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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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 6th August – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Friday 14th August - Bramley Library's Storytime via Zoom at 11:00am (more details below)
- Thursday 27th August – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Friday 28th August - Bramley Library's Storytime via Zoom at 11:00am (more details below)
- Thursday 10th September – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).
- Thursday 17th September – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).

You can also view local events in the Village Diary at www.bramleyvillagesociety.org/village-diary/. If you would like to add your society, club or organisation's public events to the Village Diary, you can now do so by filling in a simple form (see the link on the website).

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

Formal Parish Council meetings resumed in July. Whilst the advice remains to hold meetings remotely, all of our meetings have taken place via Zoom and we anticipate this style of meeting to continue for the foreseeable future. For a list of the meeting dates for the rest of 2020, visit www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/meeting-dates/.

At the meeting in July, the following matters were discussed:

- 2019/20 finance report and annual audit

Members discussed and agreed the accounting statements to be submitted to the external auditor. The unaudited documents can be viewed on the Parish Council website at www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/other-documents/.

- Covid-19 community support network
As the Covid-19 restrictions continue to ease, Members agreed to pause the community support network that was created in March to assist those who required support with shopping, etc during the pandemic. We'd like to thank again all those who offered their time to help others over the last few months.
- Ongoing support network
Events since March have highlighted to us that some members of our community need help from time to time in their normal day-to-day lives and assistance in things like a weekly shop is not readily available from established support channels. We are setting up a network of people who would be willing to support Bramley residents when they need a little extra help. If you would like to be part of this ongoing network, do drop an email to bramleyresponse@gmail.com.

Keep Calm & Hang Up

Surrey Police has seen an increase in reports of phone scams in our area. Callers are targeting older or more vulnerable people and pretend to be police officers from Hammersmith Police Station, Acton Police Station and others. The caller will often have your name and state that your credit cards have been found on a suspect or have been used. They will then attempt to get you to confirm personal details, make a transaction, hang up and call back or even ask you to meet with a person.

The obvious advice is to hang up as soon as you suspect something untoward is going on. You can report any attempts at www.actionfraud.police.uk which also contains lots more advice.

Please take the time to share this information with those who may be more vulnerable to this type of crime such as elderly relatives or neighbours.

Police officers, banks or any other authority figure will never call you in this way. If you are not confident a person claiming to be a police officer is genuine, ask to take their details and then end the call. Wait for at least five minutes for the call to clear and then contact 101, or 999 in an emergency. A call handler will be able to verify whether your caller was genuine.

If you do get a call from someone who claims you need to withdraw money from a bank, hang up and report it using a different phone if possible. **It will be a scam.**

Make a note of the date and time of the call, and the number, if available – this information could help any future investigation.

Never reveal your bank details or give personal information to people who cold call.

If you or someone you know falls victim to this type of offence, please report it immediately to police on 101, or 999 if a crime is in progress.

Inconsiderate parking

We have received reports of motorists who park their cars inconsiderately in the village, particularly on Barton Road. When parking, we ask that you consider both other road users and pedestrians by not parking on blind bends in the road, nor with 2 wheels on the pavement which restricts passage for wheelchair users and pedestrians with pushchairs, etc.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Fete

Back in March, the Bramley Fete committee took the understandable decision to postpone the 2020 Bramley Fete that was due to take place in May, in the hope that the event could be arranged for September.

The Fete team have very sadly recently agreed that it will not be possible to deliver a safe event in 2020. Hopefully this fantastic community event will be back, bigger and better, in May 2021.

Library update

Discussions are continuing with Surrey County Council on the possibility of being able to open Bramley Library. To date, 14 of the larger libraries across the county have reopened their doors to borrowers. We very much hope that we will be in a position to do the same in September.

In the meantime, we are running Storytime for 5-8 year olds on Zoom on 14th and 28th August at 11:00am. Details on how to join are on the Bramley Library Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BramleyLibrary.

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 mostraining@stcatherines.info or call 01483 893363.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

The two Sunday Services have now resumed in the church building at Holy Trinity each Sunday (with the relevant 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 The Revd Andy Davis at revd.andydavis@gmail.com or on 07709 919602.

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

Services have now resumed in the church building at St Andrew's each Sunday at 10:45am. On the first Sunday of the month (6th September) Evensong takes place on Zoom at 6:00pm. If you would like to be sent the Zoom link to join this service please contact office@standrewsgrafham.org.

On Sunday 9th August there will be the annual Lammastide service of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the wheat harvest.

Waverley Borough Council owned Leisure Centres set to reopen in mid-August

Following the government's decision to allow indoor gyms and leisure facilities to re-open, Waverley Borough Council has been working together with Places Leisure, which manages the borough's centres, to reopen them as quickly and safely as possible.

Both parties are aiming to reopen all five of Waverley's leisure centres on Monday 17th August. The financial aspects will be considered by Waverley's Full Council on Tuesday 11th August and subject to approval at this meeting, Places Leisure will then confirm to members the 17th August as the reopening date. This will allow Places Leisure the time to bring the required health and safety improvements into the leisure centres and train staff on the new procedures.

The pandemic has resulted in severe financial impacts for many businesses, including the entire leisure industry and has left both Places Leisure and Waverley Borough Council with a shortfall in income. Therefore, it was important to reach a financial agreement that results in the best outcomes for all parties and ensures value for money for residents.

Things will look different when the centres do re-open. Signage will ensure social distancing is respected, there will be reduced activity capacities, an enhanced cleaning regime plus hand sanitizing and cleaning stations will be available. To increase customer safety, activity sessions will also need to be pre-booked via the Places Locker app or via the Places Leisure website.

Customer FAQs are available on the Places Leisure website at www.placesleisure.org/reopening/faqs/ and people are encouraged to watch a short information video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzKK5RbMGok&feature=youtu.be which explains some of the changes being made to ensure that people can exercise safely.

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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