



BRAMLEY UPDATE

February 2022

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 bramleyupdate@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 17th February 2022 - Bramley Parish full Council Meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm, Bramley Village Hall. All welcome
- Thursday 3rd March 2022 - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting at 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Tuesday 29th March 2022 - Bramley Village Showcase, Bramley Village Hall.
- Thursday 21st April 2022 - 7.30pm Bramley Village Hall. All welcome.
- Saturday 21st May 2022 - Bramley Village Fete at Gosden Common.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- The roadworks at Run Common are progressing with a planned reopen at the end of March 2022.
- The Bramley Neighbourhood Plan was officially "made" by Waverley Borough Council on 13th January 2022. The Neighbourhood Plan is a significant, important document that affects how Bramley develops in the period to 2032. It has the legal force to strongly influence development. You can view the Plan and supporting documents on the Parish Council website or by contacting the Parish Clerk. We thank all those within the community who helped us to develop the plan.
- Wey and Arun Canal has opened a new footpath alongside the Downs Link at Birtley Bridge.
- Surrey County Council are currently developing a "Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan". Mr Seaborne and Councillor D'Arcy have done some work on mapping the Core Walking Zone in Bramley.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Fete 2022

Save the date - Saturday 21st May 2022 12pm-4pm

After a two year hiatus Bramley Fete Committee 2022 are ready to warmly welcome you to our special platinum Jubilee Fete 2022. It's going to be bigger and better than ever before. As well as a great day out, all funds raised go back into our local schools and community causes.

If you would like to get involved and help, please email bramleyfete@gmail.com - we would love to hear from you.

To book a stall please email bramleyfetestalls@gmail.com.

Bramley Village Ball 2021

A belated huge thank you to everyone who helped to organise and/or attended Bramley Ball in late November 2021. The event was very well supported; 169 people ate, laughed and danced the night away. Bramley Fete / Ball committee were thrilled to be able to disburse £5,000 of funds raised from this event to local school and community groups at the AGM in December.

Following the success of Bramley Ball 2021 we will attempt to organise Bramley Village Ball 2022..... watch this space!

Update from Bramley Library

The team at Bramley Library are delighted to say that they will be organising the book stall at this year's Bramley Village fete in May. Nearer the date we shall be ready to receive donations (but not yet!!).

Rhyme Time is continuing every Friday at 11am. We would like to get a team of people prepared to lead this. Pre-covid we had a team of 5 so no more than once a month was required. Would you be willing to join the Rhyme Time team? If so, please email the Parish Office or just come into the library.

And from Monday 28th SCC will be doing a survey across all their libraries. So if you visit then you will be asked if you would be prepared to take part. We would welcome your views. The CIPFA Survey is the leading tool for understanding user attitudes to libraries across the UK and will help us get a better understanding of how our communities feel about their libraries at this point in time. This will allow us to create a benchmark to measure against as we go forward and transform our buildings, have more events and activities and build the service up after COVID.

Bramley Sports Pavilion

With the lifting of most Covid restrictions Bramley Sports Pavilion on Gosden Common and the outside space is now available for hire again. The Pavilion is ideal for a one-off event such as a birthday party or a regular booking such as Pilates, yoga, etc. For more details, please email asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk.

News from Bramley Music

Do come to the next Bramley Music concert on Saturday 26th February at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church. Madeleine Pickering and John Paul Ekins will be playing sonatas by Walton, Poulenc and Franck. This is a super programme, and if you're not familiar with it, the Franck Sonata in particular is a most joyful and uplifting work, composed as a wedding present in 1886, and played by the groom on the day of the wedding! Both Maddy (who is local to Bramley) and John Paul have played in Holy Trinity in the past, but this is the first time they will be there together.

We are pleased to be supporting Music in Hospitals and Care, a charity that improves the health and wellbeing of children and adults through the healing power of live music.

As in our last two concerts we will be limiting the number in the audience to allow a measure of social distancing, and we ask you to wear a mask except when you are seated. All tickets need to be prepaid in

advance, and we shall not be selling tickets at the door. Tickets (£10, and £5 for students and under 18s) can be bought at Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or from Stuart White – just email him (stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or telephone (01483 892645) with your requests and he will send you the account details you'll need for payment. There are not many tickets left...!

Waverley Borough Council now offers a 'Community Litter Pick' within the borough.

The service requires an application and risk assessment which will be decided upon by their team. If successful they offer the following:

- 20 litter pickers
- 20 Hi Viz waistcoats
- Disposable gloves
- Collection of black sacks at pre agreed location.

There are some restrictions to this service such a locations and health & safety concerns, but they do offer advice if required. For more details, please contact Darren Alfold, Environmental Monitoring & Enforcement Officer, Waverley Borough Council. 01483 523589 or email darren.alfold@waverley.gov.uk.

News from Bramley Infant School

We are very excited that the work for our new fence will start in February half term. The fence is designed to minimise the noise from the busy road and we are also adding in some lovely trees in planters in the playground which the children will help to plant.

You may have seen some of the children around the village last week doing a litter pick. The children were made up of our School Council and Mrs Illingsworth and Mrs Henderson went along too. We talked about how it was great that we were able to help our environment by collecting the litter, but also sad that the litter had been dropped by someone.

Our lovely PTFA have organised a Cinema evening after school to raise funds. The children are really excited to watch a film with all their friends.

We are welcoming applications for our Pre-School and Nursery for anyone who would like to start this September. Please email admin@bramley.surrey.sch.uk if you would like an application form or to arrange a tour.

News from St Catherine's School

Open Mornings

Prep School:

Friday 4th February & Thursday 10th March | 9.45-11.45am

Mrs Sally Manhire | 01483 899665 | prepadmissions@stcatherines.info.

Senior School:

Friday 11th March | 9.15am-midday

Mrs Clare Woodgates | 01483 899609 | admissions@stcatherines.info.

Baby Cats – Arts & Crafts

Friday 25th February | For 2-4 yrs

Join us for creative activities with your toddler in a safe, nurturing and encouraging environment. Let our specialist teachers inspire your child's imagination.

9.30 - 10.30am | St Cats Prep Gym |

There is no charge but please email to register: prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info.

Cat Class

Every Tuesday until 22nd March 2022 | 1.30 – 2.45pm

Let us guide your 3-4 yr old daughter on her journey to starting school by booking a term of Cat Class.

Activities will be led by our early years team in a reception classroom and will include arts and crafts,

imaginative, construction and messy play to inspire exploration and discovery. Each week your daughter will

also have the opportunity to take part in a session led by one of our specialist teachers of music, ballet, PE and outdoor learning.

For more information on costs and to register, please email: catclass@stcatherines.info.

Swim School

Saturday Mornings | 8.45 – 11.45am

Run by qualified swim teachers, we offer classes to a wide range of abilities & ages, high standards of tuition in water confidence, swimming techniques & aquatic skills, all whilst maintaining an educational, fun & safe environment. Half or one hour lessons depending on ability.

£9 per half hour lesson | £15 per 1 hour lesson

Email Swim School Coordinator for more details & to register: swimschool@stcatherines.info.

Aikido at Bramley Village Hall

Looking to better your mind and body, whilst increasing your confidence and learning self-defence?

Why not try Lone Pine streetwise Aikido in a friendly and welcoming, non-grading school.

Join us each Thursday evening in the Bramley Village Hall 8pm-9:30pm. More info on our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/lonepineryu/.

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am.

Ash Wednesday 2nd March 6pm. Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes.

On each Monday during Lent there will be a short reflection followed by Compline on Zoom starting at 8pm.

Please contact Camilla (details below) if you would like to receive the link for this.

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.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis revd.andydavis@gmail.com 07709 919602 01483 892109.

Do have a look at our re-vamped website www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk or find us on Facebook!

Services continue in church, 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

Ash Wednesday and Lent: The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March with a Service of Holy Communion in church (and on Zoom) at 6.00pm.

Lent Prayer and Study Group: There will be five of these, 10.00am to 11.00am on consecutive Friday mornings: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st April. The sessions will be in church (around the altar) but people can join by Zoom, too. A simple form of set prayers will be followed by reflections on a book by Gordon Mursell, *Out of the Deep: Prayer as Protest*. All material provided – no need to obtain the book.

Plant and Cake Sale with Open Garden: This annual event takes place this year on Saturday 14th May. Now is the time to think about what plants you might very kindly plant and nurture for the benefit of church finances! Any enquiries to Ann Campbell: summerpoolhouse@btinternet.com.

Giving to Holy Trinity: We are so grateful for the financial generosity of so many, in supporting the life of our church. Do have a look at the Our Giving page of our website, which has details of the Parish Giving Scheme; a PayPal Donate button; and details of how to support us when you buy from Amazon. Here it is: www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/our_giving.htm.

Trinity Toddlers ... is every Wednesday during term-time, 10am to 11.30am in the Parish Room.

Monthly Communion at Blunden Court ... is on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 10.45. All are welcome to come and join in: come to the double doors on the right, and be ready to observe appropriate measures for Covid-19.

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

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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