



# 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

- Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May – Open Garden at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane. More details below.
- Saturday 11th May – Open Garden at Summerpool House from 10:00am to 12:00pm. More details below.
- Saturday 11th May – Bramley Music's Milan Trio concert. 7:00pm in Holy Trinity church, Bramley. More details below.
- Tuesday 14th May – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 16th May – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 18th May – Bramley Village Fete. 12:00pm to 4:00pm on Gosden Common. More details below.
- Tuesday 28th May – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 6th June – Bramley Village Society AGM. 8:00pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All Bramley residents 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**

In April the Parish Council held their Annual Assembly. This gave Chairman Francesca Stern the chance to report on Parish Council activity for the last 12 months. Members of the public also had the opportunity to ask questions to Councillors directly.

The minutes of the Annual Assembly are available on the Parish Council website.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 16th May. This meeting will be the first meeting of the financial year and we will welcome new Member Dr Bob Stern onto the Council. The public are very welcome to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to discuss any matters of interest with

Councillors. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting.

Sue O'Connell, who has sat on the Parish Council since 2005, decided not to stand for election this time around. The Parish Council would like to thank Sue for her outstanding contribution to the Parish over the years, most recently to help save Bramley Library from closure. As I am sure you know, our Library is now a Community Partnered Library, run entirely by volunteers and its continued success is due in no small part to Sue's tireless efforts and enthusiasm. Thank you Sue ... don't be a stranger!

### **Borough Council elections**

Further to the Borough Council elections that took place on 2nd May, Councillors Richard Seaborne and Martin D'Arcy were duly elected to represent the ward of Bramley, Busbridge and Hascombe. We look forward to working with them.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **Highway patching works**

We received notification in April that Surrey Highways would be carrying out pre-patching works to the A281 meaning that a section of the road would be closed overnight on 26th April. These works were either not carried out or not completed, so Birtley Road will be closed once again from Mill Lane to Rooks Hill from **8:00pm on Monday 13th May until 6:00am on Tuesday 14th May.**

### **Open Garden Events in May**

- Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May  
Mary Hainline will be opening her (equally beautiful) walled Victorian garden at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane to the public on each day from 10:00am to 6:00pm. Art and gifts will be available to buy plus tea, cakes and a raffle with all donations going to the SW Surrey branch of Motor Neurone Disease Association. For further information, contact Mary on 01483 898626, email [maryhainline@gmail.com](mailto:maryhainline@gmail.com) or visit [www.maryhainline.com](http://www.maryhainline.com).
- Saturday 11th May  
The beautiful garden at Summerpool House (on the Bramley crossroads), will be open on Saturday 11th May from 10:00am to 12:00pm. There will be Plant and Cake stalls, a Raffle, plus teas, coffee and cakes in the garden. Children welcome. All proceeds to Holy Trinity, Bramley.

### **Bramley Fete 2019 – Saturday 18th May, 12:00pm to 4:00pm, Gosden Common, Bramley**

Don't forget the most important village date for your diary. Come along to eat, drink and be entertained at Bramley Fete.

This year there is a range of fantastic food on offer . . . delicious cakes and bakes, BBQ burgers and sausages, pizza, samosas, hog roast and Thai food. Sample some local ale or wine, sip on a Pimm's or enjoy a 'real' coffee while relaxing with music from local schools, bands and choirs.

There's plenty to keep the kids entertained including dedicated games and races, the infamous tug-of-war and a selection of rides. For anyone looking for some retail therapy, a great selection of local small businesses will be showcasing their wares.

If you would like to help on the day, please get in touch with the Fete Committee at [bramleyfete@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyfete@gmail.com).

Please do support Bramley Fete and our local village by purchasing Grand Draw tickets – available at the Fete on the day, and from local businesses. All proceeds from the Fete and the Grand Draw go to support local community groups and organisations.

We hope to see you there!

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Thank you for your generous donations for the book stall for the village fete. Due to this magnificent response we are unable to accept further donations, nor accept donations on the day.

We have received a large quantity of pristine hardback contemporary thrillers. Some of these will be available at the fete but if you can't wait until then these will be available to buy at the library.

The shifting of the books from storage to fete stall is a big job and sadly we do not have access to a trailer. Should anyone have a trailer which could be used at set up or dismantling of the book stall to transport the books between a house on the common and the stall please email [bramleylibrary@gmail.com](mailto:bramleylibrary@gmail.com). It would be a tremendous help.

Hope to see many of you at the book stall!!

### **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 Village Society Annual General Meeting**

Thursday 6th June at 8:00pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

All Bramley residents are invited to attend and elect the committee for the coming year.

If you would like to join the BVS committee, please contact us at [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com).

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

As usual, Holy Trinity Bramley will be running the Tea Pavilion at the Bramley Fete on Saturday 18th May. The teas are always very popular, so we'll need a lot of cake! Could you bake a cake or two? Please call Gertrude Seaborne - 890550 – or just bring them to the Pavilion on the morning of the Fete.

The Rogation Walk will be held at 11:15am on 26th May, starting from Whibley Manor Farm Shop. A Ploughman's lunch will be served afterwards.

Details about regular Church services and everything else that's going on (Coffee Stop on Mondays, Tuesday Tea and Parish Lunch) can be found in the FREE Parish Magazine, and at <https://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk>.

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

St Catherine's Prep School Open Mornings – 9:45am to 11:45am on Wednesday 1st May (Reception Only) and Friday 7th June. Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [sally.manhire@stcatherines.info](mailto:sally.manhire@stcatherines.info) for more information.

St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning – 9:15am to midday on Wednesday 26th June. Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info) for more information.

### St Catherine's Association Choir sings Rock

The choir will be singing 'Galway Girl' by Ed Sheeran. Join them for 3 fun rehearsals – everyone welcome of all singing abilities! – Wednesday 7th, 15th & 22nd May from 7:45pm to 9:00pm.

They will be performing at the Rock and Jazz Concert on Friday 24th May at 7:30pm in the school Auditorium. Email [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info) to register your interest.

Senior Summer Concert – Friday 3rd May at 7:30pm in the Auditorium. No need to pre-book tickets.

Prep School PTA May Fair – Saturday 11th May, 10:00am to 1:00pm

All are welcome at the traditional School Fair in the grounds of the Prep School. There's plenty to do with fête-style stalls running all morning and commercial stalls selling the most wonderful array of homewares, gifts, clothing and jewellery. Enjoy a coffee or tea and cake, or stay for a BBQ lunch and glass of Pimms. It's fun for all the family!

Informal Concert – Thursday 16th May 7:00pm in the Lower Atrium. No need to pre-book tickets.

Baby Cats Creative – Friday 17th May in the Prep School Gym from 9:30am to 10:30am

Toddler Art to explore playing with colour and getting creative. Aimed at children 2-4 years. Admission is free but spaces must be reserved in advance by emailing [prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info).

### **Sponsored Walk – 2nd June**

The Wey and Arun Canal Trust (WACT) is organising a sponsored walk to raise money for the restoration of the canal and improve areas alongside it to provide a green corridor. This year the walk is on 2nd June and begins at Bramley Village Hall. The walk takes in the Trust's newly acquired length in Birtley which at present is not generally available to the public whilst construction work is ongoing to make a 2 km circular walk for the public. The route follows footpaths to Shamley Green and onwards to Farley Green where lunch is provided.

The afternoon walk takes walkers to Albury Heath, across Blackheath and re-joins the Downs Link to return to Bramley Village Hall for tea and cake. Both morning and afternoon sections are about 6 miles of mainly flat terrain and walker can do either or both sessions. There will be transport for you to return to your car if you only do one session. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

It is possible to just turn up on the day with your sponsor form between 9:00am and 10:30am to check in but it is better for catering purposes to register.

For more information and to register go to <https://weyarun.org.uk/events39> or email [poddle@weyandarun.co.uk](mailto:poddle@weyandarun.co.uk).

### **Wonersh U3A**

As usual, a number of Wonersh U3A activities this month are based in Bramley. These include the very popular Table Tennis session at Bramley Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 15th, Woodcarving at the Village Hall on Friday 17th, and Art on Friday 24th also at the Village Hall.

There are two U3A outings in May. First is a coach trip to Knole House and Park near Sevenoaks, on Wednesday 22nd. The second is an Explore London trip to Glorious Greenwich, with coach and official guide, on Wednesday 29th. Both outings have two coach pick-up points in Bramley.

For those who want to keep their minds active, there is Book Club on Monday 13th at Selwyn Room in Wonersh Parish Church, French on Friday 17th at Turner Room, Lawnsmead, Wonersh, Latin intermediate and advanced at Godalming on Thursdays 9th, 16th and 23rd, and History on Thursday 16th featuring a guided walk around Shere starting at the museum. There is also Bridge at the Turner Room, Lawnsmead, on Tuesday 21st, and Listening to Music on Tuesday 28th at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh. This month's Pub Lunch is at the Park Hatch, Cranleigh on Wednesday 8th.

Fitness sessions include Pilates at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh, on Mondays the 13th and 20th – two Bank Holiday Mondays this month have halved the Pilates activity. Tai Chi enthusiasts have sessions for both improvers and intermediates at the same venue on Tuesdays the 7th, 14th, and 21st. This month's country walk starts at the Crown Inn, Chiddingfold, on Thursday 21st.

Newcomers from all local villages are welcome at any meeting. Information on events and activities for the retired and semi-retired, can be obtained from Cilla Morris on 01483 892348 or by visiting <https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

### **Senior Keep Fit classes**

For those more senior residents who would like to get some exercise, senior Keep Fit classes take place every Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:00pm in Bramley Village Hall. If you are interesting in joining in, contact Kay Wardle on 07960 759365 for more information.

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

Meeting in the Wonersh Memorial Hall at 7:30pm, on Wednesday 5th June the Garden Club will be entertaining Ian Currie BA, FRMetS. The well-known weatherman, broadcaster and columnist, who is best known for his monthly forecasts on BBC Radio Surrey and Sussex for gardeners and growers will be talking about 'Gales. Greenhouses and Global Warming'.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 3rd July, meeting at 6:30pm at the Memorial Hall, there will be a visit to 'Plant Passion' at Clandon.

Also don't forget the Plant Stall at the Wonersh Village Fair on 7th July where any donations of plants will be gratefully received.

For further information, contact the Chairman on 01483 893627. You can also follow the Club on Facebook – search for Wonersh and District Horticultural Society.

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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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