



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

**August 2021**

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

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- Thursday 19th August 2021 - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the clerk for joining details)
- Thursday 2nd September 2021 - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the clerk for joining details)
- Thursday 2nd September 2021 - Bramley Village Society AGM - Village Hall meeting room 8.00pm.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENED?**

### **Bramley Parish Council update**

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

- We are planning to repair and repaint the station shelter, fences and gates at Bramley and Wonersh station in the near future and are currently in the process of getting quotes for the work.
- The Neighbourhood plan - the independent examiner has almost completed his work and we are expecting his final report soon.
- The roadworks on the A281 south of Bramley have been completed and there is a meeting to discuss the issues on Run Common Road in the near future, so we should have an update soon.
- There's no full Council meeting in August but the September meeting on Thursday 16th is hoped to be held at The Crafty Brewery. The Parish Council want to develop a better understanding of major businesses in the parish so hope to hold occasional future meetings in other business locations. The October meeting will be held at the village hall.

The minutes of the meeting can be read on the Parish Council website ([www.bramleyparish.co.uk](http://www.bramleyparish.co.uk)).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### South Western Railways (SWR)

SWR have set out their initial proposals for their December 2022 timetable. Historically they have been increasing trains to keep up with increasing customer numbers with, as I'm sure some of you have experienced, some detrimental effects on performance and reliability. The Covid pandemic has demonstrated that when running fewer trains performance has improved significantly whilst still meeting customer demand and improving customer satisfaction.

Customers are beginning to return to the railways, but forecasts suggest they will not return to pre-Covid levels. This gives SWR a unique opportunity to start planning a long-term timetable to meet customer demands, maintain their improved reliability, provide value for the taxpayer and meet local and national priorities.

The consultation is not currently open to the public but please visit [www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/timetables/timetable-consultation-december-2022](http://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/timetables/timetable-consultation-december-2022) to see their proposals and direct any comments to Bramley Parish Council by emailing [asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk).

### Bramley Music is back, with 'Beethoven in Bramley'!

Welcome back to Holy Trinity Church for our first post-lockdown concert on Saturday 4th September at 7pm. Concert pianist Maureen Galea will help us to celebrate Beethoven's 250th year, and, of course, the return of Bramley Music! The programme will include Beethoven's famous and much loved Pathétique Sonata. By coming to the concert you will be supporting the League of Friends of Milford Hospital. They are a charity which provides the hospital with valuable support, facilities and amenities.

Given the current uncertainty, to enable you to feel as safe as possible the arrangements for this concert are different from previous ones, as follows:

- Please arrive and leave wearing a mask – when seated you may remove your mask if you wish.
- The programme will last for a little over an hour, with only a very short interval, and there will be no refreshments.
- Seating is limited to 60, which permits social distancing, so early ticket purchase is recommended!
- To enable us to keep track of who is coming, tickets must be pre-paid, either purchased in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or from Stuart White ([stuartwhite@waitrose.com](mailto:stuartwhite@waitrose.com) or 01483 892645) with payment by bank transfer or cheque – if you contact him he can give you the appropriate bank details etc. No tickets will be on sale at the door.

We look forward to seeing you on 4th September!

### Update from Bramley Library

Bramley Library are delighted to let you know that from Tuesday 17th August your library will look much more like the library you remember from happier times. Although sadly when they removed the direction signage from the floor it left significant imprints. Hand sanitiser will be available, and some screens will remain in place and although no longer mandatory, they request face-coverings are worn.

The PCs will be available, as are other services like the photocopier, printing, laminating and the library will again be selling greetings cards, glasses and other items. Furniture will be in place, and you are welcome to come in with your own devices and use the free wifi.

The Summer Reading Challenge is in full swing and there is another exciting activity for you to enjoy, the Surrey Nature Explorer Passport.

Regretfully, at present, being a small building, they are unable to restart Rhyme Time which has been sorely missed. Some of the larger libraries have started their session with restricted numbers and a requirement to book your place.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADS | Alice Phillips | Naomi Bartholomew  
St Catherine's is on Summer Holiday until Thursday 9th September.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the 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 : Tuesday 21st September 9.45-11.45am  
Mrs Sally Manhire | 01483 899665  
[prepadmissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepadmissions@stcatherines.info)
- Senior School : Tuesday 28th September 9.15am-midday  
Mrs Clare Woodgates | 01483 899609  
[admissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:admissions@stcatherines.info)

### **Update from Bramley C of E infants and nursery school**

Message from the head teacher Shona Taylor.

As we reach the end of our academic year and reflect on the year gone by it seems difficult to remember that in September the idea of class bubbles and continuous washing of hands and equipment not to mention the wearing of masks was still so new to us. These practices have become second nature and as a staff we have been amazed by the resilience and determination all our children have shown in this most testing of years.

One of the most insightful remarks came from a Year 1 child, who told us, "it doesn't matter if I can't see all your face, your eyes tell me you are smiling."

In recent weeks we have been delighted to welcome parents across the threshold of the school gate and onto the field for sports days and leavers assembly.

Our PTFA have been remarkably busy raising funds for our playground redevelopment, we look forward to sharing the progress of this in the new term.

We are looking forward to a welcoming both new families and existing families back to school in September. Until then we wish everyone a restful summer.

### **Gosden House School Tea Under the Trees**

Thursday 16th September at 1.30pm  
Gosden House School  
Horsham Road, Bramley, Guildford, GU5 0AH

The students and staff of Gosden House school are excited to be celebrating their centenary year at Gosden House and they would love the local community to help them celebrate by joining them for Tea Under the Trees.

More information will be available on their website <https://gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk> from September.

### **The Villages Wednesday Club has reopened at last**

After so long being unable to get together, the Villages Wednesday Club in Bramley finally opened its doors to members again on July 7th.

The Club is aimed at those who find it more difficult to get out and about, and provides a welcome day out and the opportunity to meet people and make new friends. It meets every Wednesday at Blunden Court (behind the library), and the day starts with coffee and time to chat, followed by an activity such as a word game or quiz, then a freshly prepared lunch is served and in the afternoon they usually have entertainment such as a musician, singer or local school choir. They provide support, information and companionship, and have a hairdresser and fortnightly pop-up shop. Transport is available if needed, and the cost of the day is £5.

The day is managed by Nicola Mendelssohn and her deputy, Sue Searle, assisted by a team of volunteers who cook, serve teas and coffees, and are always ready to sit and have a chat! If you would like more information, or to come along for a taster session, contact Nicola on 01403 372747 or [manager@fourvillages.co.uk](mailto:manager@fourvillages.co.uk).

### **Bramley Village Society**

Annual General Meeting (much delayed!)

Thursday 2nd September at 8pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

All adult Bramley residents are members of the BVS, and are invited to attend the AGM. This will be our first AGM since June 2019, and will be the first opportunity since then to refresh the committee. In the meantime, two of the existing committee members have resigned, and any new potential recruits would be especially welcome.

For further information, please contact the BVS secretary, Richard Farr, on 01483 893905, email [farr.ric@gmail.com](mailto:farr.ric@gmail.com).

### **Surrey Police Band - A Night at the Proms in aid of Woking Mind**

Saturday 4th September at 7.00pm

Normandy Village Hall, Guildford, GU3 2DD

Tickets available at [www.surreypoliceband.org.uk](http://www.surreypoliceband.org.uk) or telephone 07849 675627.

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

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis

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Website: [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/)

Facebook (church): [www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBramley/](https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityBramley/)

Facebook (Revd Andy): [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100046447764033](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100046447764033)

We have made some changes to our worship, post July 19th, whilst remaining committed to keeping people safe.

We are singing again; the wine is available at Communion. Masks are not required whilst seated. See full details here: <https://together.ourchurchweb.org.uk/gosport/docstore/395.pdf>.

You can also come to our two Sunday services:

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

Or you can join online, via Zoom. The Zoom details (which are the same for all services) can be obtained by emailing Revd Andy (see above).

We are changing the way we communicate. Please see lead article in the last edition of the Parish Magazine, here: [www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/contactus.htm](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/contactus.htm). And do contact us about this, as suggested in the article!

The first weekend in October will be a special one for us. We hope to deliver some information through every letterbox in the parish, in September.

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**

During August all services will take place outdoors in the churchyard, weather permitting, so please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am.

8th August - Lammastide service. This is another of the traditional services of the agricultural year. It is the time when we give thanks to God for the first of the grain harvest. The bread which is used for Communion will have been baked using barley from Whitley Manor Farm.

In addition to morning services, our final summer evensong for this year will take place on 5th September at 6pm.

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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