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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 18th April – Annual Parish Assembly 6.00pm - Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 23rd April – Bramley Village Society St George's Day Supper -Church Parish Room – 7.00pm for 7.30pm.
- Saturday 18th May – Bramley Village Fete 12.00 – 4.00pm Gosden Common

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Waverley Borough Councillor Michael Goodridge reported that the WBC budget has been agreed, an increase of 2.99% went through unopposed as did the 7.7% increase in council house rents. An increase of an average of 15% in car parking charges also went through despite opposition. There was also an increase to evening parking charges to £2. Council house charges have been increased as well, although there is an increase in the budget for support of the most vulnerable.
- Surrey County Councillor Deanus advised that the speed cameras have been delayed because workmen found services in the ground when they tried to install the camera poles. UPDATE: Surrey County Council has advised that the average speed check cameras are to be installed between the 9th -11th April. They will not be fully operational immediately as they will need to be tested. Great progress for road safety in Bramley.
- There was a discussion about recent road works affecting the A281 in the village. Cllr Deanus explained that last weeks' works lights had been left after completion because the tarmac had to set. The irritating noise from the degraded drain in the centre of the village is a BT responsibility, this has now been fixed but did require traffic lights in the centre of the village for 24 hours. Cllr Vivian asked if roadworks could be coordinated to minimise the constant disruption to residents and Cllr Deanus advised that SCC can encourage the utilities to work together but they can't be forced to do so.

- Eastwood Road Playground – Cllr Marshall and Cllr Austin met to discuss setting up a charity to fundraise for new playground equipment. Cllr Marshall is currently in the process of setting up the charity. Cllr Austin to convene another meeting of interested parties to progress once this is done.
- Cllr Austin organised a very constructive and well attended meeting between Surrey police, Jeremy Hunt MP, local farmers and landowners re rural crime. As a result of local residents reporting suspicious activities in the Parish arrests are up, cars and property have been seized. A great team effort between the police and the local community.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Parish Council Precept

Bramley Parish Council have faced significant financial challenges over the past few years predominantly due to the legally required separation of Bramley Village Hall charity from the Parish Council. The Council can no longer rely on the income received from Village Hall charges, which had in previous years been used for projects carried out by the Parish Council. All of the Parish Council income now comes from the precept, which is generated from the Council Tax that Bramley residents pay to Waverley Borough Council. The Parish Council also need to increase their general reserves in line with the guidance from The National Association of Local Councils. On this basis the Precept for 2024/25 has been set at a figure of £93,536 (it was £75,000 in 2023/24). This equates to an annual increase of just under £10 for a Band D household in Bramley.

Parish Clerk Job Vacancy.

Bramley Parish Council are looking to recruit a new Parish Clerk. The Council is seeking highly organised and committed applicants for this key role, which is responsible for all day-to-day organisation and management of the Council's services, staff and facilities. The post is part time, approximately 20 hours per week. Please visit their [website](#) for more details.

Bramley Fete 18th May 2024

Plans are well underway for another excellent fete day. If you would like to advertise on the day itself it is not too late - please email bramleyfete@gmail.com

If you would like to book a pitch or run a stall, game or sideshow please email bramleyfetestalls@gmail.com
Finally don't forget to follow Bramley Village Fete on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#)

Gosen Common- Thames Water

Temporary traffic lights have been in place for a week on the A281 to allow tankers to collect sewage away from Gosden Common pumping station to minimise ongoing noise and disruption to local residents. Thames Water has advised Cllr Austin that the tanker, temporary traffic lights and pipework laid over Gosden Common are on schedule to be removed on 8th April. Thames Water continue their work to investigate and unblock the 1.5km pipe leading from the pumping station, this is expected to take weeks or months.

Thames Water meeting – 5.00pm 12th April

Upcoming follow up public meeting with Thames Water about local water resilience and compensation issues on the 12th April at 5.00pm Wilfred Noyce, Godalming. This event is now full, but Cllr Austin is attending so please email her on jane.austin@waverley.gov.uk so she can raise concerns on residents behalf.

Bramley Village Society.

Jane Fairbanks has stepped down as President of the BVS after many years of service. The Committee are very grateful for her hard work and support. Liz Sutherland has been elected as President. Liz has been involved in many local organisations and was Chair of Governors of Bramley Infant School. She is currently a Governor of Gosden House School.

Bramley Village Society – St. George's Day Dinner – Tuesday 23rd April - 7:00 for 7:30pm.

Every year the Bramley Village Society holds an annual dinner to celebrate our patron saint; normally in the evening of St. George's Day itself (23rd April). All are very welcome to come and enjoy roast beef and apple

pie prepared by volunteers to raise funds for [Bramley Helping Hand](#) and [Holy Trinity](#). This year the dinner will be in the Holy Trinity Parish Room (next to the church on the High Street). If you would like to be part of an 'English' tradition, please [contact BVS](#). Tickets will also be available at Robertson's (cash only) or phone 01483 894250

Please note that tickets are £20, must be bought in advance, and places are limited.

Open Gardens 11th May Summerpool House – 10.00am – 12.00pm

Our annual Plant and Cake sale with Open Garden in aid of Holy Trinity Church and St Andrew's Grafham will be held on 11th May at Summerpool House, the house on the crossroads by the roundabout. Come and enjoy a cup of teat or coffee in the garden.

News from Bramley Library.

Children's Library

We had a visit from childrens' author Elaine Slade in March. Elaine's books are about the magical world of a dog named Charley Farley. The children happily listened to the stories and then had a craft session where they produced beautiful face masks and boats. Photographs on our [Facebook](#) page.

Summer Reading Challenge

We are excited to announce that our Summer Reading challenge will also take place again this year under the title Marvellous Makes, look out for further details at the library.

Future Events

Storytime

There will be a Storytime and Easter Crafts at the library on Thursday 11th April , 10.30 - 12.00 pm. This is suitable for 4-8 year olds, siblings welcome. Please sign up at the library or on our Facebook page.

Bramley Fete

Bramley Library will again be running the book stall this year and any donations of books in good clean condition will be gratefully accepted during April. Please visit the library for further information.

Regular activities

Rhymetime takes place every Friday morning 11.00 - 11.30. This is for the younger children and adults.

Bramley Knitwits every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 13.00 - 15.00 if you can knit, crochet , sew or any other craft please come along and meet this friendly group.

NHS Hearing Aid Clinic this takes place every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10.30 - 12.00.

Opening times

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.10.00-12.30pm & 2.00-4.30pm.

Wednesday and Saturday 10.00-12.30pm

Bramley Library can also be followed on Facebook and X (Twitter).

Bramley Fuel Leak Update

Remedial work has started in earnest at the ASDA petrol station following a delay caused by getting the appropriate permits from Thames Water. Asda state that the petrol station is now on track to reopen at the end of May. Please continue to inform Cllr Jane Austin if the absorbent barriers in the Bramley stream need replacing. Please see BPC [website](#) for more details.

Bramley Sports Pavilion

Bramley Sports Pavilion at Gosden Common is available to hire at very reasonable rates for anything from

children's parties, sporting events and yoga to village society meetings. For more details contact Debbie on asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk

Guildford & Waverley Business Question Time, Monday 3 June 2024 from 5-7pm

The event will be hosted and chaired by **Prof. Amelia Hadfield**, Associate Vice President for External Engagement in the Department of Politics at the University of Surrey, following her brilliant key-note speech at our BQT event in 2022.

The key-note speech this year will be given by leading economist **Vicky Pryce**, Chief Economic Adviser at the Centre for Economics and Business Research, who will set the scene on the national and regional economic forecast for local businesses.

This will be followed by questions to a panel of business leaders from across many sectors of industry in Waverley and Guildford:

- **Rupert Thompson**, Managing Director, Hogs Back Brewery
- **Liana Fricker**, Founder, Inspiration Space
- **Steve Cuss**, Founder, The Gameplan Consultancy
- **Doug Johnson**, Director, Mesh Energy
- **Prof. Sophy Smith**, Director of Games & Creative Technologies, University for the Creative Arts
- **Dawn Hudd**, Joint Strategic Director, Guildford Borough Council & Waverley Borough Council

To Book click [here](#)

News from St Catherine's School

Organ Recital

Tuesday 30 th April 2024 at 4.30pm

Prep School Hall– no need to -pre-book tickets.

Baby Cats/Music and movement

Friday 3rd May 2024 | For 2 – 4 yrs

Come along and join us for a story told through Music and Dance.

9.30 – 10.30am | St Cats Prep Gym |

There is no charge click [here](#) to book your place.

Please note that the School will be closed from Friday 29th March until Wednesday 24th April 2024.

For more details please visit their [website](#)

News from Bramley Music

Come to Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on 28th April at 3pm to **Music for a Sunday Afternoon** with **Sarah and Clem Pickering**. The programme starts with Chopin's well loved Ballade No 1 in G minor Op 23 for piano solo, then continues with the following (for viola and piano): Schumann's Märchenbilder Op 113, Hindemith's Viola Sonata Op 11 No 4, and Brahms' Sonata Op 120 in Eb. The concert will be supporting Guildford based Oakleaf Enterprises (<https://www.oakleaf-enterprise.org>) which works to transform lives and build new futures for adults managing their mental health. Tickets are £10 (under 18 and students £5), available in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or online from Stuart White (bramleymusic2012@gmail.com or 01483 892645). Given the time of the concert, refreshments will be tea and cake rather than a glass of wine! For more details see [here](#)

News from South West Surrey Citizens Advice.

For help with universal credit please see [here](#)

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Our services during vacancy continue as before:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am - Sung Holy Communion

The church remains open from 9am to 5pm every day for quiet prayer and silence contemplation.

For any information please email the office at office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk (please note that our offices are not manned continually).

We shall be manning the Tea Tent at the Bramley Fete so please come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake at reasonable prices.

Do have a look at our [website](#), for all church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grahham

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am.

14th April Celebrating new life in the countryside with the blessing of lambs. Although dogs are usually welcome at all our services, please would you leave them at home on this occasion as we will have young lambs in church.

28th April the first of our evening services during the summer months. 6pm Traditional Evensong followed by drinks and nibbles.

5th May Rogation service and walk at Whipleigh Manor Farm starting in the farm yard and returning there for a ploughman's lunch after the walk. If you prefer not to walk there will be a trailer available to ride in.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the [website](#) for more details or contact

the Revd Camilla White on camillaezwhite@gmail.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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