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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](mailto:bramleyupdate@gmail.com).

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm, Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Bramley Showcase - 8.00pm Bramley Village Hall
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Bramley Village Society St George's Day Supper
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Bramley Village Fete Gosden Common

### WHAT'S HAPPENED?

#### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Councillor Jane Austin reported that Andrew Smith joint Executive Head of Housing Services has handed in his notice – Surrey County Councillor, Kevin Deanus said it would be a huge loss.
- There will be a full Borough Council meeting in December to appoint a new joint CEO of Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council. Pedro Wrobel was appointed.
- Waverley Borough Council are moving ahead with their new local plan.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### News from Bramley Library

The team at Bramley Library would like to wish everyone a very happy 2024. We hope to see you all through our doors in the coming year whether it be for a service such as printing or photo-copying, an activity and we have several special activities already planned, to pick up your reservation conveniently ordered online or even through the app or, perhaps renew or return those soon to be overdue books that were issued at Guildford

but you don't fancy a trip into town with all those expensive parking charges.

Bramley Library has had a successful year, we receive monthly stats re footfall to keep us on our toes, as well as items issued so we know that our library is a valued resource in the village. We also have had a cohort of new volunteers this year which will ensure that our library sessions are fully staffed; and our Friday morning Rhyme Time sessions are very popular and run every Friday the library is open.

We offer access through our public PCs to several expensive subscriptions such as Which? and Ancestry, just ask our volunteers. And online there are ebooks and audio books available to download. Is there a magazine or a newspaper you would like to read? The selection available online (literally a few clicks away) is extensive and all free to library members.

If you would like to join our team, just pop into the library or email the Parish Council.

### **Bramley Village Society – planned events for 2024**

Bramley Showcase - Tuesday 26th March, 8pm in the Village Hall

Social evening for all village residents and especially newcomers to the village to meet with and find out about local clubs and societies. Free entry and a welcome drink.

St George's Supper. Tuesday 23rd April. Venue and details to be advised.

Sit down meal and social evening to mark St George's Day.

Ploughman's Lunch. Due to the apparent low interest and attendance at the 2023 Ploughman's Lunch, this event will be discontinued.

### **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.

### **Speed Camera**

We received an update from Surrey CC on the 19th December - there has been a slight delay because when the civil contractors started work on-site in December they could not install the camera columns because they found services present in the ground.

Surrey County Council has agreed therefore to replace two lamp columns which will be able to hold the weight of the cameras. These columns have been agreed with Bramley PC and ordered by Surrey CC. This unfortunately does mean a slight delay to our installation, but we are very hopeful not long!

### **Fuel Update from Councillor Jane Austin**

Work continues - I am pleased to report we are reaching the remediation phase following months of detailed investigation. We are endeavouring to keep the Parish council website up to date with the last info - please click on the link below.

If you scroll down to the bottom you can open the latest report from EPS the Petrol Station's Consultants which includes details of their remediation plan.

I am in almost daily contact with all agencies on this - including Waverley's Environmental team, Asda, EPS (Asda's Environmental Consultants), Thames Water, Surrey CC's Petroleum Officer.

1. Click [here](#) for the latest update from EPS:
2. Ongoing Smell - the smell continues to be very strong especially following rainfall. The Petroleum and Environmental teams have come to site a number of times to check concentrations; the results demonstrate although the vapour smell is strong it is well below concentrations which would be concerning for safety. If at any stage you are concerned about fuel vapour and flammability please contact the Fire Brigade via 999.
3. The volume of rain and high water table at this time of year is why the smell and pollution is so bad right now. The adsorbent barriers were replaced in the last week of December - let me know ([jane.austin@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:jane.austin@waverley.gov.uk)) if they go brown so I can get them replaced again.
4. The cleanup process is complex and is expected to take a number of months - the Environment Agency must sign off on the work in order to ensure it is safely and properly completed. Preparatory work is underway right now and we will see more action in the coming weeks.
5. The EA is investigating with a view to prosecution. This is a long process and unfortunately can't really comment further than that at this stage.
6. Water supply to two properties have been impacted by contamination of their pipework - following test investigation work by Thames Water, a replacement barrier pipe is due to be installed imminently which is great news.

As much as we want this cleaned up ASAP we have to let these numerous agencies get on with the clean-up process properly - which will take time. Although it's frustrating for us all, I am satisfied that we've got a lot of people focused on fixing this for our village.

Please do email me if you have any concerns - I am happy to help or signpost you.

Jane

### **Bramleyhem**

Many thanks to the organisers and cast of Bramleyhem which was very well attended by many Bramley families.

### **Bramley Ball**

Bramley Ball was once again a fantastic night - the evening raised just over £5,000 which will be disseminated via Bramley Fete Committee to local schools, groups and associations. Thank you to everyone who attended and especially to the organising Committee - Charlie Hardesty, Sally Alford and Emma Chambers.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Wonersh Scouts - Beavers**

1st Wonersh Scouts are seeking passionate and adventurous individuals of all ages to join their ranks and help Scouts discover their true potential.

Your enthusiasm and guidance can shape the future of our Scouts and contribute to a stronger more resilient community. Beavers are age 6-8 and there is a role for everyone.

For more details please email [1stwonershgs@gmail.com](mailto:1stwonershgs@gmail.com)

### **Surrey Hills Chamber Choir are looking for new members**

If you are interested, please click [here](#)

### **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](mailto:manager@fourvillages.co.uk)

### **News from Bramley infant School**

After a very busy end of term before Christmas, the children have all started 2024 enthusiastically and with lots of energy! We have some exciting events coming up - some hedgehogs are coming to visit the children next week, we have sports hall competitions for Y1 and Y2 and a special wellbeing day for everyone on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

This term we will be focusing on the value of perseverance. This links directly with our persevering tortoise, who forms part of our characteristics of effective learning. This term we will be hearing bible stories that support this value.

### **News from Bramley Music**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, come and hear 'Rising Star' Paul Mnatsakanov, a brilliant young pianist who has won several international competitions and recently performed at the Wigmore Hall. Paul will play Mozart's Sonata No. 11 in A major K. 331 (which ends with the famous Rondo "Alla turca"), Beethoven's Sonata No. 13 in E flat major Op. 27 No. 1, and Mussorgsky's evocative 'Pictures at an Exhibition'.

Paul's programme will put our superb Steinway Grand through its paces, and in readiness the piano is being fully serviced by Marcin Brzozka, who prepares pianos for many of the world's leading recitalists and concert venues.

Tickets are £10 (£5 for students and under 18s), there is a free glass of wine, and the concert is supporting the Royal College of Music's Hardship Fund and Holy Trinity's music fund. Tickets are available in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or from Stuart White ([bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) or 01483 892645).

For more details see [here](#)

### **Friday Night Fever 2 - Friday 2 February at Bramley Golf Club**

Join us for a delicious curry and a disco at Bramley Golf Club on 2 February and help support Gosden House School. Tickets are £27.50 and are available from Liz Sutherland on 01483 892496 or [lizsutherland73@gmail.com](mailto:lizsutherland73@gmail.com)

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

Please feel free to contact the church on [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk)

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

You can also find "Holy Trinity Bramley" on Facebook.

Love and blessings to everyone.....

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

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am. Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Plough Sunday 14th January – 10.45am Morning Prayer with the blessing of the plough.

Plough Sunday is the first of the traditional services of the agricultural year when we ask for God's blessing on all the work that takes place in the countryside.

Following the service there will be a ploughman's lunch in church.

Please see the [website](#) for more details or contact

the Revd Camilla White on [camillaezwhite@gmail.com](mailto:camillaezwhite@gmail.com) or 01483 892645.

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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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