



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

November 2020

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 5th November – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com) for joining details).
- Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, no public "in person" event planned in Bramley this year. See below for details.
- Saturday 14th November – online Storytime and craft session from 2:00pm to 3:00pm run by Bramley Library volunteers. More details below.
- Thursday 19th November – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com) for joining details).
- Thursday 3rd December – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com) for joining details).
- Saturday 12th December – online Storytime and craft session from 2:00pm to 3:00pm run by Bramley Library volunteers. More details below.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### Bramley Parish Council update

At the Parish Council meeting in October, Members discussed a number of matters including:

- Road safety around Bramley Infant School  
Following an online petition that was created by a Bramley-based parent of the Infant School, our Chairman met with the parent, County Councillor Victoria Young and representatives from Surrey Highways and the Infant School to discuss road safety around the school. Surrey Highways continue to assert that there is minimal budget available to try to improve safety, and that the traffic data they have previously collated does not indicate any issues with the traffic volume or speed. This data is based on average road use over the course of a week, so does not present an accurate picture of what is happening on the A281 at school drop-off and pick-up times. Since the meeting Surrey Highways has installed a temporary traffic measurement camera so we hope to have access to a new set of data once this exercise has been completed. In the meantime, parents at the school are working on a number of initiatives to

improve motorists' awareness of the location of the school. The Parish Council is considering if there is anything further that can be done to support this parent effort.

- Financial matters

Despite the complications caused so far this year by the Covid-19 pandemic, expenditure for the first half of the financial year is broadly as expected. Members are beginning to turn their attention to forward planning for the next financial year that commences in April 2021. Discussions will continue on this matter at the November meeting, with a view to finalising the budget at the Parish Council meeting taking place in December.

The minutes of the meeting can be read on the Parish Council website ([www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/meeting-minutes/](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/meeting-minutes/)). The next Parish Council meeting is taking place remotely via Zoom on Thursday 19th November. 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. If you would like to receive the joining details for this meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### Community support during November lockdown

Following the announcement by the Government last weekend for us all to enter a second lockdown, the Bramley Community Support scheme has been re-established to assist those individuals who need particular assistance during these trying times.

If you are vulnerable or self-isolating and need some grocery shopping doing, a prescription collecting, have a dog to be walked, etc, please do contact us by either emailing [bramleyresponse@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyresponse@gmail.com), or telephone the Parish Clerk on 07976 290211. We can then link you up with a volunteer to help you.

Thank you once again to the Bramley residents who have notified us that you can help to support those who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you haven't volunteered as yet, but would like to, please drop an email to us at [bramleyresponse@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyresponse@gmail.com) giving your address and details of how you may be able to help.

### Remembrance Sunday

The Parish Council has been working with Holy Trinity Church to agree a plan for how to commemorate Remembrance Sunday in Bramley this year (8th November). Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, we are not able to close the road as usual and hold a ceremony at the War Memorial. Our plan was to hold an invitation-only Act of Remembrance in Holy Trinity, available to view remotely via Zoom, but with the higher restrictions that have been imposed by Government this week, we are now not able to do this.

The regulations do allow for churches to broadcast services however, so an Act of Remembrance will take place from 10:50am on Sunday morning in Holy Trinity church and will be broadcast live on Zoom. Those groups and individuals who usually lay wreaths during the ceremony are invited to do so after 11:00am on Sunday morning.

The Church and the Parish Council ask that, for everybody's safety, nobody congregates at the War Memorial at and around 11:00am. All are invited to join Bramley's Act of Remembrance through Zoom, and the wreaths will remain at the War Memorial for some time afterwards for residents to view.

The church will not be open for the public for this service. If you would like to receive the details of how to view the service via Zoom, please email Revd Andy Davis ([revd.andydavis@gmail.com](mailto:revd.andydavis@gmail.com)) or the Parish Clerk ([bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com)).

### Library update

It has been lovely to welcome you back to our village library staffed entirely by volunteers and thank you for the kind comments and positive feedback received from our visitors.

As we enter lockdown, whilst no official statement has yet been provided by Surrey Libraries, there have been some indications as to what services libraries, which are counted as essential, can provide to their local communities. The current understanding is that libraries will be able to offer a Click & Collect based service, so at the time of writing, Bramley Library plans to remain open during November. This means that you will be able to come to the Library to collect reservations you make online, as well as returning any books you have loaned. You won't be able to browse our range of books as usual, but will be greeted by one of our volunteers in the front foyer.

We will be open on the same days as before, but our hours are reduced - Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings 10:00am till noon and Thursday afternoon 2:30 until 4:30.

We are running more Storytime and craft sessions on Zoom on 14th November and 12th December starting at 2:00pm and aimed at ages 4-8. Take a look at our Facebook page for full details.

We look forward to seeing you!

### **Support for people required to self-isolate - Test and Trace Support Payment**

People with Covid-19 symptoms are required by law to self-isolate. The Test and Trace Support Payment of £500 will ensure those on low incomes will be able to self-isolate without having to worry about their finances. You can make a claim up to 14 days after the period of self-isolation has ended.

To be eligible, you must:

- Have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, either because you've tested positive for Covid-19 or have recently been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.
- Be currently receiving Universal Credit, Working Tax Credit, income-based Employment and Support Allowance, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support, Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit.
- Be employed or self-employed.
- Be unable to work from home and will lose income as a result.

People who are not currently receiving any of the qualifying benefits, but meet all the other eligibility criteria and can demonstrate they will suffer financial hardship should also complete an application, as you may be able to receive a discretionary payment.

Further information and details on how to apply can be found at [www.waverley.gov.uk/info/100010/health\\_and\\_wellbeing/2221/coronavirus\\_covid-19/2](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/info/100010/health_and_wellbeing/2221/coronavirus_covid-19/2).

### **Update on Run Common Road closure**

You may be aware that Run Common Road has been closed to traffic for some considerable time. This is due to repairs that need to be carried out to the bridge on this road, under which exists a badger sett.

Surrey County Council has been granted a license from Natural England to attempt evacuation of the badger sett by 30th November. A variety of measures are being put in place – in conjunction with specialists from Surrey Wildlife Trust – to discourage the badgers' return to this sett and to encourage their adoption of a new one located at a safe distance. If they can demonstrate by 30th November that the badgers are no longer returning to the sett, they will be able to move forward and finalise a plan for repairing the road.

If they are unable to achieve this by 30th November, they will not be allowed to do anything further until 1st July 2021. This is because licenses are not granted by Natural England for works between November and July.

We sincerely hope the badgers will be happy in their new home!

### **Creative Writing workshops**

Bramley resident Nicky Cassidy is running an online Creative Writing course for 8-14 year olds. These workshops will take place on Fridays from 4:15pm to 5:00pm for 6 weeks from 13th November. For more information, please visit [www.thewordsclub.co.uk](http://www.thewordsclub.co.uk).

### **News from Holy Trinity, Bramley**

All enquiries can be directed to the Revd Andy Davis - [revd.andydavis@gmail.com](mailto:revd.andydavis@gmail.com), 07709 919602 or 01483 892109.

The two regular Sunday Services will be broadcast live via Zoom from the church building at Holy Trinity each Sunday.

- 8:00am Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer), and
- 9:45am Parish Communion

A recording of the services will also be made available each week. If you would like to receive more information, including the Zoom details, and/or the recording, please contact Andy (see above).

8th November is Remembrance Sunday. The 9:45am Service will have a strong Remembrance theme.

### **News from St Andrew's, Grafham**

Sadly there will not be any congregational worship in church during lockdown. All services will be on Zoom. Please contact [office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk) if you are not already on the mailing list and would like to be sent the Zoom link for these services.

#### Remembrance Sunday 8th November at 10:55am

An Act of Remembrance followed by the service.

On all other Sunday mornings during November there will be a service at 10:45am.

Additionally there will be a service of Evensong on Sunday 15th November at 6:00pm.

Please see the website [www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk](http://www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk) for more details or contact the Revd Camilla White on [camillawhite@waitrose.com](mailto:camillawhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645.

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

In light of the current situation with Covid-19, the school is unable to welcome you in person to their Open Mornings, but you will be able to access a virtual tour.

- St Catherine's Prep School Open Morning – 9:45am to 11:45am on Friday 13th November.  
For more details please contact Mrs Sally Manhire on 01483 899665 or [prepadmissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepadmissions@stcatherines.info).
- St Catherine's Senior School Open Morning – 9:15am to 11:45am on Thursday 19th November.  
For more details please contact Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609 or [admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info).

### **Are you looking for a reputable trader?**

Traders4u.co.uk offers a list of local businesses who have each given a commitment to trading fairly. Each business has been vetted by Surrey Trading Standards before being approved as a member of the scheme.

From roofers to range cookers, Traders4u is open to any type of business. Their aim is to help you to choose who you do business with by helping you to find reputable local businesses before parting with your money.

The scheme forms one element of Surrey Trading Standards' strategy to reduce the number of local residents who are scammed or targeted by rogue traders. They hope that by supporting businesses who are committed to providing great customer service and operating legally, they will help to reduce the business opportunities for less reputable traders.

Now, more than ever, it's important to protect ourselves and others against scams, be aware, know who to trust and remember that not everyone out there is trustworthy. To find a local business that has been vetted, please see <https://trusted.traders4u.co.uk/find-a-business>.

## **Waverley Greenspaces Survey 2020**

Want to be in with a chance of winning £200 worth of gardening vouchers?

Waverley Borough Council's Greenspaces Survey seeks the views of residents and to see how well they are looking after your greenspaces.

The survey asks a series of questions in relation to green areas that may be near or around your home and asks you to rate services such as the maintenance of grass, leaf clearance and facilities amongst others.

You can complete the survey by simply visiting [www.waverley.gov.uk/greenspacesurvey](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/greenspacesurvey). Should you require a paper version or have any queries, please contact Waverley on 01483 523394 or by email to [faye.pringle@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:faye.pringle@waverley.gov.uk).

There will be a prize draw for gardening vouchers worth £200 as a thank you for completing the survey but please be aware you need to fill in your email address on the survey to be in with a chance of winning. Data will be kept anonymous and Waverley will not keep your email address or returned paper form for any longer than the survey takes to analyse. Your email address or paper returns will not be retained by the council beyond this period.

You and others in your household are encouraged to get involved and complete the survey, in order that the Council can understand your views on the provision of greenspace services and assist them in improving their service to you. You can find out more about the service and volunteering opportunities at [www.waverley.gov.uk/parksandcountryside](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/parksandcountryside).

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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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