



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 February – Neighbourhood Plan consultation drop-in session. 10:00am to 1:00pm in Bramley Village Hall (more details below).
- Wednesday 13th February – Neighbourhood Plan consultation drop-in session. 10:00am to 1:00pm in Unit 62 at Smithbrook Kilns (more details below).
- Saturday 16th February – Story Time in Bramley Library at 2:00pm.
- Tuesday 19th February – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Wednesday 20th February – Neighbourhood Plan consultation drop-in session. 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Bramley Library (more details below).
- Thursday 21st February – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 16th March – Plants that Changed the World, 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.
- Saturday 16th March – Bramley/Rhens Quiz, 7:30pm in Bramley Village Hall.

You can also view local events in the Village Diary at 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 January, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Waverley Budget
Waverley Borough Council is working through their budget for the 2019/20 financial year. The proposals currently include protecting voluntary sector funding, investment in pavilions and playgrounds and an increase of 2.99% in Waverley's portion of Council Tax. This increase will produce a balanced budget with no planned cuts to services nor increases in parking charges. The budget will be discussed at the February meeting of Waverley Borough Council. The council is forecasting a significant budget shortfall which is expected over the next three years, following 2019/20. To prepare for this, over the next year they will focus on finding further efficiencies, make sensible investments in properties and other assets - including

car parks and sports and leisure facilities - and engage with the county council, parish councils and other partners to come up with innovative ways to address the funding gap.

- **Power outage in December**

Some residents experienced a power cut in December. A useful meeting was held with UK Power Networks during January at which they explained that the cause of the outage was the failure of a component in an electricity substation in Linersh Wood. A temporary repair was made to the circuit and works to carry out a permanent fix will commence on 7th or 8th February. This work will take approximately 2 weeks, but no interruptions to the power supply is anticipated. UK Power Networks apologised to all affected residents. Those who were without power for longer than 12 hours can apply for compensation. Complete the form at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/multiple-outage-payment-bau-form/ to apply.

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

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 21st February. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Neighbourhood Plan statutory consultation – 12th January to 22nd February 2019

To date we have held 3 drop-in sessions in the Parish and a number of residents have come along to discuss the draft Bramley Neighbourhood Plan with us. We have already received some very constructive feedback from many of you. If you'd not had a chance to review the plan as yet, we urge you to do so. You can view it online at www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/bramley-neighbourhood-plan/ or you can read a printed version in Bramley Library, the Jolly Farmer and Wheatsheaf public houses, The Nest coffee shop, Bramley Café or in Bricks Restaurant at Smithbrook Kilns.

There are 3 further drop-in sessions planned:

- 9th February, 10:00am to 1:00pm in Bramley Village Hall
- 13th February, 10:00am to 1:00pm in Unit 62 at Smithbrook Kilns
- 20th February, 6:00pm to 8:00pm in Bramley Library

If you have time, do come to one of the above sessions to give us your views. You can also submit your comments online (follow the link above) or complete the feedback form that you should have received in the post and drop it into the Parish office.

Your opinions are valuable – it's YOUR community and village! Please let us know what you think.

Planned Highways works

Contractors working for the Parish Council will be carrying out scrub clearance works on the land alongside the A281 directly opposite Gosden Common on Tuesday 19th February. Unfortunately as they will be working so close to the road, traffic signals will be in place at that location for one day.

In addition, we have received notification that Southern Gas Networks need to lay a new gas service to a property on the High Street in Bramley (30m south of the junction with Windrush Close). These works will be carried out between 18th and 22nd February (during half term, when volume of traffic is reduced). Two-way traffic lights will be in place during these works.

Update from Bramley Library

We are delighted to have arranged 2 activities over half term in addition to the usual Rhyme Time which takes place every Friday at 11:00am when the library is open. Liz Collins will be doing another of her popular Storytime sessions for children aged between 4 and 7 but siblings are welcome with parental supervision. This event is taking place on Saturday 16th February. There is no need to book, just come along promptly at 2:00pm for the story. The Lego sessions taking place on 19th February are now fully booked.

Identifying power lines (and utility cables/pipes) near your property

At the meeting we had with UK Power Networks, they also informed us that they offer a free service for residents to find out where utilities pipes, cables etc are located near and under their properties. To do this, you can create an account at www.linerearchbeforeudig.co.uk/. If you have any specific questions about the location of power cables with UK Power Networks, or just want to ask for plans of electricity cables (not including any other utilities), you can e-mail plans@ukpowernetworks.co.uk. UK Power Networks will then send you a plan free of charge.

Make a Change, Become a Parish Councillor!

Bramley Parish Council is calling on residents, passionate about their community to stand in the local Parish Council elections in May 2019.

Parish Councillors are champions of the community and give residents a voice on the decisions the council makes. Becoming a councillor will allow you to make a real difference in your community by engaging with residents, local groups and businesses to find out their needs; making decisions on which services and projects the council should take forward; and getting involved locally to ensure the services are meeting your community's needs.

Recent research carried out by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) showed that in the UK:

- the average age of a local councillor is 61
- 25% have served for more than 10 years
- 60% are men
- just 11% are aged under 45

This is why this year's local elections in many parts of the country provide a timely, in fact crucial, opportunity to address this. The research also found that 80% of local councillors would recommend becoming a councillor.

If you have up to 3 hours per week to spare, are over 18, a British citizen and live in Bramley, do contact the Parish Clerk to find out more information on how to stand for the Parish Council election this May.

Plants That Changed the World is the subject of a talk by professional gardener Graham Titchmarsh, Saturday 16th March, 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.

The ticket price of £15 includes a glass of wine and finger buffet. Tickets available at Robertson's in Bramley or contact Mary Hainline on 01483 898626 or via maryhainline@gmail.com.

Proceeds in aid of the Scleroderma & Raynaud's UK Medical Charity and St Andrew's Church, Grafham.

Graham Titchmarsh has been a professional gardener for over 30 years. He had a successful nursery and gardening business in Surrey, with many gardens open to the public. He also worked for the Royal Horticultural Society as a photographer. Now living in Devon with his family, he continues to garden. His photographs frequently appear in horticultural publications and he is a regular contributor on BBC Radio Devon.

Bramley/Rhens Annual Quiz

The Bramley/Rhens Twinning Group Quiz is a little later this year. It will be on Saturday 16th March, 7:30pm for an 8:00pm start in Bramley Village Hall.

Teams of 4 ... £16 per table. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

There will be a raffle as usual. To book a table, please contact Eddie Richardson on 01483 898440 or email eerichardson45@gmail.com.

New Yoga Instructor in Bramley

Charles Pearson's strong belief is that everyone can benefit from practicing yoga, no matter their age, experience or occupation. He is particularly interested in making yoga accessible to those who would

otherwise avoid it, due to misconceptions such as not being flexible enough, or it's only for stretching, or it's not a challenging enough workout, or I'm too old to start.

Charles now has regular classes running in the meeting room at Bramley Library. See www.charlespearsonyoga.co.uk for more information and schedule.

Bramley Fete – 18th May 2019

Preparations are already underway for our Village Fete – this year to be held on Saturday 18th May, 12:00pm to 4:00pm. If you would like to get involved, maybe hold a stall or advertise in the popular Fete magazine, please email bramleyfete@gmail.com or call Jane on 01483 890651.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Update from St Catherine's School

- St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning, Tuesday 5th March from 9:45am to 11:45am. Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or sally.manhire@stcatherines.info for details.
- St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning, Thursday 7th March from 9:15am to midday. Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or admissions@stcatherines.info for more information.
- Informal Concert – Thursday 7th February at 7:00pm in the Lower Atrium. No need to pre-book tickets.
- Chamber Music Concert – Monday 11th March at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. No need to pre-book tickets.
- Baby Cats Classics – Friday 8th February. Chansons des Chatons – singalong in French – aimed at children 2-4 years. Prep School Hall from 9:30am to 10:30am. Admission is free but spaces must be reserved in advance by emailing prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info.

St Catherine's Association Choir

Howard Goodall's 'Invictus : A Passion' and Haydn's 'Insanae et Vanae Curae', Holy Trinity Church, Guildford on Saturday 9th March at 7:30pm.

Tickets £15 (£10 children & students) available from <http://stcatschoir19.bpt.me> or call 0800 4118881.

Sister Act - a divine musical comedy based on the hit 1992 film.

Come and see this entertaining whole school musical production at St Catherine's School on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th or Friday 15th February in the Auditorium. Bar open from 6:40pm. Doors open at 7:00pm. Tickets £10 (£5 children & concessions) available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4049336 or call 01483 899692.

Pilates in Bramley

Pilates classes are held at Bramley Infant School on a Tuesday evenings; 6:30pm for beginners and 7:35pm for Improvers/ intermediate. If you want to improve your mobility, core strength, coordination and posture, then Pilates is for you!

For more information take a look at www.h4pilates.com or contact Jill Heaton at Jill@h4pilates.com or on 07749 515333.

Bramley History Society

The next meeting will be on Saturday 23rd March, "Bramley House and Park through the centuries" - an illustrated talk by Patricia Pratt. The talk will be back in St Catherine's Preparatory School Hall and begin at 2:30pm and, as usual, followed by tea and chat. Admission £2 for members and £3 for visitors.

Many thanks to Richard Seaborne for the fascinating talk about the working, history and the retuning of Bramley Church Bells. Also thanks to the Bell Ringers for the access into the Bell Tower and the demonstrations.

U3A Wonersh

As usual, numerous Wonersh U3A activities are based in Bramley this month. These include Table Tennis at the Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 20th February at 10:30am, and Mah Jong at Bramley Library Room on Thursday 7th February at 10:00am. At Bramley Village Hall there is History of Art on Tuesday 12th at 2:30pm, Woodcarving on Friday 16th at 2:15pm, and Art on Friday 22nd at 2:00pm.

This month's coach trip involves a Backstage Tour of The Royal Opera House, London on Wednesday 20th, with two pick-up points in Bramley at around 9:30am.

The monthly Book Club continues at Selwyn Room, Wonersh Parish Church on Monday 11th at 2:30pm, with discussions covering Fludd, an acclaimed comic masterpiece by Hilary Mantell. The new French language group meets on Friday 15th at 10:00am in the Turner Room at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh. In addition, the History group meets at Lawnsmead Hall, at 2:30pm on Thursday 21st, with Listening to Music and the Photography groups at the same venue, on Tuesday 26th at 2:00pm and Thursday 28th at 2:30pm, respectively.

Newcomers from Wonersh and surrounding 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>.

Bramley Showcase, Monday 1st April 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.

We think Bramley is a wonderful place to live, and one of the major reasons is the interaction of people with one another through such organisations.

We encourage as many local clubs and societies as possible 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 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.

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 894250.

Wonersh and District Garden Club

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 7:30pm in The Memorial Hall, Wonersh. Mr Simon Richards from London Royal Parks will give an illustrated talk Entitled 'Richmond Park and the Isabella Plantation'

Looking ahead, Wednesday 3rd April is the date of the Spring Show with 16 classes of Spring Flowers. Entry forms and further information available by telephoning 01483 893627.

Rhythms of Spring, a choral concert by the Surrey Hills Chamber Choir

Celebrate the "Rhythms of Spring" with the award-winning Surrey Hills Chamber Choir on Saturday 30th March, 7:30pm at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.

As we approach Easter, and spring accelerates to the longer evenings of British Summer Time the very same weekend, the choir will mark this moment of re-birth in the yearly calendar with a selection of popular choral delights.

A concert held near Easter would not be complete without music relating to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and the choir have chosen a selection of some of the best music from the “Easter” parts of Handel’s “Messiah” to re-tell this story.

The second half of the concert will be filled with a delightful mix of songs of different styles, mood and tempo to ensure there is something for every musical taste.

Tickets are £12 for adults and £5 for children (price includes programme and wine or soft drink) and are available online at www.surreyhills-choirs.co.uk; by email graham.webb@tangleweave.co.uk or by calling 07513 523933.

Free family fun as Waverley Xplorer returns

This half term, families can ‘Xplorer’ a park, complete a navigation challenge and have fun together in the great outdoors as Waverley welcomes back free Xplorer events.

Xplorer is a family friendly navigation challenge that involves a healthy mix of physical activity and decision making, exploring the park, finding markers and completing challenges. The course lasts for approximately 30 minutes and is suitable for primary and pre-school children. Everyone will receive a certificate and sticker for taking part.

There are three opportunities to join the fun:

- Monday 18th February, 10:30am-12:30pm, Farnham Park (next to the adventure playground)
- Thursday 21st February, 10:30am-12:30pm, Broadwater Park (next to the playground)
- Friday 22nd February, 10:30am-12:30pm, Snoxhall Fields (next to the playground)

To find out more visit www.waverley.gov.uk/xplorer or www.facebook.com/waverleywhatson.

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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