



BRAMLEY UPDATE

December 2021

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 16th December - Bramley Parish full Council Meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.30pm Bramley Village Hall. All welcome.
- Bramley Outdoor Nativity - Saturday 18th December 2021. See below for more details.
- Thursday 30th December- Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the clerk for joining details).

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

At the Parish Council meeting in November, a number of matters were discussed, including:

The Referendum for the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan took place on 18th November. Although there was only an 18% turnout, 431 voted Yes to the Plan, with only 47 voting No. We are now waiting for Waverley Borough Council to confirm that the Plan is now "made". We thank all those to come out to vote for this important document, which will influence all planning decisions made for Bramley from now on.

Arriva bus services in Bramley are being taken over by Stagecoach on December 18th - see below for details.

Grounds Maintenance update.

Grasstex began their grounds maintenance contract on November 1st and have made a good start, the village is looking much better already.

The Station refurbishment works are almost completed but still awaiting the new window.

The minutes of the meeting can be read on the Parish Council website (www.bramleyparish.co.uk). The next Parish Council meeting is taking place Thursday 16th December in the Village Hall meeting room. 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?

Bus services in Bramley

Arriva will cease providing bus services on December 17th. Stagecoach will take over the 53 and 63 bus services from December 18th for more details please see www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/bus-timetable-changes/forthcoming-changes.

Bramley Outdoor Nativity - Saturday 18th December 2021.

This event is primarily for children aged 7 and under. They must be accompanied by an adult (and adults must be accompanied by a child!)

Assemble at Summerpool House (the Georgian House at Bramley crossroads) at 4:45pm.

Bring a torch and wear warm clothes and wellington boots.

Light refreshments afterwards.

Retiring collection for Cherry Trees charity.

Guides, Brownies and Rainbows Need Your Help – Can You Volunteer to Join Our Teams?

Bramley Brownies (7 to 10 years), Wey & Arun Rainbows (5 to 7 years) and Wonersh and Bramley Guides (10-14 years) are looking for some new leaders.

Can you help? Can you help plan or run activities? Do some admin? Help with accounts?

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our leaders to help deliver the best possible experiences for our girls. It is great fun and lots of support, training, resources and help is at hand. There are so many ways to help and times and days can be flexible to best suit you.

If you fancy giving Guiding a go then do contact us on the numbers below - we look forward to hearing from you.

Louise Healy 01483 898539 / 07763 578395 or email louise.healy605@btinternet.com

District Commissioner Tillingbourne and Wey District

Music in Bramley

Many of you will have come to concerts in Holy Trinity Church given by Harlequin Chamber Choir. You may also remember at one of our celebrity recitals the world famous trumpeter Crispian Steele Perkins. Well, now you have an opportunity to hear Crispian and Harlequin together, joined also by the children's choir from Tillingbourne Junior School. The occasion is 'Joy to the World!' on Friday 17th December at 7.30 pm see https://mcusercontent.com/f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6/files/7e66a91d-d122-6b4e-8169-80a4db627d8e/Joy_to_the_World_concert.pdf for details. This concert is the perfect way for the whole family to round off the week just before Christmas. In the historic St Nicolas Church in the heart of Guildford, come and hear varied and joyful music for trumpets, choirs and organ, with composers ranging from Handel to Rutter to Harlequin's Music Director Amy Bebbington, and even an arrangement by Stuart White of White Christmas.....there will also be an opportunity for you to sing favourite carols.

Tickets may be bought via the Guildford Tourist Office (there is a small charge for buying online – going in person, or telephoning, incurs no charge) or email stuartwhite@waitrose.com if you prefer.

Bramley Music now have the first fixture for 2022. It's on Saturday 26th February at 7pm – a recital by Madeleine Pickering (violin) and John Paul Ekins (piano), both of whom have performed before for Bramley Music, but not at the same time! It's great to welcome them back and to have the prospect of hearing them together. Tickets (£10 and £5 for students / under 18s as usual) will go on sale in January, but by all means do email stuartwhite@waitrose.com before then if you wish to reserve any.

Bramley Library Update

As you will be aware the recent Covid variant has prompted the government to change their guidance. While masks are not a statutory requirement in libraries we would urge all those without exempt status to wear a mask when visiting the library. Sadly we have made the decision not to hold the craft sessions that were scheduled for mid-December. However, we are doing our best to add some festive cheer and we shall have our usual beautifully decorated tree, an in-library bauble hunt, there will be craft kits for younger visitors to take home and Rhyme Time continues each Friday at 11am.

Our holiday opening hours are publicised in the library and on the SCC library website but we have normal opening hours except for being closed on the Bank Holidays. We look forward to seeing you at the library but do remember that the 'Libby' app offers ebooks, audio books and a host of popular magazines for your enjoyment.

Wey and Arun Canal Trust

Wey and Arun Canal Trust (WACT) are very pleased to announce that the permissive path beside the canal near Birtley, across the new bridge and up to the Downs Link will be open from December 5th. The gates will be kept closed but do feel free to open them and shut them after you have gone through. If you happen to find branches have blown down or the path is blocked please feel free to contact margaret_darvill@weyandarun.co.uk. The gate at the end with the Heras must not be used as it is private land.

Open again! - Guildford Yoga classes Bramley Village Hall

Tuesday evening 7-8.15pm and Thursday morning 9.45-11am - mixed ability classes

These fun and friendly classes are suitable for all, beginners and intermediates alike. Please book ahead via the website or drop-in whenever it is convenient. £11 per session or discounts options are available.

Friday mornings 11.15am-12.45pm - yoga therapy classes

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. £15 per session or discounts are available.

These are in addition to Guildford Yoga other classes which have been running for 17 years. Full details can be found on the Guildford Yoga website www.guildfordyoga.co.uk or by emailing luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk.

The Jolly Farmer

Congratulations to our local pub The Jolly Farmer for 21 consecutive years in the CAMRA Good Beer Guide. A remarkable achievement for more details please visit

https://mcusercontent.com/f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6/files/10229371-176c-e94e-388e-c282fa1ac741/GBG_2022_Launch_Press_Release_Final.pdf.

Bramley Golf Club - a stunning Christmas celebration venue offering exclusive use in a beautiful setting

Looking for somewhere special for your Christmas party or lunch then Bramley Golf Club would be delighted to host your event. Set in the majestic Surrey Hills, and easily accessible from Guildford, we offer the perfect location for your festive celebration.

Our main function room comprises a dining and lounge area, dance floor and bar, with beautiful views over the golf course and Chinthurst Hill and beyond. The room opens out onto an outdoor terrace – perfect for an ‘alfresco’ evening with outdoor heated area and seasonal winter lighting.

Our Head Chef Andy Langley, serves up delicious festive cuisine for your Christmas celebration with friends, colleagues or just an excuse to dine out. Offering Christmas lunch, dinner or buffet selections to suit every occasion. See our menu at www.bramleygolfclub.co.uk/christmas.

For further information and information about availability, prices and menus, please call us on 01483 892696 – option 2 – or email: sarah@bramleygolfclub.co.uk.

Bramley Bonfire

The Bramley Bonfire was a huge success this year and the committee would like to extend huge thanks to everyone who volunteered before, during and after the event.

Every person involved is from the village, and this community spirit is what makes our bonfire night and the village as a whole so special. New volunteers are always needed and hugely welcome so please get in touch with Phil at bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more for next year.

Update from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis revd.andydavis@gmail.com 07709 919602 or 01483 892109 or visit the newly revamped website www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk.

We have been carefully opening up our worship, whilst remaining committed to keeping people safe. Or you can join online, via Zoom.

The Zoom details (which are the same for all services) can be obtained by emailing Revd Andy (see above).

Our two Sunday services:

8.00am Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)

9.45am Parish Communion

Christmas Services

Our Christmas Program can be found here, and below it, a link to download a copy (if you would like to display it somewhere!)

www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/our_news.htm

Please do share this link with any neighbours, friends or family who might be interested!

After the restrictions last Christmas, and Covid-19/ omicron permitting, we are looking forward to "live" service.

We are continuing to hold the people of Bramley in our prayers.

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am.

Christmas Services

Tuesday 21st December at 5.30pm - Carol Service, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The service will take place outdoors in the churchyard (weather permitting) so please wear warm clothing and suitable footwear. You might also like to bring a torch. Indoors if wet.

Additional parking available at the Grafham Room.

Christmas Eve 24th December at 11.30pm - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25th December at 10.45am - Family Communion Service

We wish the communities of Bramley and Grafham a blessed and joyous Christmas.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services. Please see the website www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk for more details or contact the Revd Camilla White on camillawhite@waitrose.com or 01483 892645.

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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