



BRAMLEY UPDATE

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 19th October - Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm, Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room. All welcome.
- Saturday 4th November - Bramley Village Bonfire – for more details see below.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Deanus reported that Councillor Tom Horwood, the joint CEO of Guildford and Waverley, resigned due to health reasons.
- Councillor Deanus also reported that Surrey Police is going to launch a new policing strategy which will deal with minor crimes and anti-social behaviour.
- Councillor Jane Austin reported that she has asked for a report and an update from the Environment Agency and Waverley Borough Council's environmental team regarding the foul smell in the village and the river pollution issue. She has also requested information on the remediation process and will keep the council updated - for more details see below.
- Councillor Jane Austin met with the PPC of police, Lisa Townsend, to address the recent increase in anti-social behaviour in Bramley— We've had two separate incidents of people being followed within a week in Bramley. First, a man with a black eye followed a woman down Linersh Wood and harassed her. There were five reports that week, and this man behaved disruptively on the High Street. Then, on a different occasion, a different man followed a mother on the Downs Link. These incidents have caused concern in the community, and we've considered improving safety measures in the area, such as CCTV, lighting, and vegetation trimming. We'll consult with a designing-out-crime officer to assess the situation and explore potential funding options for these improvements. Police have increased patrols to make the village less vulnerable to anti-social behaviour. People in Bramley warned each other about these incidents, but not many cases were reported to the police. The importance to report any incidents to the police was stressed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Village Bonfire 4th November - Saturday 4 November 2023 - 6:00pm – 8:30pm

Please note all times are approximate

The Bramley Bonfire is always a spectacular event with a torchlit parade, raging bonfire and magical fireworks.

18:00 Assembly of Guys in Library Car Park - torches are sold from 6pm-ish ready for the procession

18:40 Torchlight procession - Please wait for announcement

19:10 Lighting the Bonfire

19:40 Fireworks

The Bramley Bonfire Association are looking for another enthusiastic team member to help run the food stalls.

This is an exciting opportunity for someone to get involved and give back to their local community! Please

email - bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com

News from Bramley Wheels

Bramley Wheels AGM will be held on Wednesday November 15th at 2.30pm in the church room at the rear of St Thomas More church in Bramley. The meeting usually lasts about an hour including a cup of tea and a Welshcake. Everyone is very welcome to come - even if it's just for the refreshments! If you require transport to the meeting then just let Jo know 07719 640872.

For those who are new to the village... Bramley Wheels is a volunteer organisation that gives Bramley villagers lifts to medical appointments. If a villager requires a lift then they can ring 07599 430763 between 10 am and 12 pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) and a lift will be organised for them. Ideally a couple of days' notice is helpful as this gives us time to find a driver. If you know of anyone in Bramley that might find this service useful then please pass this information on to them.

We are always on the look out for new drivers - even if you could do one lift a year it spreads the load.

We also need a few more people to take the calls - it's a mobile so if you have the phone you can still go out and about with it. On average we get about 3 calls a week, so it's not very onerous or time consuming.

If you feel you might be able to help out in any small way then do contact me on 07719 640872 or email joanneoakes@aol.com. Thank you very much.

News from Bramley Library

Thank you to all who visited the library for our end of Summer Reading Challenge get-together. The atmosphere was buzzing and we were delighted that so many participated in the challenge this year.

Our next activity is planned for half term. Our ever popular Story Time will be held on Tuesday 24th October at 10.30. Age guidance is 4-7 but siblings are welcome. Rhyme Time will take place, as it does every Friday, starting at 11.

Bramley Train Park- tell us what you think

As you may be aware the playground on the Downs Link near Eastwood Road is in need of refurbishment. The Parish Council and The Bramley Train Park Committee would love to hear from you and children you look after about how you use this space- and what you would like to see in the refresh.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete this short survey

https://qualtricsxmpzlyjxlwq.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_czHPCw9RAPKYIbU. The survey will close on Friday

27th October.

We'll keep you updated on what we hear and on the next steps. If you would like to join the Park Committee, please email Debbie on asstclerk@bramleyparish.co.uk- we'd love you on board!

For more details please see their website <https://bramleytrainpark.org.uk/>

Henry Smith Charity – Bramley branch

The Henry Smith Charity was founded in 1628 by Henry Smith, a businessman working in the City of London, to combat disadvantage and meet the challenges and opportunities facing people in need throughout the UK. Part of the charity's fund is dedicated to awarding grants to relieve financial hardship in around 200 specific parishes named by Henry and his early trustees.

The parish of Bramley is one of these parishes. Members of the Parish Council are the Trustees of the Bramley branch of the Henry Smith Charity and have a small fund to help those in need who live in the parish of Bramley.

Grant applications for individuals or families must be proposed by a community organisation such as a school, church, the Citizens Advice Bureau, charity, or other community group (e.g. Brownies, Scouts, etc).

If you are part of a community organisation and know of anyone who is really struggling financially, particularly in the current climate, please contact the Clerk at clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk to see if the charity can help by awarding a small grant. All discussions will be in the strictest confidence.

As applications received directly from residents cannot be accepted, those who are facing financial hardship and do not have a link with a community organization are requested instead to contact the Parish Clerk

at clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk for further guidance or Bramley Helping Hand who may be of assistance.

News from The Wey and Arun Canal Trust

The two new bridges on the canal at Birtley are nearly complete and you are all welcome to the opening on October 28th at 2pm.

The gate onto the Downs link has now been repaired and hopefully by the week beginning the 8th October the towpath will be open again. We apologise for the inconvenience but we hope that everyone will enjoy the path when it is reopened.

Bramley Fuel Pollution Update

I continue to receive reports of fuel smells and evidence of fuel in the stream, especially following heavy rainfall. Both Jeremy Hunt MP and I have been pressing both the Environment Agency (EA) and Waverley Borough Council's Environmental Team to understand how the investigation is progressing.

I have now received an update from the EA and Waverley Borough Council following their recent meeting with EPS Limited - the petrol station owner's environmental consultants. They have confirmed that there has been gross contamination of soils/ground water by petrol under the petrol filling station.

I have been told that over the next few weeks EPS Limited will be piloting/trialing options to determine the most appropriate remedial option(s) to remove and treat the contamination and clean up the petrol station. You will have seen that a boom has been placed across the stream to adsorb any surface water contamination going downstream and this is being monitored. EPS will need to undertake further investigations, including drilling more boreholes to understand where product (fuel) may have migrated to off site and the extent of this off site contamination.

The Environment Agency has been advised by EPS that they are due to submit a report of their investigations to date to their Petrol Station client soon. We all await details of the report, including proposals for further investigations and how they intend to clean this up.

This is an incredibly important issue for all of us and we need to understand what is happening. I will continue to press for information and answers for our village and for the situation to be addressed and appropriately remedied as soon as possible.

Councillor Jane Austin

Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group

Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a community led team that works with Wonersh Surgery that was established in 2022. The PPG is an opportunity to both help shape services for patients provided by Wonersh Surgery and to support the practice and its staff.

The PPG is will be officially launched at a Public meeting – the purpose of which is to gather community feedback about the running of the practice, and to identify ways of in which the community can support the practice. The public meeting will be held on Monday 27th November at 1930 at Wonersh Memorial Hall. The meeting will have members of the practice staff attending.

The PPG has done some great work already. An early member of the PPG, Tim Whittall, has managed, on behalf of the practice, the building works to replace several flat roofs on the surgery's single storey extension. This has relieved the practice of dealing with this work and enabled them to concentrate on their crucial task of helping patients.

For more detailed information

see http://www.anobium.co.uk/ppg/NEWSLETTER_Oct23_WONERSH_PATIENT_PARTICIPATION_GROUP_v3_2.pdf

Our contact information is ppg@anobium.co.uk or 01483 610097.

News from Bramley Infants School

We've had a busy start to the new year here at Bramley Infant School.

Our year 2 children went on a trip to Guildford Castle. They looked at the dungeons and some were even brave enough to go right to the top and look at the lovely view!

Our Worship Team went to celebrate The Good Shepherd Trust's 10 year anniversary at Guildford Cathedral. They were joined by all the other schools in the trust and each school wrote a prayer for the others. There were also prayers and readings from key people within the Trust.

We are looking forward to visiting our friends at Gosden House School this week to learn about Harvest and do some apple pressing!

News from St Catherine's School

Award celebrations! We are proud to announce that St Catherine's Prep School has been shortlisted for the Independent Prep School of the Year Award. This is a triumphant achievement, and a huge thank you to all of our staff for their support. Special thanks to the marvellous Mrs Kelly, our Prep School Science specialist, as our recognition was based on the outstanding Science provision we offer both in the WonderLab and throughout the curriculum. Please see link below.

https://mcusercontent.com/f13cbe86b42db670ac32283a6/files/e6e88347-f25b-f295-ee53-d9d052dde679/St_Cats_photo.pdf

Informal Concert - Monday 16th October

Lower Atrium

No tickets required: Open to All.

Next Bramley Music Concert

Come to Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, on Saturday 28th October at 7pm for **The Saxophone Craze!** With Jonathan Radford on saxophone and Ashley Fripp on the Steinway, it will be one to remember.

Their entertaining program will include an arrangement of Rhapsody In Blue by Gershwin, extracts from the Threepenny Opera by Weill, and other music from the 'Roaring Twenties' which helped shape the instrument into what it has become today. Ashley will also play some solo Rachmaninoff, 2023 being the 150th anniversary of the composer's birth.

The charity the concert is supporting is Citizens Advice South West Surrey, which, as you can imagine, is hugely stretched at the moment providing a wide range of types of advice, free, to those in particular need during the current crisis.

Tickets are £10 (under 18 £5) available in person from Robertsons in Bramley High Street, or from Stuart White (bramleymusic2012@gmail.com or 01483 892645). There is also a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval. This is proving to be a popular concert, so don't hesitate to book your tickets!

Friday October 27th 3pm-9pm: History drop-in session at Grafham

Come and support this fascinating local history project! On Friday 27th October drop in at the Grafham Room (on the A281, GU5 0LJ) any time between 3pm and 9pm, as part of the **Grafham Village History Project** being run by local people. Come and learn about the unique story of this small village in the Surrey Hills. We'd particularly like to see you if you have any memories of Grafham in the past. Can you tell us about its inhabitants, its buildings, anything of interest? Perhaps you have photographs, diaries, documents, and so on which are buried in your attic. Bring them to show us! Enquiries to stuartwhite2023@gmail.com or to bgrafham@btinternet.com. There's no charge, it is open to all, and there is plenty of parking.

Dates from Soroptimist International Surrey Hills

Monday 2 October – 7.30 for 7.45 pm Meeting by Zoom. Email sisurreyhills@gmail.com for details.

Monday 16 October – 7.30 for 7.45 pm. Meeting at The Refectory, Milford

Wednesday 25 October – 2.30 – 4 pm. Oranging Guildford, Thyme for Tea, Godalming.

For more details visit their website <https://sigbi.org/surrey-hills/>

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis revd.andydavis@gmail.com

07709919602 01483892109

All Souls

On Sunday 5th November at the 9.45am Service, we will commemorate All Souls Day, when we remember and pray for our departed loved ones. The names of the departed will be read out. **If you would like the name of (a) loved one/s to be read out, please give the name/s to Revd Andy.** Families of those who have had funerals through the parish in recent years will also be notified and invited.

Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday (12th November) there will be the usual services at 8.00 and 9.45 (both with a Remembrance theme) and then the Village Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial (around 10.50am) followed by a Remembrance Service in church.

Revd Andy's Departure

As announced on Sunday 24th September and followed by an explanatory email to church members, for personal and family reasons, Andy will be moving in the new year to Portsmouth Diocese, to become Interim Priest-in-Charge (initial 3-year appointment) of the Meon Valley Parishes in Hampshire – based at St Barnabas Church, Swanmore. But he looks forward to marking the rest of the year here in Bramley: All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance Sunday, Advent, and of course our Christmas Services and events. Area Dean Roy, churchwarden Sue Oldrey and Revd Graham Smith are already planning ahead to provide for our regular services and other aspect of parish life.

Would you like to receive their weekly email, with the church news? If so, please email

Andy: revd.andydavis@gmail.com

Do have a look at our re-vamped Website, for all church and community information

<https://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/>

You can also find "Holy Trinity Bramley" on Facebook.

Love and blessings to everyone.....

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

There is a service every Sunday at St Andrew's at 10.45am. Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Sunday 5th November at 3pm 'A Time to Remember'

Our annual service to remember departed loved ones and to give thanks for their lives and all that they mean to us will take place. It is a quiet service with hymns, readings and prayers. The names of those people to be remembered are read out and there is an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. We are happy to remember people even if you are unable to be present. After the service you are invited to stay for tea and cake.

Please let Camilla know any names you would like included.

Please see the website www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk 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

Bramley Parish Council

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