's five-day Yorkshire Highlights holiday by executive coach, which covers Hardwick hall, Castle Howard, a York river cruise, and a trip on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

Fitness sessions in April include Pilates at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh, on Mondays the 8th, 15th and 29th (note: 22nd is Easter Monday), together with Tai Chi starting a new term on Tuesday 30th for both improvers and intermediates at the same venue. This month's country walk starts at the Drummond Arms, Albury, on Thursday 18th.

For those who also want to keep their minds active, there is French on Friday 5th (with next session overtaken by Good Friday), Book Club on Monday 8th at the Selwyn Room in Wonersh Parish Church, Latin intermediate and advanced at Godalming on Thursdays 11th and 25th, and History at the Selwyn Room, Wonersh Parish Church on Thursday 28th. This month's Listening to Music is on Tuesday 23rd at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh.

Newcomers from all local villages are welcome at any meeting. For the full list of activities for the retired and semi-retired, please contact Cilla Morris on 01483 892348 or visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

**The Bramley Infant & Nursery School Annual Bridge afternoon** is taking place on Thursday 25th April, from 2:15pm to 5:15pm in the School Hall. It's well attended every year and tables are filling up fast! There are some tables of 3 so if you're a single player looking to join a table, please contact the organisers.

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 11th year and all profits raised go to Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School. Last year the event raised £750 which was very gratefully received by the school and together with other funds raised by the PTFA this was put towards classroom resources for learning as well as a Christmas pantomime performance last December. The children love their annual panto to get them into the Christmas spirit!

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.

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

Senior School Open Morning – 9:15am to 12:00pm on Tuesday 30th April.

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

Prep School – Reception Entry Open Morning – 9:45am to 11:45am on Wednesday 1st May.

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

### St Catherine's Association Choir Sings Rock

The choir will be singing 'Galway Girl' by Ed Sheeran. Join in for 4 fun rehearsals – everyone welcome of all singing abilities! Wednesday 1st, 7th, 15th & 22nd May from 7:45pm to 9:00pm.

Performance at the Rock and Jazz Concert on Friday 24th May at 7:30pm in the Auditorium at the school.

Email [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info) to register your interest.

Senior Summer Concert – Thursday 2nd May at 7:30pm in the Auditorium.

No need to pre-book tickets.

Please see [www.stcatherines.info](http://www.stcatherines.info) for all the sporting events and further details of lectures and performances open to the public.

### **Bramley Music**

Come to a very special concert on Saturday 11th May at 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley with the Milan Trio. The members of the trio are Susan Milan (flute – Professor and Fellow of the Royal College of Music, and former Principal flute of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra), Christopher Jepson (cello – graduate of the Royal College of Music, and Co-Principal cello of the Basel Symphony Orchestra, Switzerland) and Daniel King Smith (piano – graduate of the Royal College of Music, and has held accompanist posts at the Royal College of Music, the Royal Academy of Music and the Purcell School). They will play Haydn's Trio in D major, Beethoven's Sonata in A major for 'cello and piano, a Trio by Martinu (a Czech composer), a Sonata for flute and piano by Taktakishvili (a Georgian composer) and Sonata da Camera op 48 for Trio by Pierné (French romantic) – a most attractive programme encompassing both well-known and lesser known composers. The concert will be supporting the GASP Motor Project in conjunction with Gosden House School – extremely worthwhile causes. Tickets are £10 (students and under 18s £5) available in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street; they can also be reserved via Stuart White ([stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645), and they will be available at the door. As usual there will be a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval.

### **Bramley Fete**

Save the date – the Bramley Village Fete is taking place on Saturday 18th May from 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Gosden Common.

Plans for the event are well underway. Please do contact a member of the Fete committee if you are interested in taking a stall or helping out.

For general enquiries – Jane Austin (Fete Chair) on 01483 890651. Non-commercial stalls and sideshows – Amelia Atkinson on 01483 894839. Commercial stalls – Shelley Collinson. All can be contacted by email on [bramleyfete@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyfete@gmail.com).

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

On Wednesday 1st May, John Daniels (Photographer) will be welcomed back with his wonderful photographs and a show entitled 'The Wonder of Birds'.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 5th June the club will be entertaining Ian Currie BA, FRMetS. This well-known weatherman, broadcaster and columnist is best known to us for his monthly forecasts on BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex for gardeners and growers. He will be talking about 'Gales, Greenhouses and Global Warming'.

Bramley Update is usually circulated between the 4th and 7th of each month. If you have a contribution to the content of a future issue, please send it to [bramleyupdate@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyupdate@gmail.com) by the end of the preceding month.

Details about future events taking place in Bramley and its immediate vicinity are welcome, as are news items that would be of interest to residents of Bramley. Adverts for job opportunities and information about events outside of our area will not be published.

Best wishes

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