



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

- Tuesday 20th August – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 3rd September – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 7th September – Bramley Village Society annual Ploughman's Lunch, 12:30pm to 2:30pm at St Catherine's Preparatory School garden. All welcome.
- Sunday 15th September – Bramley Music's "Dicky Bird Hop" concert. 7:00pm to 9:30pm in Holy Trinity Church. More details below.

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 July, a number of matters were discussed including:

- Mobile phone mast in Bramley
Councillors were disappointed in the decision by the Planning Inspectorate to allow the planning appeal for the proposal to install a Vodafone mobile phone mast on Horsham Road next to the entrance to Bramley Grange.

Our Parish Plan and draft Neighbourhood Plan is clear that improving mobile reception is a priority. We were therefore delighted that Vodafone wished to improve reception ... but dismayed at their chosen site.

When the Parish Council reviewed the original planning application, we researched and suggested a range of other potential locations for a mast. We were irritated that the consultants working for Vodafone ignored these with no indication of why.

Given its proposed location, we and Waverley Borough Council felt there was no alternative but to object to and decline the Vodafone site, particularly given the range of alternatives. Vodafone appealed that decision and won: short of High Court proceedings, there is now nothing that we nor Waverley can do. We shall, however, be writing to the consultant and Vodafone directly to lodge our disappointment.

Despite our concerns at the selected site, the positive news is that Vodafone reception should now be transformed in Bramley village. We hope that the Inspector's reasons for allowing the appeal and the site are proven to be valid.

- **Road safety**
Members of the Parish Council have a meeting planned with Surrey Highways to discuss the safety issues at the mini roundabout in the centre of the village with a view to investigating possible short-term measures that could be put in place to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians. We will also be discussing the speed of traffic on the A281 between Gosden Common and the entrance to the village. Last month yet another of our streetlights was knocked down by a vehicle. This is the 6th time this has happened in this location since December 2015.
- **Overgrowing footpaths**
It's the time of year when vegetation alongside public footpaths is rapidly growing. The Parish Council has and will continue to cut back areas where it becomes too overgrown, but it is the responsibility of Surrey County Council to keep public footpaths and bridleways safe for use. If you note any areas that are badly overgrown, please report it yourself to Surrey County Council by clicking this link, making particular reference to any safety concerns.

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

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Ploughman's Lunch – Saturday 7th September – 12:30pm to 2:30pm

Come and meet your fellow Bramley residents whilst enjoying a simple lunch of bread, cheese, pork pie and salad with a glass of Bramley cider, wine or soft drink.

The Bramley Village Society holds the lunch annually as a social event for all residents of the parish. This year the lunch is being held in the garden of St Catherine's Preparatory School, Station Road, Bramley, by courtesy of St Catherine's School.

This is a family event and caters for all generations. There will be competitions for the children. Entry is only £6 adults, £5 seniors, £3 children, to include lunch and your first drink.

Bramley Music

On Sunday 15th September from 7:00pm to 9:30pm in Holy Trinity Church there is a Concert and Reception: DICKY BIRD HOP! Pianist Paul Guinery (you may recall his past concerts Dangerous Moonlight and Bells Across the Meadows) will provide a programme of British Light Music Classics about an hour in length, to be followed by a delicious finger buffet supper. The price per ticket of £20 (under 18/student £10) reflects this. This concert is to raise funds for the two churches of Holy Trinity, Bramley, and St Andrew's, Grafham. In addition to being a brilliant pianist, Paul is well known as a radio presenter and newsreader, so will entertain between items as well as when playing. Come ready to try and recognise many familiar pieces, for example from famous 1940s British films, and well-known radio signature tunes! Tickets may be bought in advance in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, otherwise need to be reserved via Stuart White (by email to stuartwhite@waitrose.com) for collection and payment at the door, so that we can keep track of numbers for the catering.

This will be a real community occasion, with lots of opportunity for catching up with friends over supper. Please note this is a Sunday concert, not Saturday. Also, despite the title, no dancing is involved, and it has nothing to do with cricket umpires!

Update from Holy Trinity church

Good progress is at last being made towards the selection of a new Priest-in-charge (Vicar) for Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. A Parish Profile is being prepared, following an excellent Vision evening for parishioners, which will set out what the Parish offers, what it sees for the future and what it would like to see in a new Vicar. This will formally be approved at the end of August and the post advertised on 7th and 14th September with interviews and, hopefully, a selection on 14th and 15th October. It is hoped to have a new Vicar in place by early 2020.

It has also been decided that, for a trial period, the Parishes of Holy Trinity, Bramley and St Andrew's, Grafham, currently a United Benefice, will have separate leadership. St Andrew's is pleased to announce that Rev Camilla White has been appointed Priest-in-charge of St Andrews, with effect from 11th September. She will be licenced on that date at St Andrew's Grafham at 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Household Enquiry form

Waverley Borough Council is asking residents to look out for the Household Enquiry form in the post and respond by 16th August to avoid a reminder letter being sent. The aim of the form is to make sure that the electoral register is up to date and to identify any residents who are not registered so that they can be encouraged to do so.

Residents can respond quickly and easily by using one of the online, phone or text options outlined on the form or by completing and returning the form using the envelope provided.

It is a legal requirement that a member of each household responds to the form and you have to be registered to be able to take part in elections. Being registered to vote can also help when making credit applications.

To respond online, visit www.waverley.gov.uk/annualcanvass.

Wonersh U3A

August is the traditional holiday month, so there is a very reduced programme of events. But the highlight is spectacular – a coach trip to a matinee of Oklahoma! at Chichester Theatre on Wednesday 21st, with two pick-up points in Bramley.

Apart from this there are Pilates sessions at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh on Mondays 12th and 19th, plus a Pub Lunch at The Parrot, Shalford on Wednesday 14th, and a Gardening meeting on Friday 23rd.

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

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. A few places are available in the latter – up to a maximum of 12. 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.

Free business advice for start ups

Waverley Borough Council works in partnership with Enterprise First to provide free business support and funding information for start-up businesses.

Enterprise First is a not-for-profit organisation offering business support and advice across the South East.

More information on this service can be found at www.waverley.gov.uk/info/200177/supporting_local_businesses/1469/get_free_business_advice, including details of how to receive Waverley's free book "Start a business in Waverley" to help people on a journey to turn a business idea into a reality.

You might also be interested to have a look at the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership's Growth Hub website (www.enterprisem3growthhub.co.uk/) – which provides information on business support and finance in the wider M3 LEP area.

Update from St Catherine's School



Microsoft Office Qualification – training offered at St Catherine's School

In September 2019 St Catherine's School will be 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. Dates and times to be confirmed.



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

There are 15 funded places available. To find out more, email mostraining@stcatherines.info or call 01483 893363.

Waverley takes the lead on responsible dog ownership

Following overwhelming support for the introduction of Waverley's first Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog fouling, a second order to deal with dog control is now being finalised and the council wants to hear your views.

If adopted, this order will target issues of dog control, including requiring owners to keep dogs on leads in certain areas and during specified dates to protect ground nesting birds and excluding dogs from designated spaces – such as children's play areas.

People have until 16th August to submit any comments on this second PSPO before final plans are presented to the Council for approval.

Following feedback from the public consultation on the initial proposals last year, the updated dog control order has been revised and simplified to strike a balance between the needs of dog owners and the rights of non-dog owners and wildlife habitats.

If people are found to breach this order, they risk receiving a fixed penalty notice of £100 and if this isn't paid, could face prosecution and be fined up to £1,000.

More information, including the updated draft orders and maps of affected areas can be found at: www.waverley.gov.uk/dogpspo.

Comments should be emailed to: dogpspo@waverley.gov.uk or sent to: Environmental Services (PSPO Consultation), Waverley Borough Council, The Burys, Godalming, GU7 1HR.

Wonersh and District Garden Club

Meeting in the Wonersh Memorial Hall, the next meeting on Wednesday 4th September will be the 'Autumn Show'. The hall will be open from 6:30pm in order for Entry Forms to be submitted by 7:10pm and Exhibits to be in place by 7:15pm. Judging will commence at 7:30pm.

There are ten classes of vegetables, three classes of fruit, thirteen classes of flowers and pot plants, 6 classes of homecraft and one of photography. Extra copies of the Show Schedule containing the entry forms may be obtained by phoning 01483 893627.

Looking ahead, the Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 2nd October.

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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