



BRAMLEY UPDATE

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News from Bramley and Grafham brought to you by Bramley Parish Council

Welcome to Bramley Update and Happy New Year! 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

- Sunday 19th January – Defibrillator training organised by Birtley Lawn Tennis Club in Bramley Village Hall at 10:00am. More details below.
- Tuesday 21st January – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 23rd January – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Saturday 25th January – Guildford Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Concert at 12:30pm in St Catherine's School. More details below.
- Saturday 1st February – Bramley Music's Rising Stars concert in Holy Trinity Bramley at 7:00pm.
- Tuesday 4th February – 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 December, Members marked the occasion of 125th anniversary of the Parish Council, the first meeting of which took place on 4th December 1894. Chairman Richard Seaborne invited Chairmen and Clerks from the last 25 years to raise a glass in celebration. We would like to thank Jill Bryant of the Bramley History Society for preparing an informative display for this occasion. The display is now available to view in Bramley Library.

At the meeting a number of other matters were discussed:

- The budget for the 2020/21 financial year was agreed. You should have seen our special Bramley Update on this matter last week. If you haven't, you can read it on our website at www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/news1/. Hard copies of the announcement are available from the Parish Clerk or in Bramley Library.

- The amount of rainfall during December led to significant surface water flooding on some of our roads and pavements. Where it was a real problem, the details were reported to Surrey Highways as well as the Flood Risk department at Surrey County Council. Some of the worst affected areas are now on a list to be investigated further by Surrey Highways. This could lead to yet more temporary traffic lights in certain locations, but some of the flooding is a real hazard to drivers and pedestrians alike.
- Surrey Police brought the Parish Council's attention to the increase of cases of "romance scam" – a rise of 64% in the first half of last year compared to the same period the previous year. Fraudsters choose their victims by looking for signs of vulnerability within profiles on dating websites and social media sites, then gain trust over weeks and months. Police advise residents to never send money to someone online that you have never met and to think twice before posting personal information that could be used to manipulate or bribe you. Crime prevention advice is available at www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary.
- Members approved the Invitation to Tender documentation for the planned conversion works to the Stone Barn. Interested parties are invited to submit tenders by the end of January. The details can be found on the Parish Council website at www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/stone-barn-conversion.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 23rd January. 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.

Update from Waverley Borough Council

At the Waverley Council meeting in December, Members agreed the introduction of a second Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Dog Control. This covers three aspects:

- Dogs on lead by direction – this means dog owners shall put dogs on lead when directed to do so by an authorised person.
- Dogs on lead – this means dogs shall be kept on lead in specified areas.
- Dog Exclusion zones – this means dogs are not allowed in specific areas.

For Bramley three areas are listed for restriction or exclusion:

- Birtley Road Cemetery (dogs permitted on leads)
- Chestnut Way Recreation Ground (dogs excluded)
- Eastwood Road Play Area (dogs excluded)

Further information on this matter is on the Waverley website.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Update from Bramley Library

A Happy New Year from Bramley Library and we hope that many of you will visit us soon. Remember we offer not only books, DVDs and talking books but time on PCs, free wifi for your own devices, printing, photocopying, laminating and lots more. Also some of you may be unaware that if you are a member of any library in Surrey, you can borrow and return items from any library in the county to any Surrey library.

Bramley offers a book drop facility so items can be returned even when we are not open. To keep an easy eye on your account and to be able to search the library catalogue why not download the 'Surrey Libraries' app for your phone? This app also means your phone can act as your membership card.

Defibrillator Training

Bramley Lawn Tennis Club has arranged a Defibrillator training session, taking place on Sunday 19th January at 10:00am in Bramley Village Hall.

The 3-hour course will be provided by Barts City Life Saver and will cost £20 per person. Attendees will receive a certificate by email.

Anyone wishing to attend should contact Dr Alison Martin on amtillies417@gmail.com.

Bramley Music

On Saturday 1st February in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley at 7pm come and hear three Rising Stars! Three brilliant graduates from the Royal College of Music bring us piano trios by Beethoven, Boulanger and Schumann (Clara, not Robert!). Past rising stars concerts with RCM graduates have all been absolutely superb, and this one will be no exception. The concert is in support of the Royal College of Music Hardship Fund which gives talented musicians who could not otherwise afford to train the opportunity to realise their full potential. Tickets (£10, £5 students and under 18s) are available in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street and at the door, or can be reserved via stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645. There is a free glass of wine or soft drink during the interval as usual.

Guildford Symphony Orchestra Young Artists Concert

The cream of the young soloists who auditioned for the 2020 GSO Young Artists Concert, will be performing in St Catherine's School, Bramley at 12:30pm on Saturday 25th January.

This is an important international showcase of young talent hungry for success on the concert platform: Pianist Antonina Suhanova was born in Latvia, saxophonist Jose Manuel Brazo is from Spain, violinist Ionel Manciu is from Moldova, harpist Lise Vandersmissen is Belgian and pianist Christos Fountos is from Cyprus. International solo careers beckon but you get to hear them in Bramley first!

The programme is designed to let these fabulous young musicians show off their technical and interpretive skills, so expect mature, reflective performances that belie their ages.

Antonina will play the first movement of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1; Manu will perform Bizet's Carmen Fantasy as you have never heard it before, Ionel will bring his versatility as a performer to Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto finale, Lise will thrill the audience with Rodrigo's Adagio and Christos will perform Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 2, second and third movements.

This concert, held in memory of long time GSO member and supporter Una Clark, will be very special. Brilliant talent at the start of professional careers.

Tickets are £14 (under 25s £7; under 16s free with each paying adult) and are available from:

- GSO Box Office is on 01483 415847 www.g-s-o.org.uk; or
- contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01483 444333 www.guildford.gov.uk/visitguildford.

Changes at St Andrew's, Grafham

From 5th January the time of the service on Sunday mornings is changing to 10:45am.

The Book of Common Prayer (1662) will continue to be used for the majority of the services but on the third Sunday of each month, Morning Prayer will be replaced by Holy Communion using Common Worship.

Plough Sunday

St Andrew's warmly invite you to join them for Plough Sunday on 12th January at 10:00am for a service of Morning Prayer with the blessing of the plough followed by a ploughman's lunch in church. Plough Sunday is the first of the traditional services of the agricultural year. At the service we ask God's blessing on all the work which takes place in the countryside.

GuildfordYoga 2020

Regular weekly yoga classes at Bramley Village Hall – now in its 14th year!

All classes are run by Luci Phipps, a highly qualified teacher with more than 20 years experience – so you'll be in safe hands.

Class Timetable

- Tuesday mornings – Mixed Ability – 9:45-11am
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 drop-in or discounts options are available.

- Tuesday mornings – Yoga Therapy – 11:15am-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 to register. £14 per session or discounts are available.
- Tuesday evenings – Mixed Ability – 7-8:15pm
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 drop-in or discounts options are available.
- Thursday mornings – Mixed Ability – 9:45-11am
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 drop-in or discounts options are available.

Full details can be found on the GuildfordYoga website www.guildfordyoga.co.uk or by emailing luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk.

Wonersh U3A

The coach trip this month is to the Bank of England in London on Wednesday 22nd January with two pick-up points in Bramley. January sessions in Bramley include Woodcarving & Craft on Friday 17th and Art on Friday 24th, both at the Village Hall.

First in the new Speakers' Corner is Andrew Bustin who describes his life as a TV and Film Extra on Thursday 23rd, at Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh. The very popular fitness sessions continue with Pilates on Mondays, and Tai Chi at beginners, improvers and intermediate levels on Tuesdays, Table Tennis on Wednesdays 29th, and a country walk from Red Lion, Shamley Green on Tuesday 21st. General sessions include Book Club, Bridge, History, French, Latin at intermediate and advanced levels, Opera for All, Mah Jong, and Music Making. There is also a Pub Lunch at the Grantley Arms, Wonersh.

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>.

New Special Constables needed

Do you love your community? Could you make a difference? Do you have hours in your week/ month to spare? Then join Surrey Police as a Special Constable!

Your life skills and experiences from your career are extremely valuable in making Surrey the safest county it can be. You will make a real difference in Surrey by reducing crime - and the fear of crime - across the county, whilst gaining unique experiences that you are unlikely to encounter anywhere else.

Visit www.surrey.police.uk/specials for more information and to apply. The deadline for applications closes on Sunday 26th January 2020.

The Special Constabulary will also be hosting two information evenings which will provide a greater understanding of the role of Special Constable and the training on offer. The event will also be an opportunity to talk to existing Specials about their experiences and for them to answer any questions you might have.

- Wednesday 15th January at Bourne Hall in Ewell, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surrey-special-constabulary-information-evening-tickets-85983883109 to register
- Thursday 16th January at Hazelwood Community Centre in Sunbury-on-Thames, visit www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surrey-special-constabulary-information-evening-tickets-85975485993?utm_term=eventurl_text to register

Interested in becoming a Surrey County Councillor?

Surrey County Council has scheduled two 'Becoming a Councillor' events that prospective candidates can attend to find out more about being a Surrey County Councillor. These events will include practical information on the support available to councillors and the electoral process, alongside talks from existing members and the opportunity to meet with representatives from the political groups.

The dates for these sessions are:

- Wednesday 29 January 2020 6 – 8pm (Registration from 5.30pm) - Training Centre, Wray Park, Reigate and Banstead. Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/becoming-a-councillor-tickets-79522278275.
- Friday 28 February 2020 10.30 – 12.30pm (Registration from 10am) - Woking Borough Council Chamber. Register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/becoming-a-councillor-tickets-79525838925.

Attendance is free but tickets should be booked via the Eventbrite website links above.

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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If you wish to discuss any matters with a parish councillor, their full contact details are available on the parish website www.bramleyparish.co.uk.

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