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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 bramleyparish@gmail.com.

Friends or family in Bramley? Think they'd like to see this email? Please suggest they subscribe (see below). Do you belong to a society or club? You can use this to publicise your events. There's no charge for subscribing or contributing to Bramley Update.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

The Parish Council has continued to meet regularly via telephone conferencing to discuss and address ongoing business. You can read the notes from the calls held to date on the Parish Council website.

We were hoping to be able to have a face-to-face Parish Council meeting in July, but advice from the National Association of Local Councils states that councils should continue to meet remotely. As we have not had a formal meeting since February, Members have agreed to hold a full meeting of the council remotely via Zoom. This meeting will take place at **7:30pm on Thursday 16th July**. If you would like to "attend" this meeting remotely, do contact the Parish Clerk at bramleyparish@gmail.com who will be able to give you details of how to join. The primary business of this meeting will be to discuss and approve the 2019/20 Parish Council accounts. The agenda for the meeting will be available on the Parish Council website from 10th July.

Although a lot quieter, the community support network in Bramley is still operational for those who need assistance. Any request should be made to Kathy Victor, the Parish Clerk by email at bramleyresponse@gmail.com, or telephone on 07976 290211.

Easing of restrictions

Following the recent Government announcements regarding the easing of restrictions, the Parish Council has reopened the Village Hall and the Eastwood Road play area.

The Village Hall is available to hire for small groups only. Unfortunately, it's not possible to accept bookings for children's parties or large gatherings for the time being, but smaller groups who can adhere to social distancing guidelines may be able to use the facility. A deep clean of the hall has been carried out and we are putting in place a number of procedures in order to keep the hall Covid-19 secure. If you would like to discuss a possible booking of the hall, do contact Dennis Lordan, our Bookings Officer on 01483 898682.

At the Eastwood Road play area, we ask parents to please take note of the signage that's in place. We will not be providing hand sanitiser at the playground, so we recommend parents bring their own, along with suitable wipes to sanitise the equipment used before and after use.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Downs Link

Following the report in the June issue of Bramley Update, I received an email from a local resident who tells me that he has started a new habit of picking up litter along the Downs Link. In his own words, "although I don't mind the extra exercise I get from all the bending and standing up again, I am nevertheless astounded by the amount of litter that is constantly being dropped."

I'd like to thank this kind gentleman for his community work, but feel that he shouldn't really have to be doing it. Litter spoils the Downs Link. To all walkers, cyclists and horse riders ... please dispose of your litter in one of the public bins or take it home with you. Littering is a choice. Don't choose to litter.

Library update

The Library Operations team held a socially distanced meeting in the Chair's garden recently so we could discuss the possible reopening of Bramley Library in the not too distant future. We are working with Surrey Libraries on how to open safely, implementing the correct precautions for both visitors and our volunteers alike.

Many of our volunteers are keen to get back to "work", so be assured that as soon as we are given the go ahead by Surrey Libraries that we can open – perhaps commencing with reduced opening hours – we will do so. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Library, do send an email to bramleylibrary@gmail.com.

Microsoft Word course starting September 2020

Want to return to work but need to update your skills?
Want a recognised qualification?

St Catherine's School is currently offering daytime training sessions to help adults wanting to return to work. You can become more proficient in the use of Microsoft Office as well as gaining a recognised qualification. Come and reboot your confidence.

Microsoft Word – you can learn the following skills:

- Using sections breaks
- Inserting a table of contents
- Inserting bibliography citation sources, footnotes, endnotes
- Inserting hyperlinks
- Amending line and paragraph spacing
- Applying and amending styles

Comments from our previous students:

- *"I felt a huge sense of achievement when I passed!"*
- *"It's great to be in a classroom with other adult students"*
- *"Teaching my partner something he didn't know was great"*
- *"If only I'd known some of these features before, I'd have saved so much time"*

Fully funded places are available. To find out more, email mosttraining@stcatherines.info or call 01483 893363.

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

Staff at St Andrew's are joyfully looking forward to being able to worship together in church once again this month. Although they are still awaiting guidance from the Government and the national church on a number of points, their intention is to resume Sunday worship at St Andrew's on **Sunday 12th July at 10:45am**. Appropriate hygiene and social distancing measures will be observed.

They are very conscious that not everybody will feel ready or be able to return to church yet. They are actively looking at ways in which they can continue to make their services available online.

Please visit www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk for more information or contact them by email at office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk to receive their regular mailings.

If you would like to talk to someone about their plans or for any other reason please contact the Reverend Camilla White on 01483 892645 (camillawhite@waitrose.com).

And from Holy Trinity, Bramley ...

Holy Trinity Bramley will resume worship in the church building on Sunday 19th July for both services – 8:00am and 9:45am.

There will be challenges of hygiene measures and social distancing (they are also awaiting guidelines from the government and the national church on a number of issues), but they hope to make worship as safe and joyful as they can!

They realise that there will be people who cannot take the risk of attending, or who prefer not to. They hope that the service will therefore continue to be available online: live-streamed and/or recorded in the church.

Until then the church remains open from 9:00am to 6:00pm for private prayer and Zoom services at 9:45am continue. Anyone wishing to join in the virtual services please contact revd.andydavis@gmail.com.

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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