



# 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](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com).

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday 13th October – Harvest Festival service at Holy Trinity Bramley at 9:45am.
- Sunday 13th October – Harvest Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Grafham at 11:15am.
- Tuesday 15th October – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 19th October – Bramley Music's Celebrity Recital. 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Bramley (more details below).
- Thursday 24th October – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 29th October – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- 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, followed by the Village Service of Remembrance at 11:00am in Holy Trinity Church.
- 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).

You can also view local events in the Village Diary at [www.bramleyvillagesociety.org/village-diary/](http://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 September, a number of matters were discussed including:

- A meeting was held between the Parish Council and Surrey Highways to discuss possible short-term solutions to issues at the mini-roundabout in the centre of the village and the speed of traffic along the A281. Surrey Highways believe that nothing can be done to change the physical structure of the mini-roundabout to make it a safer intersection, but they did agree that the road markings should be repainted so they are more visible. They also repeated their opinion that the speed limit on the stretch of the A281 to the north the village cannot be changed. This is disappointing news, especially as streetlights keep

being crashed into at this location clearly demonstrating that the combination of the road configuration and the speed limit are inappropriate. We will continue to lobby Surrey Highways to find a solution to speed issues on this stretch of the A281 as well as further south.

- Members discussed the possibility of improving access from the Downs Link to the village for cyclists. Waverley Borough Council has suggested installing a narrow bike ramp to run alongside one of the sets of steps at the back of Windrush Close. Members agreed this was a good idea and the project is now being costed. Improved cycle racks in the centre of the village will also be installed.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 24th October. 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.

### Local improvements

We have been carrying out some repairs around the village in the last few weeks. You may have noticed that the finger signpost in the centre of the village has been rebuilt, after it was crashed into by a car earlier this year. The post box at Bramley Business Centre has also been re-rendered and painted and is has been restored to its original splendour. And the wooden seats at the Church Pound have been replaced. We hope you agree that they look much better.



Currently the felt roof at the Sports Pavilion is being replaced and we are planning a range of other improvements in the near future – including works to restore our benches, improvements to the Village Hall (yes – wifi is coming!), and dog waste bins on the Downs Link. If you can think of any other simple improvements in the Parish that will make a difference to our community, do email them to the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com) and the Council will consider them.

### Police update

Borough Commander Gary Smith and PS Claire Sutherland attended the last Parish Council meeting. They reported that the theft of bikes and other valuable equipment from sheds and outbuildings are increasing across the borough. They advise residents to ensure all outbuildings are secure and to install an alarm if particularly expensive equipment is being stored. This is especially important if you have replaced equipment that has previously been stolen, as thieves could return for your replacements.

Commander Smith also encouraged residents to report ALL crimes, however small, to Surrey Police either online at [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk) or by telephoning 101 (or 999 in an emergency). This includes if you witness anything that you consider to be antisocial behaviour. Even if it is felt that the crime is unimportant, it helps the Police to build up a bigger picture of crime trends and could have an effect on levels of policing in the area. He also advised that if you observe someone who you feel is acting suspiciously, say hello to them – nothing more. If this person is planning anything criminal, acknowledging them will let them know they have been noticed, so they may change their minds.

### **Brownie Litter Pick**

The Parish Council would like to give a big round of applause to the 1st Bramley Brownie pack for carrying out a litter pick along the Downs Link and at Gosden Common last month. Over the course of just over an hour, the girls (and a few Parish and Borough Councillors) managed to fill over 7 large bin bags with litter. Thank you also to Waverley Borough Council for the loan of their litter picking equipment.



## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **Update from Bramley Library**

School's back but we're thinking of half-term and have arranged for another visit by the very popular [www.brilliantbricks.com](http://www.brilliantbricks.com). This will take place on Tuesday 29th October and be 'Monster Madness'. There are 2 sessions which run for an hour, the first starts at 10:30am and the second at 12 noon. Please book through their website.

If you were unable to attend our end of Summer Reading Challenge celebration – and apologies to all the disappointed adults who turned up hoping to grab a seat but the children had priority! – and have not yet collected your certificate please pop into the library where they are ready for you.

### **Update from St Catherine's School**

Coming up this term ...

- St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning, Wednesday 16th October from 9:15am to midday  
Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info) for more information.
- St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning, Thursday 17th October from 9:45am to 11:45am  
Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [prep.admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:prep.admissions@stcatherines.info) for more information
- Baby Cats Classics – Thursday 24th October from 9:30 to 10:30am  
Elizabeth Hayley (piano) & Denise Burt (flute/piccolo) will be performing many popular tunes including 'Annie's Song' and Faure's 'Sicilienne' in the Prep School Gym. Admission is free but spaces must be reserved by emailing [prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info).
- A Dickens Family Affair: The Man Behind the Novels, Wednesday 13th November from 7:30pm to 9:00pm in the Auditorium.  
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. Tickets are £10 for adults and free for Students. Book at [dickensatstcats.bpt.me](http://dickensatstcats.bpt.me) or call 0800 411888.

### Association Choir

It's not too late to join the Choir. Handel's Messiah will be performed on 7th March 2020 at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. Rehearsals are taking place on Wednesday evenings from 7:45pm to 9:45pm. Do please contact the school by emailing [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info) if you are interested in joining. There is no audition needed! Everyone is warmly welcome.

### **Bramley Music**

On Saturday 19th October at 7:00pm come to Holy Trinity Church Bramley for their CELEBRITY RECITAL and hear world famous clarinettist Emma Johnson! She will be accompanied by young pianist Gregory Drott, and the music will range from classical to jazz, with composers such as Mozart, Dvorak, Bernstein, Gershwin, and more. It is in support of the charity Combat Stress, which helps former servicemen and women deal with issues like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression. Tickets (£15, or £5 under 18 / students) are available for purchase in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or can be purchased in advance from Stuart White ([stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645). It is expected to be a sell-out, so there may well not be any tickets available for purchase at the door. As usual there will be a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval. So hurry to ensure you get a ticket!

### **Update from Holy Trinity Church**

Come and celebrate Harvest Festival at Holy Trinity Bramley this week ... 9:45am on Sunday 13th October. Donations of food are invited and will be provided to the Godalming Food Bank. They are in need of jams, tea bags, biscuits, tinned vegetables especially tinned tomatoes, tinned meat, sugar, cereals, UHT milk, shampoo, shower gel, washing up liquid, J cloths. They also need Bags for Life and proper shopping bags to take family parcels. (Please bring small items only, so that more items can be put into each parcel). **\*\*Sorry, the food bank is unable to accept fresh or home-made food.**

### **Update from St Andrew's Church Grafham**

#### Harvest Thanksgiving 13th October

St Andrew's will be beautifully decorated with flowers and produce for our Harvest Thanksgiving service at 11:15am (Holy Communion). It will then remain open to visitors until 4:00pm. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available from the end of the service onwards.

The email address for St Andrews is [office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk) (not as previously published). The Church is very sorry if you've tried to get in touch and not been successful. If you would like to go on their mailing list to keep up to date with what is happening at St Andrew's, do email them.

Enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals, should also be sent to this address. If you don't use email or would like to speak to someone about St Andrew's then please contact The Reverend Camilla White (01483 892645). St Andrew's now has its own website [www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk](http://www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk).

### **Wonersh U3A**

The coach outing this month is to the highly rated London Postal Museum in WC1 on Thursday 17th, with pick-up two points in Bramley. Bramley-based events include Woodcarving on Friday 18th and Art on Friday 25th, both at Bramley Village Hall. In addition, at Wonersh the group offers Pilates each Monday and Tai Chi at three levels each Tuesday, Table Tennis twice a month at Shamley Green, and a Country Walk on Tuesday 15th. More sedately, Family History is on Thursday 10th, Book Club on Monday 14th, Bridge on Tuesday 15th, French on Friday 18th, and Listening to Music on Tuesday 22nd.

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>.

### **Tennis Club Quiz**

Birtley Lawn Tennis Club invites members and residents to form a team (up to 6 per team) and participate in their Annual Quiz Night to be held in Bramley Village Hall on Saturday 16th November at 7:00pm. Tickets are £10 per head and include a fish & chip supper plus dessert. Please email [birtleytennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:birtleytennis@yahoo.co.uk) for tickets and further details.

### **Your council, your money**

Waverley Borough Council is engaging with residents to help define the budget priorities for its services over the next few years. The council, faced with a reduction in government funding, wants to make sure it understands how local people value specific services and how changing or reducing any of its non-statutory services would impact on the community.

The council wants to hear your views about services, including grants to local voluntary organisations, arts, cultural and community groups; enforcement services such as hygiene inspections and planning enforcement; and maintenance services such as street cleaning, grass cutting and conservation of the countryside.

Independent market research company, MEL Research has also been specially commissioned to conduct face-to-face interviews with a representative sample of residents, which are currently taking place, but all Waverley residents are being urged to get involved by completing the same survey online.

The survey is available online until Sunday 3rd November at [www.waverley.gov.uk/spendingsurvey](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/spendingsurvey).

### **NEW! - GuildfordYoga opens more classes at Bramley Village Hall**

- Tuesday mornings mixed ability classes – 9:45 to 11:00am  
These fun and friendly classes are suitable for all, beginners and intermediates alike. You can drop-in whenever it is convenient and all equipment is supplied, £10 per session or discounts options are available.
- Tuesday mornings yoga therapy classes – 11:15am to 12:45pm  
These specialist classes include gentle and therapeutic stretching, strengthening, joint-freeing poses and Yoga Nidra – a deeply restful and healing practice. Everyone is welcome including those with injuries or chronic illness e.g. Parkinsons, Arthritis, Cancer, Chronic Fatigue, MS etc. Please email [luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk](mailto:luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk) to register. £14 per session or discounts are available.

These are in addition to GuildfordYoga existing classes which have been running for many years – Tuesday evening mixed ability from 7:00pm to 8:15pm and Thursday morning mixed ability from 9:45am to 11:00am.

Full details can be found on the GuildfordYoga website [www.guildfordyoga.co.uk](http://www.guildfordyoga.co.uk) or by emailing [luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk](mailto:luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk).

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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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