



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 3rd July – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Sunday 8th July – Village Picnic & BBQ on Gosden Common from 2:30pm. All welcome.
- Saturday 14th July – Bramley Music's "Slow Train to Cranleigh". From 4:00pm in Cranleigh Village Hall. More details below.
- Tuesday 17th July – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Thursday 19th July – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm in the Village Hall meeting room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 31st July – 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.bramlevillagesociety.org/village-diary/](http://www.bramlevillagesociety.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 June, Members discussed a number of matters including:

- Website  
The transfer of the Parish Council website to the new provider has taken place. If you haven't seen it already, take a look at [www.bramleyparish.co.uk](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk). Constructive feedback welcome!
- Rights of Way  
It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that a well-used but informal footpath that runs alongside Unsted School on Munstead Heath Road has been closed off by a locked gate by the school. A number of residents are appealing to Surrey County Council to designate the path as a public right of way. There is some evidence that the path has been used by walkers for many years and is a useful link between Bramley and Cattleshall. The Surrey Rights of Way team are in the process of gathering further evidence

to build a case. If you have used the path in the past, please let the team know – visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/contact-us-or-report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/contact-us-or-report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way) to complete an online form on the Surrey County Council website or you can telephone them on 0300 200 1003.

- **Bramley Update mailing list**

Since the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulations, and our email to you in May to invite you to re-affirm your permission to send you Bramley Update, our mailing list has shrunk! We are concerned that some previous recipients may have simply forgotten to contact us to confirm they still wish to receive it. We ask today if you could forward this email to any of your friends or colleagues you think may wish to subscribe. It's very simple for them to sign up – they just need to visit [www.bramleyparish.us15.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6&id=888f3bb205](http://www.bramleyparish.us15.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6&id=888f3bb205) and complete the simple form.

The minutes of the meeting can be viewed on the Parish Council website.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 19th July. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to raise matters of interest with Councillors. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting.

### **Travellers on Gosden Common**

I am sure you are aware that a small group of travellers set up camp on Gosden Common on Friday evening. At the time they informed the Police that they intended to leave the common on Sunday evening. They are still there today and are now saying they will leave tomorrow (Tuesday).

As leaseholders of Gosden Common, the Parish Council is working with the owner of the land (Guildford Borough Council), Surrey Police and Waverley Borough Council to move the travellers on as soon as possible. There is a set process that needs to be followed in circumstances such as these.

Although the travellers have not displayed any anti-social behaviour so far, if you witness any such behaviour we advise you to contact the Police by dialling 101 or if you feel threatened or intimidated in any way, do telephone 999.

We hope this situation will be resolved this week.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **Possible new mobile phone mast for Bramley**

Following our report in last month's Bramley Update, Waverley Borough Council has received a planning application to install a Vodafone mobile phone mast in the centre of Bramley. The proposed location is on Horsham Road, next to the entrance of Bramley Grange near the mini roundabout. Prior to the submission of the planning application, the Parish Council informed the consultant acting for Vodafone that, although mobile phone signal is a recognised issue in Bramley, the proposed location would, in their view, be unsuitable. Not only would installing the 15m mast in this location be highly visually intrusive, it would also make safe passage difficult for pedestrians along this stretch of pavement, especially those with pushchairs, wheelchairs, etc. The matter of possible changes to the road layout in this location following the completion of the new development at Dunsfold Park should also be considered.

Despite this advice, and a site visit with the consultant to discuss other possible locations, the planning application has been submitted. You can view the details of the application (reference TC/2018/0003) on the Waverley Borough Council website and we encourage you to submit your views on this proposal. The deadline to do so is 12th July. The Parish Council will be formally discussing a response to this application at their Planning Review committee meeting taking place on Tuesday 3rd July. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.

### **Overgrowing public footpaths**

If you are a regular walker, you will no doubt have noticed that many of the public footpaths in Bramley are becoming narrower due to overgrowing vegetation. Due to a high volume of reports and limited resources currently available at Surrey County Council, they are currently only able to progress problems identified as high or medium risk safety issues. Lower risk issues (such as width obstructions) will only be progressed when resources are available. You can see details of the kinds of issues that will be addressed by Surrey County Council at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0006/166947/PROW-Maint-Enf-PriorityStatement\\_May-2018.pdf](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/166947/PROW-Maint-Enf-PriorityStatement_May-2018.pdf).

There is an opportunity for the community to help. Surrey County Council runs a Volunteer Path Warden scheme which, after half a day's training, equips you to be able to carry out minor tasks on their rights of way. Visit [www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/find-out-about-rights-of-way/getting-involved-with-rights-of-way](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/environment-housing-and-planning/countryside/footpaths-byways-and-bridleways/find-out-about-rights-of-way/getting-involved-with-rights-of-way) to find out more information.

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Summer holidays are approaching and that means the ever-popular Summer Reading Challenge launch is imminent. This year the theme is Mischief Makers. Open to all youngsters (including the most mischievous) it will run through the holidays and finish with a celebration when certificates will be presented. And just a reminder that Rhyme Time takes place every Friday, holidays and term time.

Our library is run entirely by volunteers and if you would like to join our team just pop into the library and have a chat with the people on duty, it's a lot more than just books. Alternatively, please email [bramleylibrary@gmail.co.uk](mailto:bramleylibrary@gmail.co.uk). Our shifts are organised on an ad hoc basis i.e. you only sign up for the shifts you want, you are not committed to the same day each week nor do you have to find cover should you have to cancel. It really is very volunteer-friendly.

### **Village Picnic & BBQ – Bramley Village Society with Bramley Cricket Cub**

This year's event is planned for Sunday 8th July on Gosden Common from 2:00pm, when the Bramley Sunday team will be playing Blackheath, commencing play at 2:30pm.

Bring your own picnic and something to sit on (chairs/blanket). BVS & BCC will be running a cash bar serving beer, wine, Bramley cider and soft drinks, and providing an evening BBQ from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. Raffle with top prize of a pair of tickets to the Kia Oval.

Please note that in the event of rain causing the cricket to be cancelled on the day, the picnic will also be cancelled.

### **Planned roadworks in Bramley**

We have received notification from Surrey County Council of some planned roadworks in Bramley: Chestnut Way. The road will be closed from 9:30am from 9th to 13th July to allow Surrey Highways to carry out patching work to the road surface.

Mill Lane. The road will be closed from 19th to 21st July to allow UK Power Networks to carry out essential power works.

Both roads will remain accessible to residents during these planned works. You can view details of these and other planned roadworks in Surrey on the Surrey County Council website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roadworks-and-maintenance/roadworks).

### **Do you remember steam trains stopping at Bramley & Womersley?**

Do you like the idea of a nostalgic concert with tea and cake?

All aboard the 'Slow Train to Cranleigh' on Saturday 14th July at 4:00pm alighting at Cranleigh Village Hall! This is a nostalgic teatime concert given by the renowned Harlequin Chamber Choir, which is well known to many in Bramley, and the ticket price of £10 (£5 for under 18s) includes tea and delicious cakes, so it should be irresistible! Tickets are available at the door, or in advance via the Guildford Tourist Information Centre (155 High Street Guildford GU1 3AJ, tel 01483 444334, [www.visitguildford.com](http://www.visitguildford.com)), or they can be reserved via [stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) and paid for at the door. Harlequin Chamber Choir will be singing a range of light hearted music, with of course Flanders and Swann's Slow Train – other favourites include Summertime,

Autumn Leaves, Let's do it, Over the Rainbow, And so it goes, Yesterday, Here, there and everywhere and more. In addition to enjoying the music, you will be supporting the St Nicolas Church Cranleigh Restoration Fund in the process. Any enquiries to Stuart White (01483 892645).

### **Can you spare a few hours on a Wednesday, once a month?**

The Villages Wednesday Club (formerly the Four Villages Day Centre) needs volunteers: we run from 9:00am to 3:00pm every Wednesday at Blunden Court in Bramley, giving local elderly people a friendly day with morning coffee, lunch, afternoon tea, activities, exercises, etc.

If you would like to help, we are looking for people to do either a morning or an afternoon session. You would be chatting to our members, serving refreshments and lunch, selling raffle tickets, generally giving a hand with whatever is needed!

We're a friendly bunch of people and volunteering with the Villages Wednesday Club isn't just work, it's also a nice sociable time. We ask our volunteers to commit to one Wednesday a month, and there is a rota system enabling you to swap your shift with someone else if need be. For further information please contact the Manager Jenny Warner on 01483 894795, or email [manager@fourvillages.co.uk](mailto:manager@fourvillages.co.uk). Further information on our website [www.fourvillages.co.uk](http://www.fourvillages.co.uk).

### **Events at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley**

- Tuesday Tea – 3rd July at 2:30pm in the Parish Room.
- Parish Lunch – Sunday 8th July at 12:30pm in the Parish Room.
- Trinity Toddlers – at 10:30am on Wednesdays in the Parish Room. The last session before the summer break is 18th July. They will meet again on 5th September.
- There will be NO Messy Church in July.

Details about these events and everything else that's happening at Holy Trinity including regular services can be found at [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk).

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

St Catherine's is holding an outdoor music event on Tuesday 10th July in the early evening finishing at 8:30pm. The school apologises in advance if this causes any disturbance. It is a charity event in aid of Action Against Hunger.

The school will be on Summer Holiday from Thursday 12th July to Thursday 6th September. Coming up next term ...

#### St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning

Wednesday 12th September, 9:45am to 11:45am

Contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [prepadmissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepadmissions@stcatherines.info).

#### St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning

Tuesday 18th September, 9:15am to midday.

Contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info).

#### Association Choir

A number of you sing in the Association Choir already. It will be regrouping in September to start work on a piece (yet to be confirmed) for a performance in March 2019. Do please contact the school if you are interested in joining – [association@stcatherines.info](mailto:association@stcatherines.info).

Please see [www.stcatherines.info](http://www.stcatherines.info) for all the sporting events and further details of lectures and performances open to the public.

### **U3A Wonersh**

The Table Tennis Group meets in the Bramley Sports Pavilion on the first and third Wednesdays of each month – so in July on the 4th and 18th – starting at 10:30am: new members are always welcome, with equipment and

refreshments provided. On Thursday 5th, Dennis May will be presenting another selection from his collection of British and American big band jazz and dance music, starting at 2:30pm in the Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh. For members, the culminating event of the summer programme will be the barbeque to be held from 12:00 noon on Wednesday 25th at the Cricket Club Pavilion in Wonersh; there could be a few tickets remaining for this – enquiries to Cilla Morris, the Secretary, on 01483 892348.

An update to the 2018 Yearbook covering the autumn will be mailed to members during July but programme details are also continuously updated on the website at <http://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh>. Although guests are always welcome to sample any part of the U3A programme, this autumn might be a good time to think of becoming a member!

### **Shaping a vision for Surrey's future**

Surrey is a great place to live and many residents and businesses thrive. But not everyone has the same opportunities and many people face problems including domestic abuse, homelessness and mental health issues.

And there are growing pressures for the county. The population is increasing and putting more strain on services for children and older people, housing and infrastructure. At the same time public services have finite resources to respond.

To respond to these challenges Surrey County Council believes the county needs a shared vision that will help inspire and enable better outcomes to be achieved for everyone.

The council is urging residents to feedback on a draft vision by visiting [www.surreycc.gov.uk/vision2030](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/vision2030) before 3rd September 2018.

### **Local charity asks walkers to put their best foot forward for Surrey 5 Peaks**

Local charity, The Surrey Care Trust is asking walkers to step out for their hikeathon on Saturday 15th September and make a difference to the lives of thousands of people in Surrey who are disadvantaged by low skills, lack of opportunity, setbacks in life and precarious economic circumstances.

Surrey Care Trust helps local people to improve their skills for work, life and learning and has organised an annual fundraising walk for over a decade. Thanks to Hikeathon sponsors, Broanmain Plastics, walkers can be assured that every penny raised goes towards the Trust's mission to tackle disadvantage, social exclusion and hardship in local communities.

This year's circular walk starts and ends in Bramley. The 26-mile walk includes Blackheath, Abinger Hammer, Holmbury St Mary and Shamley Green and takes in five peaks including Pitch Hill, Reynards Hill and Winterfold Hill, affording walkers spectacular views of the Surrey Hills. There is also an option of walking 13 miles or taking part in a five-mile family walk this year.

Participants are asked to aim to raise £150 in sponsorship including a £55 registration fee. (There is a £10 registration fee for the five-mile walk). Refreshments are included and lunch is provided for all 26 mile walkers. Every walker who raises over £150 for Surrey Care Trust will also receive a free t-shirt.

Surrey 5 Peaks is the charity's biggest fundraiser and the challenging walk reflects its ethos of encouraging people to push themselves and discover hidden strengths. The Trust's services include an alternative education programme for young people who have not coped in conventional school, adult learning and training courses, mentoring, counselling and an environmental volunteering scheme that encourages people from all walks of life to work together and learn new skills in the process.

For more information or to register, visit [www.surrey5peaks.org.uk](http://www.surrey5peaks.org.uk).

Bramley Update is usually circulated between the 4th and 7th of each month. If you have a contribution to the content, please send it to [bramleyupdate@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyupdate@gmail.com) by the end of the preceding month.

Best wishes

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