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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 bramleyupdate@gmail.com.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 14th April 2022 - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting at 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Thursday 21st April 2022 - Annual Parish Assembly 7.30pm, Bramley Village Hall. All welcome.
- Thursday 5th May 2022 - Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting at 5.00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Saturday 21st May 2022 - Bramley Village Fete at Gosden Common.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

Parish Council Annual Assembly

The next Parish Council meeting is taking place on Thursday 21st April. This meeting is our Annual Assembly where the Chairman will deliver the Council's annual report. We have invited our Neighbourhood Policing team to attend to give a presentation on Policing in Bramley. The meeting will take place in the main Village Hall from 7:30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to raise matters of interest with Councillors. Refreshments will be available after the meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting.

Bramley Neighbourhood Police Report

It was reported that several residents have experienced the theft of Amazon parcels from their doorsteps. The Councillors would like to warn residents about these thefts.

Traffic speed on the A281

Mr Seaborne reported that a meeting recently took place between Bramley Infant School, Surrey Highways and Surrey Police to discuss traffic speed on the A281 in Bramley.

Surrey Highways revealed the traffic speed data collected from a speed monitoring device that was installed on the A281 to the south of the Infant School for 1 week during October 2020. The data showed startling details, with the average speed of vehicles gauged to be 36mph in one direction and 34mph in the other, and one vehicle was registered to be travelling at 82mph.

Surrey Highways was more accepting that speed on the A281 through Bramley is an issue. A meeting is scheduled with Jeremy Hunt MP to discuss this matter further. It is hoped that average speed cameras can be installed through Bramley, although it is recognised that the cost of these may be an issue.

The Clerk reported that repairs to the steps and handrail on the public footpath from Snowdenham Links Road to Snowdenham Lane have been carried out by a volunteer team from the Guildford Ramblers group. Before and after photos below:



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Library Update

Do you have books that need a new home? Do you want to make space for more books?

WE ARE NOW COLLECTING BOOKS TO SELL at Bramley Fete on Saturday 21st May: recent fiction, interesting non-fiction, children's books, poetry and more. If you have books to donate that are in good condition, please bring them to Bramley Library during opening hours in April (Tues 10-12, 2.30-4.30, Thurs 2.30-4.30, Fri 10-12, 2.30-4.30, Sat 10-12). Donations in manageable-sized boxes or sturdy bags-for-life are particularly welcome. No bin bags please. Recent paperback fiction always sells particularly well so the more of those, the merrier we are. If you happen to deliver your fiction and non-fiction already separated into different boxes, you will be considered an honorary library volunteer! We look forward to seeing you at the fete next month, to replenish the gaps you've created in your bookshelves.

Upcoming events include:

- Easter Egg Hunt in the library
- Storytime on Tuesday 12th April from 10.30-12.00 - free story and craft activity aimed at 4-8 year olds, no booking required
- Brilliant Bricks Lego sessions for children over 5 on the afternoon of Tuesday April 5th. Booking is via their website www.brilliantbricks.co.uk
- Rhymetime continues every Friday at 11am for pre-schoolers and babies, now led by our new volunteer leader!

Bramley Village Society Showcase

The Bramley Village Showcase event took place on Tuesday March 29th and it was great to see so many local clubs and societies as well as new residents in attendance.

All organisations need to recruit new members if they are to continue to thrive, and you can expect to be made very welcome, whether simply as an interested participant in their activities or by eventually getting more involved in helping to run things.

Many thanks to Bramley Village Society for organising such a lovely evening.

News from Wey and Arun Canal Trust

The Wey and Arun Canal Trust hope everyone is enjoying the new canal walk at Birtley. From the beginning of this month we are hoping to start constructing the new bridge on BW261, the bridleway that goes from A281 under the Downs Link bridge and to Shamley Green. At all times you will be able to use the bridleway but in due course we will be diverting the bridleway by about 30 metres to the south whilst we construct the new bridge.

On a different note we have heard that people think that the Planning Application that was refused in March was for the canal to go through Bramley. The Planning Application that was refused was for the canal from the Bridleway off the Run Common Road to the newly constructed bridge where there was subsidence from badgers which at present is not open.

At present and for the foreseeable future there are no plans for the canal to go through Bramley.

Open Gardens

Friday 6th of May to Sunday 8th of May, from 10am to 6pm at Pentire and Pilgrim's Cottage, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley GU5 0AT.

Mary Hainline is again opening her idyllic Walled Victorian Garden, now joined by her next-door neighbour's beautiful garden, and is looking forward to welcoming you. Admission is free.

Art and gifts available to buy, plus tea, cakes and raffle with all donations going to the West Surrey Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

For further information contact:

Mary Hainline - call: 01483 898 626 / email: maryhainline@gmail.com. Website: www.maryhainline.com.

Bramley Music

Sunday 10th April at 3 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley – 'Concert, Cake and Compassion'

Do come to our first ever teatime concert! It's on Sunday 10th April at 3pm, a piano recital by Sarah Pickering of the Royal Academy of Music, who also lives locally, and it will be followed by tea and cake. It is in aid of the children's charity Compassion UK – see www.compassionuk.org. So that we know how many to cater for, all tickets must be bought in advance either from Robertsons in Bramley High Street or from Stuart White (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645): adults £10, those aged between 11 and 18 £5, and, in another innovation, children under 11 come free! But we still need to know how many under 11s are coming as they will certainly also require cake (and maybe a soft drink rather than tea).

The music will include a Mozart Sonata, two Schubert Impromptus, two Chopin Waltzes, as well as his Scherzo in Bb Minor and 'Raindrop' Prelude. Continuing the watery theme, we have Debussy's Reflets dans l'eau and Jardins sous la pluie, and after some more well known Debussy Sarah will finish with three Gershwin pieces, including 'I got rhythm'.

What better way to spend a Sunday afternoon? We look forward to seeing you there.

Do you like singing? Come and sing with the Wintershall Singers

The Wintershall Singers are a friendly group, led by Stuart White, who sing for fun, and we also visit care homes and dementia groups – it's amazing how much they enjoy it when we sing with them. No auditions, no prior experience needed – you may have been told at school that you couldn't sing, and now is your chance to find out that you can after all! We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8.30 pm, currently in Blunden Court next to the library. If you're interested, contact Stuart to find out more (stuartwhite@waitrose.com / 01483 892645).

Don't forget the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

I'm sure you will have seen in the national media that plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June are well in motion. With the Jubilee weekend being only 2 weeks after the Bramley Village Fete (which will have a Jubilee theme), the Parish Council is not planning to co-ordinate a large-scale village event.

We do however encourage the local community to hold street parties where suitable to participate in the Big Jubilee Lunch. Waverley Borough Council has confirmed that they will be waiving road closure fees for such parties and some useful information on how to arrange a street party can be found at www.edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-jubilee-lunch. If you need any assistance in applying for a road closure for your street party, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Run Common Road Closure

The works are finally drawing to a close and the road should reopen just before Easter.

News from Bramley Infant School

We have had a lovely Spring term at School. The children all walked down to the Church this week for the school's Easter service with Rev Andy. Rev Andy also came into school to talk to our Nursery and Pre-School children a little bit about what he does in Church and parents were invited too.

We had a lovely day planting our new trees in our playground with a charity called Roots for the Future. The children also made compost to keep our new trees healthy.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter.

News from St Catherine's School

St Catherine's School returns for the Summer Term on 27th April 2022. We wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Easter.

OPEN MORNINGS

Prep School : Friday 6th May | 9.45-11.45am

Mrs Sally Manhire, 01483 899665, prepadmissions@stcatherines.info.

Senior School : Thursday 5th May | 9.15am-midday

Mrs Clare Woodgates, 01483 899609, admissions@stcatherines.info.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis, revd.andydavis@gmail.com, 07709 919602 or 01483 892109.

Do have a look at our re-vamped Website, for all information: www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/or find us on Facebook!

All Orders of Service for Holy Week and Easter are here:

www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/ordersofservices.htm and notes about all the services are here: www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/holyweekandeaster2022.htm.

Services continue in church, 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).

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am.

Details of the services for Holy Week and Easter are available on our website www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk.

The church will be beautifully decorated with flowers for Easter so you are invited to drop in to see them between 11.00am and 4.00pm on Easter Monday (18th April) and join us for coffee, tea and cake.

On 1st May monthly evening services for the Summer months will recommence so in addition to Holy Communion at 10.45am there will be a service of Evening Prayer at 6.00pm.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the website www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk for more details or contact the Revd Camilla White on camillawhite@waitrose.com or 01483 892645.

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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