



BRAMLEY UPDATE

December 2019

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 & 17th December – Christmas Crafts at Bramley Library, 3:15pm to 4:30pm
- Wednesday 11th December – Antique & jewellery valuation event in Bramley Village Hall. More details below.
- Sunday 15th December – Village Carol Service in Holy Trinity church at 5:00pm
- Wednesday 18th to Sunday 22nd December – Wintershall Nativity (see below for details)
- Thursday 19th December – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.

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 November, a number of matters were discussed including:

- The onset of winter inevitably brings wetter weather. Councillors have been concerned for some time about the excessive surface water flooding along some parts of the A281 that occurs whenever it rains and have been working hard for over a year to urge Surrey County Council to solve this issue. We are making some progress but need more photographic evidence of particularly bad surface water flooding. If you are unfortunate to get splashed by a passing car, or find the pavement blocked by a large puddle that puts you and your family in danger from traffic, do take a picture and email it to bramleyparish@gmail.com. We would be particularly grateful for any photographs showing difficulties experienced by the more vulnerable members of our community (e.g. a small child having to cross the main road in order to avoid a large puddle on the walk to school, etc).
- There continues to be (thankfully minor) accidents on the mini-roundabout in the centre of Bramley village. We are keeping a log of all incidents involving vehicles, pedestrians & cyclists at this dangerous intersection in order to keep continued pressure on Surrey Highways to improve the junction. If you

witness any incident, however minor, please do drop an email to Councillor Martin Foley at mf.bramley@btinternet.com, or you can contact the Parish Clerk at bramleyparish@gmail.com or 01483 894138.

- It was brought to our attention that some people continue to take their dogs into the play area at Eastwood Road. We would like to remind residents that dogs are **not allowed** in this playground. As well as being in breach of the Parish Council's lease agreement with Surrey County Council, dogs on children's playgrounds represent a **major health hazard** and can cause Toxocariasis – a rare infection caused by roundworm parasites, most commonly found in dog faeces. Children and young adults are usually affected due to contact with contaminated soil or sand within play areas by swallowing the infected egg. There is evidence that dogs can also carry E.coli and hepatitis in their faeces. If people continue to take their dogs into this play area, there is a risk that it will be closed.
- Considerable work has been done on the Parish Council budget for 2020/21 and we plan to finalise this in the coming weeks. We will in due course send a special Bramley Update to you giving details of the budget and its effect on your Council Tax.

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

Remembrance Sunday

Thanks to all of you who attended the Remembrance Sunday service in Bramley last month. Holy Trinity Church raised a total of £535.40 from the church collection and the lunch in the church hall afterwards. A cheque for this amount has been given to the Royal British Legion.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Update from Bramley Library

Bramley Library is holding free drop-in Christmas craft sessions on Tuesday afternoons in December. The next two will be on the 10th and 17th, so join us after school between 3:15pm and 4:30pm, no booking necessary.

Also, between now and the 30th, there will be a simple Bauble Hunt in the library and every entry wins a treat.

The Library will be open as normal over the Christmas period, EXCEPT FOR Christmas Eve when we will close at 1:00pm and closed for the whole day on Friday 27th December.

Wintershall Nativity

The Wintershall Nativity Play will be performed from 18th to 22nd of December both inside and outside of Holly Barn at Wintershall near Bramley. The Play brings the story of Christmas to life and begins with Mary and Joseph's difficult journey to Bethlehem and the appearance of the Angel Gabriel to the shepherds in the fields. Songs and music accompany the arrival of the Wise Men on horseback. The play is performed by 50 volunteer cast in wonderful biblical costumes, assisted by sheep, donkeys and horses.

This is a very popular production attracting nearly 5,000 people each year and makes a wonderful Christmas gift for all the family. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

To book the Nativity please call 01793 418299 or book online at www.wintershall.org.uk.

Bramley Wheels

If you would be happy to give occasional lifts to the doctors, dentist or hospital then please do get in touch with Bramley Wheels.

Bramley Wheels has a pool of about 20 drivers but they could do with a few more to help as sometimes they struggle to find a volunteer driver due to other commitments. If you can do a couple of lifts a year it would be very helpful. The clients are extremely grateful for the service.

Please do get in touch if you feel that you can help: joanneoakes@aol.com or 07719 640872.

If you are in need of a lift to the surgery etc then please phone the Bramley Wheels telephone – 07599 430763. This phone is switched on Monday to Friday between 10:00am and 12:00pm (excluding bank holidays).

Antique & Jewellery Valuation

Bishops Ltd, an antique and jewellery dealer, is hosting a valuation event in Bramley Village Hall on Wednesday 11th December from 10:00am to 3:00pm. If you have any jewellery, silver or items of interest, take them along to the Village Hall for a free, no obligation valuation. They may even buy items from you if you are interested in selling.

New Yoga studio in Bramley

One of our local Yoga instructors has a brand new home studio in the heart of the village with vaulted ceilings, infrared heating, oak wood floors, LED lighting, DoTerra essential oils, Megaboom sound system, outdoor deck, and views of garden, bridge and stream.

Charles Pearson Yoga offers 6 weekly scheduled classes with a variety of yoga styles and temperatures. The classes are small with max of 7, providing more attention and adjustments to help you develop your yoga practice further.

Charles also offers private and semi-private sessions scheduled at convenient times to fit with your specific schedule, the content of sessions can also be determined by your personal needs.

Contact charles@charlespearsonyoga.co.uk for more information or visit www.charlespearsonyoga.co.uk.

Update from St Catherine's School

Autumn Term ends on Thursday 12th December. Spring Term starts on Wednesday 8th January.

The building works for the new boarding house at St Catherine's are progressing well. The steel frame shall start to be erected shortly and new trees will be planted around the perimeter wall before Christmas. The building site will be closed from Christmas Eve until the 2nd January.

The school would like to thank all their neighbours for their patience during the first part of the build.

Coming up next term:

- Baby Cats Classics – Thursday 16th January from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Prep School Gym
Piano Duets / Two Pianos / Organ
Informal and interactive concert featuring music for parents and babies/toddlers 0-4 years.
Admission is free but places must be reserved by emailing prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info.
- Jazz Café
Tuesday 21st January at 7:00pm in the Lower Atrium. No need to pre-book tickets.
- Middle School Lunchtime Concert
Wednesday 22nd January at 1:10pm at Blunden Court. No need to pre-book tickets.
- Keyboard Sectional Concert
Thursday 30th January at 7:30pm in the Prep School Hall. No need to pre-book tickets.
- St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning
Friday 31st January from 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
Friday 7th February from 9:45am to 11:45am. Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or prep admissions@stcatherines.info for more information.

St Catherine's School would like to wish everyone in Bramley a peaceful, restful and very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2020.

Update from Holy Trinity Bramley

The Village Carol Service is taking place on Sunday 15th December at 5:00pm.

Christmas services:

- Christmas Eve
4:00pm – Crib Service
11:00pm – Midnight Mass
- Christmas Day
There will be no 8:00am service
9:45am – Sung Family Communion

Please see www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk for more information on events at Holy Trinity.

Update from St Andrew's Church Grafham

Christmas Services at St Andrew's Grafham:

- Sunday 22nd December at 11:15am
Carol Service followed by seasonal refreshments
- Christmas Eve at 11:30pm
Midnight Mass (Common Worship)
- Christmas Day at 11:15am
Family Communion Service (Common Worship)

All are welcome at these services. Please see www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk for more information about services and other events.

Bramley History Society

The History Society 2020 calendar is now available. It is A4 size with 13 historic photos of Bramley and costs £5. If it is a gift that you need to post, the society has C4 envelopes with card back available for 50p. Contact Gordon on 01483 892911 or email bramleyhs1914@gmail.com. They can arrange for local collection or postage.

The next two meetings are open to all, and will be on:

- Saturday 25th January
Wealden Hill Forts in Surrey and Sussex. An illustrated talk by Dr Judie English.
- Saturday 28th March
An illustrated talk of Miss Gertrude Jekyll's Memories of Bramley.

All talks will take place in St Catherine's Prep School Hall and begin at 2:30pm. They are followed by tea and a chat. Entry is £3 or £2 for members.

Wonersh U3A

Wonersh U3A's very popular fitness sessions continue with Pilates every Monday morning, and Tai Chi at beginners, improvers and intermediate levels on Tuesdays with a break for Christmas and New Year's Eve, plus Table Tennis on Wednesday 18th. More studious sessions include Book Club, Bridge, French, History – a professional talk on 'Eva Braun - victim or contriver – Latin at intermediate and advanced levels, Opera for All, Mah Jong, and Making Music. There is also a Pub Lunch at the Percy Arms, Chilworth, and a Woodcarving & Craft session.

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>.

Musical treats (not in Bramley, but local)

Gloria! – carols and classics for choirs and brass is taking place on Friday 20th December at 7:00pm in Holy Trinity Church in Guildford (at the top of the High Street). A varied and spectacular concert for adults and children alike is the perfect way to round off the week before Christmas! You will hear the superb Harlequin Chamber Choir, the stunning Surrey Brass, and the brilliant Tillingbourne School Children's Choir! Tickets are available for £14 (under 18s £7) from the Guildford Tourist Office, in person, by telephone (01483 444334), or

online via <https://tickets.visitguildford.com>, or via stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645. Robertsons in Bramley High Street are also selling tickets. The concert, which includes well known carols for everyone to sing, will finish by about 8:45pm, when free refreshments will be served.

Would you like to be part of a choir for a day? Then Come and Sing the beautiful Requiem by Maurice Duruflé on Saturday 4th January 2020 at 10:00am alongside the renowned Harlequin Chamber Choir, expertly directed by Amy Bebbington and accompanied by internationally acclaimed organist Philip Scriven, in the wonderful setting of Cranleigh School Chapel (GU6 8QQ). No prior choral singing experience necessary! The rehearsal is from 10:00am to 3:30pm (please bring your own lunch) followed by a performance at 4:00pm which is free to all comers. Tickets are £25 (students £10) including music hire, from Guildford Tourist Information, 135 High Street, 01483 444334 or <https://tickets.visitguildford.com>, or from stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645. Robertsons in Bramley High Street are also selling tickets.

Bramley Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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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