



BRAMLEY UPDATE

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

Welcome to Bramley Update! Something you'd like to put into the next edition, or comments about what you'd like to see in it? Email bramleyparish@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 10th March – After-school crafts at Bramley Library from 3:15pm. More details below.
- Saturday 14th March – Saturday Rhyme Time session at Bramley Library at 11:00am.
- Saturday 14th March – Open Day at Bramley Golf Club. More details below.
- Sunday 15th March – Lent Lunch at St Andrew's church Grafham (more details below).
- Tuesday 17th March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 19th March – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Sunday 22nd March – Mothering Sunday services at 9:45am in Holy Trinity church Bramley and at 10:45am in St Andrew's church Grafham.
- Saturday 28th March – Bramley History Society meeting – illustrated talk on Miss Gertrude Jekyll's Memories – 2:30pm in St Cat's Prep School hall.
- Monday 30th March – Bramley Wheels AGM at 3:00pm, St Thomas More church room.
- Monday 30th March – Bramley Showcase, Village Hall at 8:00pm, all welcome, details below.
- Tuesday 31st March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 23rd April – Bridge Afternoon at Bramley Infant School. More details below.

You can also view local events in the Village Diary at 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 meeting in February, a number of matters were discussed:

- [New facilities for cyclists in the village](#)

We have met with Waverley Borough Council to discuss the installation of a new bike ramp from the Downs Link to Windrush Close as well as a new bicycle rack in the centre of the village. These will be

funded by a grant from Waverley Borough Council and we expect this work will be done in the coming months. Once they are in place, we plan to install some new signage on the Downs Link to direct people to the village. We hope this will encourage users of the footpath from outside of the village to visit our local shops, cafes and pubs.

- Adverse weather

During the recent storms one house on Fisher Rowe Close suffered flood damage and others were perilously close to flooding. We put out a call to our incredible group of “Bramley Dads”, who came within 30 minutes to help those at risk move furniture to safe levels. The willingness of those who were happy to give up their time at a weekend to help those in need was incredible and demonstrates the true meaning of community. Thank you to those who helped on the day as well as to the many others who offered to help.

- Police matters

Our Community Policing team attended the meeting to discuss recent crimes in the parish. Burglaries from sheds and garages are a current problem. A number of residents have had expensive bicycles and tools stolen recently. Police urge all residents to check the security of garden buildings and garages - secure them with the best padlock you can afford - and also to make a note of serial numbers of expensive items (such as bicycles and petrol/power tools) or mark them using a DNA marking kit. If anyone notices anything suspicious, do report it to Surrey Police either online at www.surrey.police.uk or by calling 101.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 19th March. 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.

Parish Council vacancy

Following the resignation of Martin Foley earlier this year, we now have a Councillor vacancy. The statutory period to request that this vacancy be filled by a by-election has now passed, so current Councillors can now co-opt a new member. We are keen to get a new member on board as soon as possible ... so if you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, do contact either:

- the Parish Clerk (bramleyparish@gmail.com or 01483 894138) or
- a councillor (visit www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/councillors/ for contact details).

Information on the role of a Parish Councillor can be viewed at:

www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/news1/. Deadline for applications is Friday 27th March.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Interested in Learning to Play Golf or Join a Local Club?

Bramley Golf Club is hosting an Open Day on Saturday 14th March from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Visitors will have the chance to experience the club's Academy and Junior programme at no cost. The Academy is open to men and women of all ages, the Junior programme for children aged 8-14. Both programmes provide individual and group coaching, pre-arranged tee times and a buddy system.

The club is very active with thriving men's and ladies sections. There are daily roll ups and competitions and a strong social programme so it's easy to integrate and start to meet fellow golfers.

Free Academy and Junior Coaching sessions should be pre-booked before the day or if you would like to play 9 holes then you can also register to do this on the club's website before the day. Visit www.bramleygolfclub.co.uk/open_weekend for more information and to book your place.

Update from Bramley Library

Bramley Fete Book Stall

Do you have books you've read that now need a new home? Bramley Library's volunteers will be running the book stall at Bramley Fete. During the month of March only, we are collecting books to sell: especially items in good condition. Recent fiction, interesting non-fiction, children's books, poetry. If you have books to donate,

please bring them to Bramley Library in March during opening hours. Donations in manageable-sized boxes or sturdy bags-for-life will be particularly welcome. No bin bags please.

Activities for our younger visitors

In addition to the regular Friday morning Rhyme Time sessions we are trialling occasional Saturdays which will be suitable for the under 5s. The first one is on 14th March, followed by another on 11th April, starting at 11:00am for 30 minutes. Our after-school craft sessions have had a flying start and the next session is Tuesday 10th March. Drop in between 3:15pm and 4:30pm but all children must have a responsible adult on the library premises throughout. Also in the Easter holidays another Brilliantbricks session is planned.

We look forward to seeing you at the library, hopefully arriving during this month with book donations!!

New Local Book available

Alan Bott's 116-page masterpiece on Bramley, Grafham, Wonersh and Blackheath churches (the latest in his series on local churches) has arrived. The histories are well-written, erudite, comprehensive and beautifully illustrated. A must for anyone interested in the area.

Copies – £10 each, cash only please – are available from Murray Campbell at Summerpool House (01483 893264 or summerpoolvillage@btinternet.com), in Robertson's Electrical shop, and in the church after services.

Alan has generously borne all the costs of production and has asked that all the proceeds of Bramley sales should be applied for the benefit of the fabric of Holy Trinity.

Bramley History Society

The next meeting is on Saturday 28th March and will include an illustrated talk on Miss Gertrude Jekyll's Memories of Bramley. The meeting is in St Catherine's Prep School Hall and begins at 2:30pm, followed by tea and a chat. Everyone is welcome, entry is £2 for members and £3 for non-members.

Any questions and enquiries to Jill or Gordon on 01483 892911 or bramleyhs1914@gmail.com.

Also on sale will be the newly published "History of the local Churches of Bramley, Grafham, Wonersh and Blackheath" (details above).

Bramley Showcase, Monday 30th March at 8:00pm in the Village Hall

Bramley Showcase is an annual event run by the Bramley Village Society to publicise the varied selection of local clubs and societies to both recent arrivals in the village and more established residents.

As many local clubs and societies as possible are encouraged come and set out their wares in the Village Hall, so that people can see what is available.

All organisations need to recruit new members if they are to continue to thrive, and you can expect to be made very welcome, whether simply as an interested participant in their activities or by eventually getting more involved in helping to run things.

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 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.

If your local club, society, or voluntary organisation hasn't attended the Showcase evening before and would like to this year, please contact the Village Society by email, bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com or phone Joe O'Connell on 01483 893905.

Bramley Infant School Bridge Afternoon

The 12th Annual Bridge afternoon is taking place on Thursday 23rd 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 12th 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 developing the outdoor space as well as classroom resources for learning.

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 or telephone 01483 493880.

Bramley Wheels

The Bramley Wheels AGM will be held on Monday 30th March at 3:00pm in the parish room of St Thomas More church Bramley. Everyone is welcome to attend. New volunteers who would like to find out more about what we do and how they may be able to help are particularly welcome.

If you can't make the AGM but would like to get involved, please email Jo Oakes (joanneoakes@aol.com) or call 01483 898558.

Update from St Catherine's

- St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning: Tuesday 10th March, 9:15am to midday. Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or admissions@stcatherines.info for more information.
- St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning: Thursday 12th March, 9:45am to 11:45am. Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or sally.manhire@stcatherines.info for more information.
- Chamber Music Concert – Thursday 12th March at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. No need to pre-book tickets.
- Baby Cats Spring Special – Friday 20th March from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Prep School Hall. Enjoy the build-up to Easter through music and stories. For babies/toddlers 0-4 yrs. Email to reserve space prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info.
- U6 Recitals Concert – Monday 23rd March at 7:30pm in the Auditorium. No need to pre-book tickets.



Microsoft Office Qualification Offered

Microsoft Word training starting Monday 27th April 12-1pm

St Catherine's School is currently offering daytime training sessions to help adults wanting to return to work. You can become more proficient in the use of Microsoft Office as well as gaining a recognised qualification. Come and reboot your confidence.

Microsoft Word – you can learn the following skills:

- Using sections breaks
- Inserting a table of contents
- Inserting bibliography citation sources, footnotes, endnotes
- Inserting hyperlinks
- Amending line spacing

Microsoft Excel – you can learn the following skills:

- Conditional formatting
- IF formulas and using ranges
- Dealings with groups of data – subtotals, counting
- Filtering data
- Using count formulas

Fully funded places are available. To find out more email mostraining@stcatherines.info or call 01483 893363.

Bramley Music

On Saturday 18th April at 7:00pm come to a piano recital in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley by international concert pianist Maureen Galea, in support of the deserving local charity League of Friends of Milford Hospital. Holy Trinity's superb Steinway Grand will be put through its paces with music by Beethoven and Schubert, and two Czech composers Vorisek (1791-1825) and Novak (1870-1949). Two anniversaries to celebrate – Beethoven's 250th and Novak's 150th! Tickets are £10 (students and under 18s £5), available in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street and at the door, or can be reserved via stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645. A free glass of wine or soft drink is available in the interval.

Lent, Holy Week and Easter at St Andrew's Grafham

On Sunday 15th March there will be a Lent Lunch at 12:15pm following coffee after the service of Holy Communion (1662) at 10:45am at St Andrew's Grafham. It will be a simple meal of bread and cheese with all profits being donated to the Children's Society to help vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people.

Other upcoming services include:

- 22nd March – Mothering Sunday – 10.45am Holy Communion (Common Worship) with distribution of posies.
- 5th April – Palm Sunday – 10.45am Procession with donkey (weather permitting) followed by Morning Prayer.
- 9th April – Maundy Thursday – 8:00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper with vigil until 10:00pm
- 10th April – Good Friday – 2:00pm Reflective service lasting about an hour
- 12th April – Easter Day – 6:00am Greeting the Risen Christ (followed by breakfast) – 10:45am Family Communion Service (Common Worship) with Easter egg hunt

Everybody welcome. Please see the website for more details www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk.

Wonersh U3A

This month's coach outing is on 25th March to Whitchurch Silk Mill and Bombay Sapphire Gin Distillery, both in Hants, with two pick-up points in Bramley. Other sessions in Bramley include Woodcarving & Craft on Friday 20th and Art on Friday 27th, both at the Village Hall.

General sessions include Big Band Music, Book Club, Bridge, History, French, Latin at intermediate and advanced levels, Listening to Music, Mah Jong, Music Making, and Opera for All. There is also a pub lunch at the Sir Roger Tichbourne, Loxwood, on 11th. The very popular fitness sessions continue with Pilates on Mondays, and Tai Chi at beginners, improvers and intermediate levels on Tuesdays, Table Tennis on Wednesday 18th, and a Country Walk starting at Clifton Manor Road, near Pilgrims Way, on 19th.

New members from all local villages are welcome. Information on the full list of Wonersh U3A activities for the retired/semi-retired can be obtained from Cilla Morris on 01483 892348 or by visiting <https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>.

Help your plants and the planet

As the nights get lighter and the air begins to warm, there is no better time to grab your gardening gloves and head outdoors.

This spring, you can enjoy lush green grass while helping new things to grow by making your own supply of nutrient rich compost. Not only is composting the most environmentally friendly way to recycle your garden waste, it will also help to improve soil and make your plants flourish.

It's easier than you think to compost at home, you just need a 50:50 mix of green nitrogen rich ingredients, to add moisture and brown carbon rich ingredients that create air pockets in your compost bin. Green ingredients include grass clippings, vegetable waste, fruit scraps and coffee grounds. While brown ingredients can be dead leaves, branches and twigs.

Surrey residents keen to make a start can buy a discounted compost bin for just £13. You can also buy a discounted food waste digester from £65 which can be used to make compost from all types of food waste.

Visit www.surreyep.org.uk for more composting tips and details about the discounted bins and other ways you can recycle your garden waste.

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 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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