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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](mailto: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.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 8th October – 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).
- Tuesday 13th October – Bramley Library re-opening.
- Thursday 22nd October – 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 5th November – 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

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

#### Traffic on the A281

We continue to receive a steady stream of complaints from residents about the speed, volume and weight of traffic that travels through our village on the A281. It is a matter that we most regularly raise with our Community Policing team as well as Surrey Highways. The Police has been seen carrying out speed monitoring from time to time, although not as regularly as we would like. Surrey Highways' stance is that, in their view, speed is not an issue in Bramley and despite regular requests to them to extend the 30mph speed limit at the north and south of the village, they do not feel this is necessary, nor do they think it will be effective. Jeremy Hunt MP has recently become involved in this aspect and we wait to hear if his involvement will help change the view of Surrey Highways.

The Parish Council has also:

- Co-ordinated a well-established Community Speedwatch programme. We have a small pool of local volunteers who regularly monitor the speed of traffic in areas where we know that speed is often an issue.
- Encouraged Surrey Police to carry out more regular speed monitoring through the village.

- Lobbied Surrey County Council to install a speed camera in Bramley. Surrey Highways are not inclined to do this as there have not been any sufficiently “serious” incidents and the cost to install and the ongoing administration of a camera is too high.

We will continue with these efforts – the Parish Council doesn’t have the power to do much else – but if **YOU** want to try to make a difference, you could:

- Join the Community Speedwatch team. The more members there are, the more monitoring can be done. Email the Parish Clerk at [bramleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyparish@gmail.com) if you would like more information on this.
- Report instances of speeding to Surrey Police by telephoning them on 101. If the Police can identify particular days / times when speeding is an issue (e.g. motorbikes early on a Sunday morning), they can target repeat offenders.
- Contact Jeremy Hunt MP yourself ([jeremy.hunt.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:jeremy.hunt.mp@parliament.uk)) to keep the issue on his dashboard.

### Remembrance Sunday

Plans are still being discussed for a commemoration in Bramley on Remembrance Sunday this year (8th November). Obviously due to the current restrictions we will not be able to organise a large public event at the War Memorial, but we hope to have at least a wreath-laying ceremony on an invite-only basis. We’ll finalise plans in the coming weeks and communicate them both on Facebook and in next month’s Bramley Update.

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 22nd October. 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**

We are really pleased to announce that Bramley Library will be re-opening on **Tuesday 13th October**. To start with, we’ll only be open for a couple of hours on our usual opening days, as follows:

- Tuesdays – 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Thursdays – 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Fridays – 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Saturdays – 10:00am to 12:00pm

Also, to start with, we’ll only be offering a book borrowing service – so no Rhyme Time, photocopying service, availability of PCs, meeting room hire, etc. We hope to be able to gradually start offering more services over the coming weeks / months, but at least Bramley residents will be able to get back to borrowing books! The wearing of face coverings will be mandatory whilst in the library, so don’t forget to bring yours when you come. We look forward to welcoming you back!

### **Flood risk**

As the weather turns colder, and more particularly wetter, it’s a useful time to remind all those that live next to a watercourse of their responsibilities. If you own land adjoining, above or with a watercourse running through it, you have certain rights and responsibilities. In legal terms you are a ‘riparian owner’. If your land boundary is next to a watercourse it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse, unless it is owned by someone else. If a watercourse runs alongside your garden wall or hedge you should check your property deeds to see if the wall or hedge marks your boundary. If the watercourse marks the boundary, it is assumed you own the land up to the centre of the watercourse. If you own land with a watercourse running through or underneath it, it is assumed you own the stretch of watercourse that runs through your land.

Your responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- You must let water flow through your land without any obstruction, pollution or diversion which affects the rights of others.
- You should keep the banks clear of anything that could cause an obstruction and increase flood risk, either on your land or downstream if it is washed away. You are responsible for maintaining the bed and banks of the watercourse and the trees and shrubs growing on the banks. You should also clear any litter from the channel and banks, even if they did not come from your land.
- You should always leave a development-free edge on the banks next to a watercourse. This allows for easy access to the watercourse in case any maintenance or inspection is required.
- You must keep any structures, such as culverts, trash screens, weirs and mill gates, clear of debris.
- You should not cause obstructions, temporary or permanent, that would stop fish passing through.
- Please help to protect water quality. Do not use riverbanks to dispose of garden or other waste, where it could be washed into the river. This includes grass cuttings, which pollute the water.

If you are a riparian owner and are unsure of all of your rights and responsibilities, do contact the Parish Clerk or you can find more information on the Environment Agency website at [www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse).

### **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, 01483 892109.

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 Andy.

The Harvest Festival will take place on 11th October, when donations will be collected for the Godalming Food Bank.

Looking to the first two Sundays in November, at the 9:45am Service on 1st November, All Souls will be commemorated. If you would like a departed loved one's name read out at that service, do contact Andy.

8th November is Remembrance Sunday. The 9:45am Service will have a Remembrance theme, and Andy is working with the Parish Council on how best to observe an appropriate and safe Act of Remembrance at 11:00am.

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

In addition to the services at 10:45am in church each Sunday, there will be a service of Evensong on Zoom only on Sunday 18th October at 6:00pm. 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 this service.

This year there will be two services close to All Souls' Day so that there will be room in St Andrew's for everybody who might wish to come to remember and to give thanks for the lives of departed loved ones.

The services will be at 3:00pm on Saturday 31st October and 3:00pm on Sunday 1st November. If you are planning to come it would be very helpful if you could let the Reverend Camilla White know by Wednesday 28th October ([camillawhite@waitrose.com](mailto:camillawhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645).

### **Join the fight against Coronavirus**

The NHS Covid-19 app ([www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/](http://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/)) launched on Thursday 24th September and is the next step in the fight to stop the spread of Coronavirus in Surrey. With multiple

functions and using the privacy preserving technology, the app is the fastest way to see if you are at risk from Coronavirus. The quicker you know, the faster you can protect yourself, your loved ones and others. The more Surrey residents that download the app, the longer we can continue to keep Surrey safe.

#### What does the app do?

- Sends you an alert when you are at risk of infection.
- Alerts you when the levels of Coronavirus are rising in your area.
- The built in QR codes makes checking into bars and restaurants super easy, and you will be alerted if you've been near someone with the virus.
- It's the best way to avoid a local lockdown and keep the virus under control.
- It helps you check your symptoms and book a test.
- Explains how to isolate and helps you keep track of the number days if you have to.
- Remember it tracks the virus – not you.
- The 'check-in' feature provides users with a digital diary and can send you alerts if you have visited a venue where you may have come into contact with Coronavirus.
- The app remembers who you've met, including people you don't know, so you don't have to – that includes on the bus or in a shop queue.

#### Privacy and personal data

It's important to remember that the app tracks the virus – not you, which means all your personal data and information is always safe and protected. Any data shared on the app is held on your phone and the app doesn't use GPS so nobody will know who or where you are.

#### Some need to know info

To download and use the app you must:

- Be aged 16 or over.
- Live in England or Wales.
- Have a compatible iOS or Android smartphone with Bluetooth.

#### Checking in using QR codes

Certain types of businesses will have a legal requirement to display a QR poster, ready for customers to scan using the App.

Types of venues who will be legally obliged to display a QR poster are:

- Hospitality – bars, restaurants, hotels, cafes
- Tourism and Leisure – museums, galleries, gyms, leisure centres
- Local authority buildings
- Places of worship
- Close contact services
- Where an event is taking place in a physical location

Look out for an NHS QR code poster when you enter these places so you can easily check-in using the app.

Depending on your mobile device, visit the App Store or Google Play Store and search NHS Covid-19 app to download. For more information visit the NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace app webpage ([www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/](http://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/the-nhs-app/)).

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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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