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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 bramleyupdate@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 20th June – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus reminded Councillors that the appeal meetings for the traveller sites are coming up and encouraged as many members of the joint parishes, being Bramley, Alfold, Dunsfold and Hascombe to attend.
- Cllr Deanus also noted that work on the Local Plan part one was progressing and that there would be a high expectation to provide additional houses in the area. Once Bramley receive their call for sites he suggested arranging a meeting with Katherine Dove to fully understand the process.
- Cllr Goodridge advised that the Joint Strategic Director of Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council had resigned, and that Richard Bates the temporary 151 Officer has been appointed the permanent 151 Officer for 2 years.
- Waverley Borough Councillor Jane Austin stated that the works at Gosden Common are ongoing but resolved for the time being following the unblocking of a pipe. Further work will be required in the pipes going towards Shalford.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Fuel Leak Update and Road Closures

- The Bramley fuel leak incident has now been escalated to a gold command operation by Surrey County Council. This means there will be greater oversight given the number of stakeholders now involved. Please see [here](#) for all the latest information.
- A restriction of use on drinking water remains in place for 617 properties.
- BPC is working with BT Openreach and hope to have an update on this developing situation in the coming days.
- Plastic bottle recycling will be located in Bramley in the coming days - location tbc.
- A road closure of Station Road (junction end only) is in place and is anticipated to last for 3-4 weeks. Access to St Catherines school is confirmed while the Station Road closure is in place.

If you have any queries or problems please contact Cllr Austin who is fielding queries and casework with the various authorities.

Bramley Residents Fuel Leak meeting 22nd May

The meeting was attended by the Managing Director of Asda Express, Tess Fayers, Thames Water Operations Director for Thames Valley and the home counties and Will Anderson of EPS Environmental Consultants. Thank you to everyone who came to the meeting, it was absolutely packed with Bramley residents. We learned from Asda's consultant EPS how the leak occurred. The offset fill pipe leading to tank 2 (the pipe which leads from a fuel tanker delivering to the petrol station into the tank) had been damaged and inadequately repaired with the fibreglass equivalent of a sticking plaster, then covered over. Looking at pieces of evidence pulled together we can now surmise petrol started leaking out of the pipe at some stage since 2016 when this fibreglass 'sticking plaster' failed.

This is the same pipe which passed pressure testing in February 2023 - a test Certificate which is relied on and is industry standard. EPS and all parties don't know how this pipe passed that pressure test. Certainly that pipe failed the pressure test carried out on 12 February this year (the day of our earlier community meeting).

We talked about 'wet stock' records which is what would normally have indicated a loss of fuel. The leaked fuel never actually made it into the site's storage tank (it was lost on the way) so never showed as a loss from the tank, and we are told that previous owners did not keep sufficient levels of tanker to tank records in order to check delivery volumes. We don't have full detail of this yet.

Bramley Village Fete – 2024

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Bramley Fete 2024 a huge success. We all had a fantastic day.

The Fete AGM will be held on Wednesday 12th June at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity Parish Room.

All Bramley village charities, clubs and organisations are eligible for donations from surplus fete funds.

Requests should be made no later than Friday 7th June by email to bramleyfete@gmail.com or in writing to: Jane Austin Chairperson Bramley Village Fete Association, 19 Linersh Wood, Bramley, GU5 0EE.

A representative of each organisation should attend the AGM in case there are any questions.

We are always looking for people to serve on the fete committee so do get in touch if you are interested, it's great fun and all of our meetings are held in the Jolly Farmer!

News from Bramley Library.

Bramley Village Fete

Bramley Library ran the book stall at the fete again this year. Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who donated and bought books from us, we were very busy. If there was a book you could not find do pop into the

library and we will try to help. We have a good stock of books at Bramley and can reserve books from a large number of other libraries.

Storytime.

The library had a Storytime during the half term in May which proved very popular. The story was about Supertato who saved the day in the Supermarket. The children after listening to the story made a diorama. Please see our Facebook page for the photos.

We always have the following available at the library.

Facilities at Bramley Library

Public Computers
A4 Colour Printer
A3/A4 Photocopier
Free WiFi
Meeting room for hire
Puzzle corner. (and swap)

We also stock the following:

Greeting Cards, Reading Glasses, Eco Chic shopper bags, Postage Stamps, Children's Sticker Books, Posters and Workbooks, Bramley Library Jute bags. Tea and coffee.

Regular activities

Rhymetime takes place every Friday morning 11.00 - 11.30. This is for the younger children and adults.

Bramley Knitwits every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 13.00 - 15.00 if you can knit, crochet, sew or any other craft please come along and meet this friendly group.

NHS Hearing Aid Clinic this takes place every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10.30 - 12.00.

Opening times

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 10.00-12.30pm & 2.00-4.30pm.

Wednesday and Saturday 10.00-12.30pm

Bramley Library can also be followed on Facebook and X (Twitter).

Bramley Village Hall

The Village Hall, situated in Hall Road, dates back to the 15th century and is a large tithe barn conversion with exposed medieval timbers. The hall is available for private hire at reasonable rates, with a discount for residents of Bramley parish. The main hall has tables available for use and provides seating for 130. There are 37 car parking spaces. Wheelchair facilities have been installed, there is a toilet for the disabled, and the main hall has been fitted with a hearing loop. Hire fees include use of the main hall, annexe, large well equipped kitchen, stage and toilets. Many activities take place in the hall, such as Yoga, Martial Arts, Junior Martial Arts, Pilates and Bridge Club etc. The venue is ideal for children's parties, dancing classes, quiz nights, jumble sales, etc. A separate meeting room, with its own toilet and galley kitchen facility, is also available for hire. If you would like further information, check availability or make a booking, contact our Village Hall Booking Officer, Dennis Lordan on 01483 898682.

Waverley Borough Council – Financial support for residents.

This fund will close on 30 September, or sooner if all funds are spent before then.

Please note all applicants are required to provide details of a referee in their application form. They are also required to provide one bank statement clearly showing their name, address, sort code, account number and balance on their account. We cannot process any applications without this information.

For more details or to apply please click [here](#)

Stop Dog Fouling in our Village

A number of residents have rightly raised concerns about the high levels of dog foul, especially on the

Downslink. This area is heavily used including by families, young and elderly, it is not only disgusting but it is a health and safety issue. Please pick up your dog poo or you may be liable for a fine or prosecution.

Click [here](#) for Waverley BC's enforcement on this issue and [here is UK Law](#) on this issue.

The Villages Wednesday Club are looking for new members.

Fancy a tasty lunch and a friendly chat? Why not join the Villages Wednesday Club.

We meet at Blunden Court, Bramley every Wednesday from 10am to 2.30pm. For only £5 you get morning coffee, a freshly prepared lunch, entertainment and afternoon tea.

For those living in Shamley Green, Womersley, Bramley and the surrounding villages it's a lovely day out and a chance to meet with people and make new friends. Transport can be arranged if you need it.

For more information and to arrange a taster session contact the manager Nicola Mendelssohn on 07711 043665 or email manager@fourvillages.co.uk

GuildfordYoga classes Bramley Village Hall

Mixed ability classes

Tuesday morning 9.45-11am

Tuesday evening 7-8.15pm

Thursday morning 9.45-11am

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. £12 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 eg. Parkinsons, Arthritis, Cancer, Chronic Fatigue, MS etc. Please email luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk to register. £16 per session or discounts are available.

These are in addition to GuildfordYoga other classes which have been running for more than 20 years. Full details can be found on the GuildfordYoga website <http://www.guildfordyoga.co.uk> or by emailing luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk

News from St Catherine's School

Prep School open event - Friday 14th June 2024 9.30 – 11.45am

Focus on NEW Pre-School and Reception entry.

Please book your place by visiting our website or contacting Mrs Sarah Waller on 01483 899665

Senior School open event - Friday 21st June 2024 12.30 – 3.30 pm

Please book your place by visiting our website or contacting Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609

Baby Cats – In the Garden - Friday 7th June 2024 - For 1 – 4 yrs.

An opportunity for your little ones to explore and get muddy in the outdoors through hands-on activities!

9.30 – 10.30am - St Cats Prep Gym and Garden.

There is no charge but please click [here](#) to book your place.

Informal Concert – Monday 17th June 2024 at 7pm

Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

For more details please visit their [website](#)

News from South West Surrey Citizens Advice.

For help with pension credit please see [here](#).

Bramley Golf Club, Links Road, Bramley

If you're simply looking for stunning venue offering exclusive use in a beautiful setting...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 event.

Please call 01428 892696 (option 2) to book an appointment or email office@bramleygolfclub.co.uk

The Life of Christ at Wintershall 18th – 22nd June

Discover the wonder of Jesus' life with an unforgettable event for all the family. The Life of Christ is a play like no other, placing you in the middle of an immersive theatre experience.

Perfect for schools, families, faith groups or theatre lovers, The Life of Christ is highly entertaining and unforgettable.

For more details and to book visit their [website](#).

Soroptimist International Surrey Hills

Monday 17 June there's a project meeting at Godalming Baptist Church Hall, GU7 1BA –7.30 pm for 7.45 pm.

Tuesday 25 June, we're meeting at Coffee #1, Godalming High Street 10 – 11.30 am and wearing orange in support of the UN campaign to end violence against women.

Please email sisurreyhills@gmail.com for further details of any event. www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills and www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Our services during vacancy continue as before:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am - Sung Holy Communion

The church will be closed during the week as long as the fuel leak works continue.

ACCESS TO CHURCH DURING FUEL LEAK WORKS We had feared that Sunday services would have to be suspended because access to the church from the High Street is so dangerous. We are very grateful to the Headmistress of St Catherine's School, who has kindly agreed that on Sunday mornings our congregation can park in the prep school car park and use the gate into the churchyard in order to avoid the roadwork obstacles on the pavement outside the church.

For any information please email the office at office@holyltrinitybramley.org.uk (please not that our offices are not manned continually).

Do have a look at our [website](#), for all church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am.

30th June is Camilla's last service as Priest in Charge, please join us to celebrate all that we have done together at St Andrew's in the last five years.

7th July Evensong at 6pm.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the [website](#) for more details or contact the Revd Camilla White on camillaezwhite@gmail.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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