



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 9th November – Bramley Bonfire. Gather at 6:00pm in the Library car park.
- Sunday 10th November – Remembrance Sunday parade. 10:50am at the Bramley War Memorial.
- Tuesday 12th November – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Wednesday 13th November – “A Dickens Family Affair: The Man Behind the Novels”, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the St Catherine’s School Auditorium (more details below).
- Thursday 21st November – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 21st November – Shopping & Pampering Evening at Tillingbourne School (more details below)
- Saturday 23rd November – Bramley History Society meeting and talk on Tudor Costume. 2:30pm in St Catherine’s Prep School hall. More details below.
- Saturday 23rd November – Bramley Music’s “Home Grown” concert at 7:00pm in Holy Trinity church, Bramley. More details below.
- Tuesday 26th November – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 28th November to Sunday 1st December – Open House at Pentire, Snowdenham Lane in aid of Kid’s Kidney Research. More details below.
- Friday 6th December – Bramley Infant School Christmas Fair from 3:15pm to 5:00pm.

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 October, a number of matters were discussed including:

- Occurrences of phone scams are still increasing. This is a matter of extreme concern to Surrey Police, who has made available a book entitled “The Little Book of Big Scams” in order to raise awareness of some of the ever-evolving ways to scam the public out of hard-earned money.
The Parish Council has received an electronic copy of this book, which we have published on our website.

Visit www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/news1/ for more information and to download it.

Those who are concerned about being a victim of a phone scam may also wish to use BT Call Guardian (other phone operators offer something similar), as this stops phone scammers being able to get through.

- The Parish Council accounts for the half-year to the end of September were reviewed by Councillors. Visit www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/other-documents/ to see a graphical representation of the Council's financial performance against the agreed annual budget. Work will commence this month on the annual budget for the 2020/21 financial year.
- Councillors are keen to try to reduce the Council's carbon footprint. There was an initial discussion at the meeting in October. Further work and discussion on this important topic will continue over the coming months.

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

Bramley Bonfire

This year's Bramley Bonfire is taking place this Saturday 9th November and preparations are almost complete.

Approximate timings are as follows:

- 6:00pm - Assembly of Guys in Library car park
- 6:15pm - Pedestrians without torches proceed to Bonfire field
- 6:20pm - Judging of Guys
- 6:25pm - Presentation of prizes
- 6:40pm - Torchlight procession (please wait for announcement)
- 7:10pm - Lighting of Bonfire
- 7:40pm - Fireworks

Please bring your Guys for the Guy Competition by 6:00pm to the Library car park where torches will also be sold for the procession.

Parking for this event is always very difficult. If you can, please make your way to the event on foot. If this is not possible, we advise you to give yourself plenty of time to find a parking space. This year, St Catherine's School has very kindly offered the use of their new car park on Hall Road for this event (first turning on the left on Hall Road).

Remember that the High Street will be closed between the Library and Park Drive from 6:40pm to 7:00pm for the torchlight procession.

This fantastic event is funded entirely by donations. The whole Bramley Bonfire Committee looks forward to welcoming everyone this Saturday!

Remembrance Sunday

The Annual Service of Remembrance will be held on Sunday 10th November. Come and join us at the War Memorial at 10:50am for wreath-laying and the 2-minute silence, followed by a service in Holy Trinity Church.

The roundabout in the centre of the village will be closed to all traffic between 10:55am and 11:10am. Additional parking for this event will again be available in the new St Catherine's School car park on Hall Road.

Update from St Catherine's School

- St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning, Friday 15th November from 9:45am to 11:45am. Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or prepadmissions@stcatherines.info for more information.
- St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning, Thursday 21st November from 9:15am to midday. Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or admissions@stcatherines.info for more information.

- Woodwind & Brass Sectional Concert – Thursday 14th November at 7:30pm. This will be held in the Lower Atrium and there is no need to pre-book tickets.
- Baby Cats Christmas Special – Friday 29th November, 9:30am to 10:30am
A special celebration around the Christmas tree with carols, songs and live readings. Free admission but spaces must be reserved by emailing prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info.

St Catherine's Presents ... A Dickens Family Affair: The Man Behind the Novels

Wednesday 13th November 2019 – 7:30pm to 9:00pm.

Lucinda Hawksley is the great-great-great-granddaughter of Charles Dickens. She reveals Dickens' personal and family relationships, examining him as a husband, father, friend and social activist in Victorian England. Lucinda is a prolific writer and engaging speaker.

This event is taking place in the Auditorium. Tickets are priced at £10 for adults, free for students. Book at dickensatstcats.bpt.me or call 0800 4118881.

Shopping & Pampering Evening

The Tillingbourne School PTFA are organising a Shopping & Pampering Evening on Thursday 21st November. There will be 22 local stallholders and mince pies and refreshments available as you shop! It'll be a great chance to get your Christmas shopping sorted all under one roof!

The event is taking place in the school hall from 7:30pm to 10:00pm, free entry and parking in the school grounds. Stalls include Silent Pool, Albury Vineyards, Bilo (homemade candles & fragrances), Belinda Cramp Creations (knitted gifts), Love Beaux Designs and We Bake Your Memories. There will also be a raffle with some fantastic prizes! The organisers look forward to seeing you at Tillingbourne School in Chilworth.

Free Mindfulness Taster Session

Tuesday 12th November in Bramley Library meeting room, 7:30pm-8:30pm

A chance to explore what mindfulness is and the scientific evidence behind it. Learn how mindfulness can help you handle stress, relax more deeply and increase wellbeing.

Led by Claire Garthwaite, former GP and mindfulness teacher. Email claire@withmindfulness.co.uk to book your place or visit www.withmindfulness.co.uk for more details.

Open House

At Pentire, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley GU5 0AT

Thursday 28th November to Sunday 1st December from 10:00am to 4:00pm in aid of Kids' Kidney Research. Art and gifts available to buy, plus tea, cakes and raffle, with all donations going to the charity.

For further information contact Mary Hainline, 01483 898626, email maryhainline@gmail.com or visit www.maryhainline.com.

Bramley Music

The next concert in Holy Trinity Church in Bramley is on Saturday 23rd November at 7:00pm: one of their regular Home Grown concerts featuring local musicians. Members of the superbly talented Pickering family, namely, Francesca (clarinet), Clem (viola) and Sarah (piano) will be playing, and they have chosen an attractive and varied programme of music by Schubert, Mozart, Brahms, and a lesser known composer Adam Gorb (an entertaining Tango!). In addition, honorary home grown pianist Alan Newcombe from Hamburg will play music by Cesar Franck, and he and Stuart White will play duets by Brahms (his delightful set of Waltzes) and Poulenc. The concert is in support of the Grafham Room, a small but vital community hall just a few minutes down the A281 from Bramley which is run by a charity and which needs some work done! Tickets (£10, £5 students and under 18s) are available in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street and can be reserved via stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645. There is a free glass of wine or soft drink during the interval as usual.

Update from Holy Trinity Church Bramley

- Please note that there will be a sung Communion service on Sunday 10th November at 9:45am, as usual, prior to the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial and the Village Service of Remembrance (see above).

- On Sunday 15th December, at 5:00pm, Holy Trinity will host the annual Village Carol Service followed by mince pies and mulled wine. The choir would be delighted for anyone who would like boost their numbers for this joyous service to join them. Practices have just started and are held on Thursday evenings at 6:40pm in the church. Singers of all registers (particularly tenors) and all abilities are welcome.

For more details of activities see www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk.

Update from St Andrew's Church Grafham

- 10th November – Remembrance Sunday. Ceremony at the War Memorial at 10:55am followed by a service in church.
- 17th November – Holy Communion at 11:15am
- 24th November – St Andrew's Day. Holy Communion at 11:15am. All friends of St Andrew's are warmly invited to lunch in the Grafham Room at 12:45 pm. If you would like to come, please sign the list at the back of church or contact Mary Hainline (898626)
- 1st December – Advent Sunday. Morning Prayer at 11:15am.

Please see www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk for more information.

Bramley History Society

The next History Society meeting is taking place on Saturday 23rd November at 2:30pm in St Catherine's Prep School Hall.

The title of the talk is 'Tudor Costume' and will be a demonstration by Cathy Flower-Guilder, a historian from Tudor Tales. The intricacies, workings, complexities, niceties and problems are explained whilst dressing a model.

The Society's meetings are open to all and finish with tea, biscuits and lots of chat. Entry is £3 for non-members and £2 for members.

Membership is only £5 per annum which includes our annual magazine. If you are interested contact 01483 892911 or bramleyhs1914@gmail.com. They are always looking for new ideas and general help and you would be welcome join the committee. They meet about 5 or 6 time a year to discuss ideas for articles, research and also to set up the logistics for up and coming events. Contact them at the above email or telephone number if you are interested.

Wonersh U3A

There is a coach outing this month: a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament on Friday 15th, – with coach pick-up points in Bramley. Other activities in Bramley include Mah Jong at Bramley Library Room, plus Opera for All, Art, and Woodcarving, all at Bramley Village Hall. Around the local villages we offer Book Club, Bridge, French, Latin (at two levels), Listening to Music, Big Bands, Making Music, and a Pub Lunch. Fitness sessions include Pilates every Monday, Tai Chi (at three levels) every Tuesday, plus Table Tennis, and Country Walks.

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>.

Wey and Arun Canal Trust

Over the next few months, members of the Wey and Arun Canal Trust or their contractors will be working in Hunt Park and Birtley. In order for woodland to thrive, it is necessary to manage the woodland. This means taking out branches that are overhanging pathways or taking out trees where they are too crowded or taking down trees with ash dieback. By doing this maintenance, the long-term health of the woodland will be ensured.

Festive Cruises on the Wey & Arun Canal

Bookings are already being taken for the extremely popular Santa Cruises which will be running on the canal in Loxwood on 8th, 15th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December. Trips depart at 11:00am, 12noon and 2:00pm and cost £10 per person to include festive refreshments and a gift from Santa for all children under 12 years of age. Booking in advance is essential.

On Boxing Day trips will depart at 11:00am, 12:15 and 2:15pm (tickets: £7 adults; £3.50 children) and on New Year's Day trips will depart at 11:00am, 12:15 and 2:00pm (tickets, to include refreshments, £10 adults; £5 children).

Full details are available on the website (www.weyandarun.co.uk) and bookings can be made online. Alternatively, please call The Wey & Arun Canal Trust Office on 01403 752403 or email office@weyandarun.co.uk.

Greenspaces Survey

Want to be in with a chance of winning £200 worth of gardening vouchers? Waverley Borough Council has launched a new survey to seek the views of residents and to see how well they are looking after local greenspaces. This is a baseline survey, as there is a new contractor starting this month and they hope to run it again next year to compare results.

The survey asks a series of questions in relation to green areas that may be near or around your home and asks you to rate services such as the maintenance of grass, leaf clearance and facilities amongst others.

The survey is open until 6th December and you can complete it at www.waverley.gov.uk/greenspaces2019. Paper copies are also available by calling 01483 523394 by email to faye.pringle@waverley.gov.uk.

There will be a prize draw for gardening vouchers worth £200 as a thank you for completing the survey but please be aware you need to fill in your email address on the survey to be in with a chance of winning. Data will be kept anonymous and Waverley will not keep your email address or returned paper form for any longer than the survey takes to analyse. Your email address or paper returns will not be retained by the council beyond this period.

We encourage you and others in your household to get involved and complete the survey, in order that the Council can understand your views on the provision of greenspace services and assist them in improving their service to you. You can find out more about the service and volunteering opportunities at www.waverley.gov.uk/parksandcountryside.

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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