



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

**November 2021**

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

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Bramley Bonfire - Saturday 6th November from 6:00pm. More details below.
- Act of Remembrance at Bramley War Memorial, Sunday 14th November from 10:50am, followed by a service in Holy Trinity church, Bramley shortly after 11.00. More details below.
- Bramley Neighbourhood Plan Referendum - Thursday 18th November. Voting at Bramley Village Hall 7.00am - 10.00pm, by postal vote or by proxy.
- Thursday 25th November - Bramley Parish Council Meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.30pm Bramley Village Hall. All Welcome.
- Thursday 2nd December - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the clerk for joining details)

## **WHAT'S HAPPENED?**

### **Bramley Parish Council update**

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

- **Bramley Neighbourhood Plan**  
The draft Bramley Neighbourhood Plan has been finalised and published on the Parish Council website, along with a 3-page summary document which gives detail of the main points.  
The Referendum on the Plan has been set for Thursday 18th November. More details below.
- **Update from Bramley Neighbourhood Police**  
PC Greenaway will be working extra hours over the bonfire period and would like to encourage residents to report any issues.  
With the nights getting darker residents are reminded to be vigilant. Don't forget to lock all your doors, gates and windows including sheds and outbuildings. Check security lighting or leave lights on where appropriate. For further advice please visit their website [www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/).

Cllr Seaborne thanked the police for their more visible and frequent vehicle speed checks in the parish.

- **Arriva UK Bus Services**  
Arriva are intending to cease operating bus services in Surrey from mid December 2021. It was hoped that Falcon Coaches would take over Arriva's services, but we have just heard that these negotiations have fallen through. As soon as we have more information, we'll let you know.
- **Grounds Maintenance update**  
The Parish Council has agreed a contract with Grasstex to look after all grounds maintenance works in and around the village.  
The Assistant Clerk has organised the refurbishment of the area at Bramley Station. These works are almost completed.

The minutes of the meeting can be read on the Parish Council website ([www.bramleyparish.co.uk](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk)). The next Parish Council meeting is taking place Thursday 25th November in the Village Hall meeting room. 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **Bramley Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Thursday November 18th**

Do you want Waverley Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Bramley to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?

Please visit the website [www.bramleyparish.co.uk](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk) or see our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/218207778821976](https://www.facebook.com/groups/218207778821976) for details of what this new Plan includes. This is your chance to have your say!

If you would like to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan with one of the councillors please email the assistant clerk [asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk) who would be pleased to arrange this.

### **Bramley Bonfire Night is this Saturday the 6th November and the weather is looking good.**

Please find below some important details...

Timings are ...

- 6:00pm – Assembly of Guys in Library car park
- 6:15pm – Pedestrians WITHOUT torches proceed to the field
- 6:20pm – Judging of Guys
- 6:25pm – Presentation of prizes
- 6:40pm – Torchlight procession. Please wait for announcements
- 7:10pm – Lighting the bonfire
- 7:40pm – Firework display

#### COVID Precautions:

If you or a member of your group show any COVID symptoms, please do not come to the bonfire as the risk of infecting large numbers is significant.

The procession, food stalls, and entry to the field can be very busy so we suggest using masks to reduce the risk of transmission in these busy locations.

#### Guy Competition:

Have you started making your Guy yet? Guys should be presented for judging in the library car park, with prizes for various age groups. After judging they are transported to the bonfire and placed on a platform before it is lit.

### Cash:

As you'll know from previous years cash is vital for food stalls, torches and the donations so please plan a trip to a cash point between now and Saturday as the village machines cannot be relied upon on the night due to the huge demand.

A number of contactless terminals are being trialled on Saturday but cash is the most important means of paying.

### Donations:

The event is entirely run by volunteers and is ticketless. It is purely funded by the donations received in the buckets and the food and torch sales on the night, so please do give generously on the way in or out of the field to ensure the event is able to keep on running. Other local displays are charging £10 per adult for entry so please keep that in mind when deciding on your donation for your group.

A JustGiving page has been created to collect donations too, it can be found at [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bramley-bonfire](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/bramley-bonfire).

### Volunteers:

Volunteers to be marshals or to crew the food stalls are most certainly still welcome so if you would like to get involved, please email Phil Baker at [BramleyBonfireChairman@gmail.com](mailto:BramleyBonfireChairman@gmail.com).

### **Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service - 11.00am Sunday 14th November at The War Memorial**

It is hoped that Remembrance Sunday will be commemorated as fully as possible this year, but we have to continue to be mindful of Covid-19, especially for the service in church that follows the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial commencing at 10:50am. We hope that if people wish to come into church, they will. If the church is busy, we will strongly encourage everyone that can, to wear a mask; to sanitise hands on arrival and departure and give others as much space as they can. Thank you in advance for your care and cooperation.

### **Update from Bramley Library**

Activities have returned to Bramley Library. Rhyme Time is back, a very successful Story Time was held over half term and groups have resumed their bookings of our meeting room. Going forward another Story Time will be scheduled for the Christmas holidays.

However, we need some help with Rhyme Time. Unfortunately, our dedicated pre-Covid team of leaders is no longer available. Is there anyone who would be happy to run a session? We had a team of 5 before so the commitment was only one session a month. Do pop into the library or simply attend a session, 11am every Friday, and talk to the library volunteer.

Also, we would welcome anyone who would like to join our volunteer team. You only work the shifts that suit you, there is no weekly nor monthly requirement to work specific shifts. Could this appeal to you? If so, please email [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com). We are looking to increase our opening hours but would like to welcome a few more volunteers to the team before doing so.

The meeting room, with kitchen facilities, is available for hire at extremely competitive rates. Should you host a regular activity or have a one off event please email [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com) to arrange a viewing. We look forward to welcoming you at our village library.

### **Waverley Borough Council launches a new funding scheme for not-for-profit organisations**

Waverley Borough Council has launched the new Thriving Communities Commissioning Fund offering financial support to local not-for-profit organisations delivering health and wellbeing services in Waverley. The scheme offers an exciting opportunity for local voluntary organisations to work in partnership with the council to meet its corporate objectives and support people who may be vulnerable, disadvantaged or have higher needs. The bidding round is open for 5 weeks from 14 October. The deadline for applications is 4pm on 18 November 2021. Decisions on funding will be made in mid-December.

Successful applicants will receive funding to deliver specific services or activities over a three-year period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2025.

The scheme's funding priorities are:

- Priority one – improving people's health and wellbeing
- Priority two – enabling access to information, advice and guidance
- Priority three – reducing social isolation and loneliness
- Priority four – building stronger, connected communities

For full information, including the application criteria and how to apply, visit Waverley Borough Council's voluntary sector web page ([www.waverley.gov.uk/Services/Benefits-and-community-support/Voluntary-sector-support/New-Funding-Scheme-Thriving-Communities-Commissioning-Fund](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/Services/Benefits-and-community-support/Voluntary-sector-support/New-Funding-Scheme-Thriving-Communities-Commissioning-Fund)).

### **Government's Gigabit Voucher Scheme (Gigabit Vouchers ([culture.gov.uk](http://culture.gov.uk))).**

This scheme provides some financial assistance to eligible residents and businesses who are keen to work as a group with a supplier to get gigabit infrastructure installed to their community as soon as possible. They can apply for up to £1,500 per home and £3,500 per SME but a key requirement is that they need to work as a group, they can't apply individually for a voucher.

Since the Government started to offer these vouchers in 2018, more than 3,530 Surrey homes and businesses have accessed this funding.

For more details please see below

[https://mcusercontent.com/f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6/files/ffb22475-b054-e1a1-24b0-7dc3aa6f98b6/Gigabite\\_voucher\\_scheme.pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6/files/ffb22475-b054-e1a1-24b0-7dc3aa6f98b6/Gigabite_voucher_scheme.pdf).

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADS | Alice Phillips | Naomi Bartholomew

We look forward to being able to welcome the local community to School as we cautiously return to hosting drama, musical and sporting events. Please visit [www.stcatherines.info](http://www.stcatherines.info) for more details.

### Open Mornings

- Prep School : Friday 12th November 9.45-11.45am Mrs Sally Manhire | 01483 899665  
[prepadmissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepadmissions@stcatherines.info)
- Senior School : Tuesday 23rd November 9.15am-midday Mrs Clare Woodgates | 01483 899609  
[admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info)

### Baby Cats Dance

Friday 8th October | For toddlers 2-4 yrs

Join us as we dance our way through a favourite children's book in this creative movement class.

### Baby Cats - Christmas Extravaganca

Friday 10th December | For 0-4 yrs

Come and listen to classic Christmas Carols, watch our Prep School girls perform and join in with dancing and singing to celebrate the festive season.

9.30 - 10.30am | St Cats Prep Gym |

There is no charge but please email to register: [prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info).

### Cats Class

Every Tuesday until 22nd March 2022 | 1.30 – 2.45pm

Let us guide your daughter on her journey to starting school by booking a term of Cat Class. Activities will be led by our early years team in a reception classroom and will include arts and crafts, imaginative, construction and messy play to inspire exploration and discovery. Each week your daughter will also have the opportunity to take part in a session led by one of our specialist teachers of music, ballet, PE and outdoor learning.

For more information on costs and to register, please email: [catclass@stcatherines.info](mailto:catclass@stcatherines.info).

### Swim School

Saturday Mornings | 8.45 – 11.45am

Run by qualified swim teachers, we offer classes to a wide range of abilities & ages, high standards of tuition in water confidence, swimming techniques & aquatic skills, all whilst maintaining an educational, fun & safe environment. Half or one hour lessons depending on ability.

£9 per half hour lesson | £15 per 1 hour lesson

Email Swim School Coordinator for more details & to register : [swimschool@stcatherines.info](mailto:swimschool@stcatherines.info).

### **Bramley Sports Pavilion**

With the lifting of most Covid restrictions Bramley Sports Pavilion on Gosden Common and the outside space is now available for hire again. The Pavilion is ideal for a one off event such as a birthday party or a regular booking such as Pilates, yoga, etc. For more details please email [asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk).

### **Wonersh Garden Club**

Our next meeting will be held at The Memorial Hall, Wonersh, at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1st December. This time there is a festive theme, Veronica Barnard will be demonstrating how to make a foliage wreath and a small table arrangement. Visitors are welcome, paying a £3 non-members fee. Our President, Hilary Goodridge, is happy to take enquiries from potential new members. For more information, please contact her by phoning 01483 535108 or emailing [hilarygoodridge@gmail.com](mailto:hilarygoodridge@gmail.com).

### **Blackheath and Bramley Choral Society**

Blackheath and Bramley Choral Society will be performing music by the two Haydn brothers: Josef Haydn's St. Nicholas Mass and Michael Haydn's Requiem on Saturday, November 27 at Holy Trinity Church Guildford at 7:30 pm. Tickets (£15/£8 students) are available from choir members or at [boxoffice.bbcs@gmail.com](mailto:boxoffice.bbcs@gmail.com).

Blackheath and Bramley Choral Society was formed in 1912 and is a friendly, non-auditioned choir that aims for attaining the highest possible standard. We meet on Monday evenings at Holy Trinity Church Bramley from 8 pm until 9:30 pm. We are always keen to welcome new members. If you are interested in joining us, please contact our chairman, Janet Crosthwaite, via email: [chairman.bbcs@gmail.com](mailto:chairman.bbcs@gmail.com).

### **Update from Holy Trinity, Bramley**

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis [revd.andydavis@gmail.com](mailto:revd.andydavis@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk) 07709 919602 or 01483 892109

Our two Sunday services

- 8.00am Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.45am Parish Communion

Commemoration of All Souls: On Sunday, 7th November during the 9.45am Service, we will commemorate All Souls by reading out the names of departed loved ones. There is a list in church where you can add names, or you can contact the Vicar, who is happy to add a name for you.

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 14th November. See information elsewhere in this Update.

Canon John Bundock: The Eucharist celebrating the Golden Jubilee of John's ordination (50 years as a priest) takes place in Guildford Cathedral on Sunday, 21st November at 2.30pm.

John is most grateful to the Dean and the Chapter of the Guildford Cathedral, of which John is a Canon Emeritus, for its use for this occasion.

Trinity Toddlers: meets in the Parish Room at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on Wednesdays during term time from 10am to 11.30am. For parents and carers with babies and toddlers....

Chip and Pin: we are now able to receive donations and payments at church services and events by card payment.

The church building is open for private prayer and visiting every day from 9.30am to 5.30pm. We are continuing to hold the people of Bramley in our prayers.

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

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am. This month there will be a service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday 7th and not on 14th November.

14th November Remembrance Sunday 10.55 am Please note time.  
Ceremonies at the War Memorial in the churchyard followed by service in church.

28th November Holy Communion for St Andrew's Day  
Celebrating our patronal festival.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

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.

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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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