



BRAMLEY UPDATE

September 2020

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 10th September – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Thursday 17th September – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Thursday 24th September – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Thursday 8th October – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

The Parish Council did not meet in August and it was a relatively quiet month.

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place remotely via Zoom on Thursday 17th September. 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?

Library update

The Library Operations team has been working with Surrey Libraries to work out a set of new procedures in order to open Bramley Library safely, for both Library users and volunteers alike. Some progress has been made on a risk assessment for the building, but we are not quite yet in a position to open.

Keep an eye on the Bramley Library Facebook page for updates.

Bramley Bonfire

It will no doubt come as no surprise to you to learn that the Bramley Bonfire team has confirmed that this year's event has been cancelled. It is simply not possible to hold such a large event safely at the current time.

Message from St Catherine's School

All St Cats pupils returned to school on Thursday 3rd September. The school anticipates that more parents will be transporting their children to and from school than usual, leading to increased traffic congestion in the immediate area. Marshalls are on site to try to keep traffic moving as much as possible and a staggered end-of-day for different year groups has been implemented.

Staff will do all that they can to ease any congestion, but they apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Update from St Andrew's, Grafham

'I will lift up my eyes to the hills' (Psalm 121:1).

Weather permitting, services are taking place at 10:45am each Sunday in the lovely country churchyard at St Andrew's which has beautiful views of the Surrey Hills. Social distancing must be observed but face-coverings are currently not mandatory outside. Chairs provided! Please come prepared to worship either outside or in church.

Evensong will take place on Zoom only on Sunday 6th September when Judy Wedderspoon will be preaching. Please contact office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk if you are not already on the mailing list and would like to be sent the Zoom link for this service.

The Harvest Thanksgiving service will take place on Sunday 20th September at 10:45am. It is very much hoped that it will be possible to celebrate this traditional country festival outdoors. Please see the website for more details in due course www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk. Everybody is very welcome.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

The two regular Sunday Services are taking place in the church building at Holy Trinity each Sunday (with social distancing and hygiene protocols in place.)

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

The 9:45am Service can be watched online via Zoom, and a recording of it is also made available each week. If you would like to receive more information, including the Zoom details, and/or the recording, please contact The Revd Andy Davis, revd.andydavis@gmail.com, 07709 919602.

Looking forward to October, the Annual Meeting will take place after the 9:45am Service on Sunday 4th October, and the following Sunday, 11th October will be the Harvest Festival.

Bramley Music in Holy Trinity Church

The last concert before lockdown was in February – which seems an age ago! Four more concerts were lined up, all of which have had to be postponed. Although some restrictions on performing are at last starting to be lifted, it is unlikely that concerts will be able to resume before next year. However, they shall be back, and all the musicians that were to be heard are still keen to perform, so although dates cannot yet be provided, the following can still be looked forward to:

- A piano recital by Maltese concert pianist **Maureen Galea**, in support of the **League of Friends of Milford Hospital**. Maureen performs as a soloist and accompanist all over Europe, and also has a busy teaching schedule based at the University of Surrey. She is a renowned specialist in Czech music, and her CD releases are met with high critical acclaim. Closer to home she accompanies and sings with the Wintershall Nativity Choir.
- **'All aboard for a Musical Journey'** to all sorts of exotic places, with Danae Eleni (soprano), Ed Saklatvala (baritone) and Kimon Pallikaropoulos (piano), supporting **Dan's Fund for Burns**.

- A **Sunday teatime concert** entitled '**Concert, Cake and Compassion**' - a **Pickering family** concert in aid of the charity **Compassion child sponsorship**. The multi-talented Pickering family has provided musicians for several of the 'Home Grown' concerts.
- A **Piano Duet Recital** with **Paul Guinary and Alan Newcombe**. Both Alan and Paul are well known to Bramley Music audiences for their superb playing, and on this occasion they will come together to bring us a very attractive programme of duets.

Watch this space! In the meantime, any queries to Stuart White (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645).

Villages Wednesday Club AGM

The Villages Wednesday Club will be holding its AGM at 7:30pm on Tuesday 20th October.

The venue is to be decided depending on Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time. If you are interested in attending, please contact jane@fourvillages.co.uk for details and to be kept updated.

Update from the Wey & Arun Canal Trust

Wey and Arun Canal Trust are starting to build a new wheelchair accessible Information Point at the entrance to Hunt Park, just to the right of the Downs Link as you enter from the A281. The project will be carried out over several phases and the Trust and its conservation advisor have been working closely with environmental agencies to ensure the delicate ecosystem here is not impacted. As such, all construction work will be timed according to the resident wildlife's hibernation and dormancy periods.

Hunt Nature Park is owned and managed by the Wey & Arun Canal Trust. During the summer of 2013 the Trust's volunteers transformed the formerly neglected area, planting native trees and shrubs to create habitats suitable for birds, insects and other animals. These habitats include open ground, meadow, shrubland and woodland as well as wetlands and riverbank.

Have your say on Waverley Borough Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan

The views of Waverley's communities are being sought in a consultation that will help shape the council's Climate Emergency Action Plan.

Launched last month, the online survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WaverleyClimateEmergencySurvey. The council's draft Action Plan can also be viewed at www.waverley.gov.uk/climatechangestrategy.

Waverley Borough Council declared a Climate Emergency in September last year with its Executive approving the first draft of the Action Plan in March 2020. The Action Plan sets out how the council can become carbon-neutral by 2030. It also recognises that across the council, all strategic decisions and budgets need to be aligned with the goal of achieving a shift to carbon-neutral.

Waverley Borough Council has already set to work on cutting back its carbon emissions and supporting the move towards a net-zero carbon Waverley borough by 2030. It has allocated £300,000 directly in support of the Climate Emergency Action Plan, and is now looking at building zero-carbon homes, making Waverley buildings more energy efficient, supporting community energy hubs, promoting walking and cycling and sustainable transport and harnessing solar energy in strategic locations.

The council is now seeking to understand what the wider community thinks of the targets and actions it has set itself and to play an important role in how the council will fulfil its commitment going forward.

Members of the public have until 16th October 2020 to complete the survey.

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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