



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

- 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.
- Tuesday 19th March – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 21st March – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 23rd March – Ski wear sale at St Catherine's School, 10:00am to 12:00pm. More details below.
- Saturday 23rd March – Bramley History Society's illustrated talk on "Bramley House and Park through the centuries". 2:30pm at St Catherine's School. More details below.
- Saturday 23rd March – Bramley Music's "Music of Three B's". 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. More details below.
- Monday 1st April – Bramley Showcase, 8pm in the Village Hall, all welcome, more details below.
- Tuesday 2nd April – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 23rd April – St George's Supper. 7:00pm for 7:30pm at the 'Jolly Farmer'. More details below.
- Thursday 25th April – Bramley Infant School annual Bridge afternoon. 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 February, Councillors discussed a number of matters including:

- Bramley Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to all those who attended one of our 6 drop-in sessions during the Regulation 14 consultation of the draft Bramley Neighbourhood Plan as well as those of you who have submitted comments on the Plan.

The committee is now reviewing all of the feedback received and will be responding to all of the comments in due course.

You may be interested to know that the Cranleigh Neighbourhood Plan has commenced the same consultation period, running until 26th March. You can view their draft plan at www.cranleigh-pc.gov.uk.

- **Ownership of Gosden Common**

You may not know that Gosden Common is owned by Guildford Borough Council and leased to Bramley Parish Council for a peppercorn rent. The Parish Council is in discussions with Guildford Borough Council about transferring the ownership of the common from them to us. It seems more sensible to us for it to be completely within our management, especially as the land actually sits within the borough of Waverley. Guildford BC is required to undertake a valuation of the land, for which they are asking us to pay. So before we spend any money to progress these discussions, we wonder what our residents think. Do you think it is worth spending a minimum of around £1,500 of taxpayer's money to own this land? The final bill could be much more than this, and we won't know any more until the Guildford BC Executive has discussed the matter. Do give us your thoughts – email the Parish Clerk at bramleyparish@gmail.com.

- **From Monday 1st April, St Catherine's School are planning to carry out some maintenance works to the wall at the front of the Prep school, running from the corner of Hall Road down to the War Memorial. Further maintenance works will also be done to the boundary wall of the main School on the A281 to The Warren.**

As part of these works, the School has kindly offered to include some cleaning works to the plaques and surrounding stone at the War Memorial. We'd like to offer our thanks to St Catherine's school in advance of these works.

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

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

Update from Bramley Library

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. We're collecting books (and DVDs) 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 during opening hours. Donations in manageable-sized boxes will be particularly welcome.

Bramley Village Society

The BVS Committee is seeking new members to help with planning and running Village events, and to keep a watching brief on local Planning issues.

Commitment of a monthly evening meeting lasting about an hour, and a good way to become involved in the village. They will be at the Bramley Showcase event (see below), or just come along to one of their meetings in the Village Hall meeting room at 8:00pm on the first Thursday of each month.

Contact: BVS Secretary, Richard Farr 01483 893905.

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.

Changes at Winkworth Arboretum

The National Trust is about to start public consultation on a proposed new visitor centre and car park development at Winkworth Arboretum. From 21st to 31st March, plans of the proposed development will be on display at the Arboretum and visitors will be invited to provide written feedback and comments. All feedback will be carefully considered by the National Trust before they submit a planning application in May.

Ski Wear Sale

Saturday 23rd March from 10:00am to 12:00pm

St Catherine's Senior School in the PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop

There is a wide selection of preloved ski jackets and trousers in all sizes and colours for girls and boys in stock as well as a wide range of ski equipment and accessories: helmets, helmet-covers, gloves, snow goggles, sun glasses, thermals, base layers, snow boards and more. All in good condition. They also stock a large number of winter shoes/boots, particularly in smaller sizes.

Do pop in and browse and please tell your friends and family.

If you have any questions, please email: secondhandshop@stcatherines.info.

Bramley Music

The next Bramley Music concert in Holy Trinity Church is on Saturday 23rd March at 7:00pm and is Music of Three B's played by the Florizel Quartet (<https://florizelquartet.com>). Young but already internationally renowned, they are an amazingly talented string quartet which they founded in 2015 at the Royal Academy of Music, and they will bring a fascinating programme of music by Bridge (Three Idylls), Britten (Three Divertimenti) and Beethoven (his String Quartet No. 8 in E minor, Op. 59 "Razumovsky", No. 2). It is particularly pleasing that their first violinist, Madeleine Pickering, is a local girl. The other members come from Japan, Australia and Korea! The charity being supported is the Jigsaw Trust, which runs the Jigsaw School in Dunsfold for children and young people with an autism spectrum disorder. 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 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 History Society

The next meeting will be on Saturday 23rd March – "Bramley House and Park through the centuries", an illustrated talk by Patricia Pratt. Bramley Park was demolished in the 1950's.

The talk will be in the Lecture Hall of St Catherine's Senior School and begin at 2:30pm and, as usual, followed by tea and chat. Admission £2 for members and £3 for visitors.

Update from Bramley Cricket Club

Bramley Crickets Club would like to welcome both new senior and junior players for the forthcoming season.

Winter nets have begun for the senior side, taking place at Broadwater School on Tuesday evenings 8:00 to 9:00pm. Newcomers are invited to try a training session, free of charge. The junior side shall start their

season in May. Anyone interested in joining either part of the club should contact Lee on chairman@bramleycc.co.uk.

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. 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, a free glass of wine, Bramley cider, or a soft drink is provided 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.

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 and will be initially available at Bramley Showcase, or may be ordered from the Bramley Village Society - see contact details above. Advance sales only as we will need to confirm numbers by a week ahead of the event.

Bramley Infant School Bridge Afternoon

The Annual Bridge afternoon is taking place on Thursday 25th 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 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 or telephone 01483 493880.

Birtley Lawn Tennis Club

ESG are offering a free trial tennis lesson at Birtley Tennis Club for any 4-7 year old who has not played before and would like to have a go. The offer is valid until May 2019 on Saturdays 9:30-10:30am. Please call 0800 0430707 to book.

Guildford Stoolball Club

Ladies, fancy playing Stoolball? Guildford Stoolball Club plays in the Surrey League at Gosden Common and they are looking for new players, any age welcome. The Summer 2019 season starts in April. For more information contact Margaret Lemon – tel: 07512 832678 or email: mlemon66@hotmail.co.uk.

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!

U3A Wonersh

Bramley continues to be the venue for many Wonersh U3A activities in March. Top of the list is the extremely popular Table Tennis sessions at Bramley Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 20th March and 3rd April at 10:30am, and Mah Jong at Bramley Library Room on Thursday 7th February at 10:00am. In addition, Bramley Village Hall hosts History of Art on Tuesday 12th at 2:30pm, Woodcarving on Friday 15th at 2:15pm, and Art on Friday 22nd at 2:00pm.

There is a coach trip to an Exhibition of Dutch Masterpieces at Petworth House on Wednesday 20th, with two pick-up points in Bramley in the morning.

The new, well attended, French language group continues at the Turner Room, Lawnsmead, Wonersh on Friday 15th March and 5th April at 10:00am. Latin sessions at advanced or intermediate levels are held in Godalming at 10:00am on Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th. The Photography group, catering for all complexity of cameras from mobile phones to top-range digital models, meets at 2:30pm in Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh, on Thursday 28th. And the highly successful Book Club continues on Monday 11th at Selwyn Room, Wonersh Parish Church. The Family History group meets at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh at 2:30pm on Thursday 14th, followed by the History group at the same venue and time on Thursday 21st.

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>.

Wonersh and District Garden Club

The next meeting on Wednesday 3rd April will be the 'Spring 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 sixteen classes of various varieties of spring flowers both cut and in pots of both indoor and outdoor flowering plants. Copies of the Show Schedule may be obtained by phoning 01483 893627.

Looking ahead, on Wednesday 1st May, the club will welcome back photographer John Daniels with his wonderful photographs and a show entitled 'The Wonder of Birds'.

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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