



BRAMLEY UPDATE

January 2021

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

Happy New Year and 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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 21st January – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk on bramleyparish@gmail.com for joining details).
- Thursday 4th February 2021 – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk on bramleyparish@gmail.com for joining details).

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

At the Parish Council meeting in December, Members discussed a number of matters including:

- Budget
Councillors discussed and agreed a budget for the 2021/22 financial year which commences in April. Despite the challenges caused by the Covid-19 pandemic since March, the Parish Council finances are in a healthy position. Councillors agreed a 0% increase in the precept for the coming year, so the Parish Council portion of your Council Tax bill will not change from the 2019/20 level. This precept level allows for a number of particular projects to be actioned during the year, the most visible of which will be the smartening up of the village centre with some new and improved flower beds.
- Bramley Neighbourhood Plan
Over the last few months, we have been ironing out some details of the draft Bramley Neighbourhood Plan with Waverley Borough Council. It has been a slow, at times frustrating process, but in December Waverley confirmed that they are happy to have a final review of the plan prior to submission to an independent external examiner. We were hoping that the required public referendum to finally approve the plan could be run in conjunction with the County Council elections planned for May this year. Waverley has indicated that this may not be possible, so we may have to arrange a separate referendum for later in the year. We'll obviously keep you informed of progress in the coming months.

- Police update

Our local Police Sergeant Claire Sutherland joined our meeting to give an update on recent crime related matters. The good news is that the number of house burglaries has decreased in recent times, probably due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Thefts from shed and outbuilding, however, are increasing. PS Sutherland stressed the importance that residents check that their sheds, garages and outbuildings are securely locked.

PS Sutherland also reported that PC Gavin Greenaway has recently joined the Community Policing team that covers Bramley. We are hoping to meet PC Greenaway (over Zoom) at the Parish Council meeting in January.

The minutes of the meeting can be read on the Parish Council website

(www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/meeting-minutes/). The next Parish Council meeting is taking place remotely via Zoom on Thursday 21st January. The public are very welcome to “attend” the meeting and will have the opportunity to discuss any matters of interest with Councillors. The agenda for the meeting will be published on the Parish Council website one week prior to the meeting. If you would like to receive the joining details for this meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Bramley Living Advent Windows

The Parish Council would like to thank local resident Hayley Roberts for co-ordinating the Bramley Village Living Advent Windows that were displayed all around the village during December, as well as all those who designed a window. The impressive array of decorative windows brought a smile to many faces – young and old – in the run up to Christmas.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Community Support Scheme

Following the announcement by the Government this week for us all to enter a further lockdown, we have once again established the Bramley Community Support scheme to help those individuals who need assistance.

It has been especially worrying to see the Covid-19 case numbers rising so rapidly, so the Parish Council implore all residents to follow the Government guidelines and not to be concerned about requesting help if you need it. There are still many volunteers who are available to assist with shopping, prescription collections, etc, so please DO ASK!

You can contact us by either emailing bramleyresponse@gmail.com, or telephone the Parish Clerk on 07976 290211. We will then link you up with a volunteer to help you.

Thank you once more to the Bramley residents who have notified us that you can help to support those who are vulnerable or self-isolating. If you haven't volunteered as yet, but would like to, please drop an email to us at bramleyresponse@gmail.com giving your address, telephone number and details of how you may be able to help.

Bins and Buses

Next week refuse and recycling collections should return to normal after the Christmas and New Year adjustments, however Biffa, Waverley's contractor, is experiencing high levels of staff sickness which have been causing delays. Members of Biffa's management team have been going out on the rounds to try and maintain the level of service, but it has been common for collections to be a day late. So if your bins are not collected according to schedule, please leave them out.

Arriva has advised that sickness levels amongst its staff have made it impossible to keep all bus services running to the current timetables. Accordingly a reduced service has been introduced. This will affect the 53 and 63 routes through Bramley. Details of the revised timetables can be found at www.surreycc.gov.uk/buses.

Scam alert: Fake NHS Covid-19 vaccine text

A fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the Covid-19 vaccine.

The URL leads to fake NHS website that asks for your personal details, including your bank/card details in order to 'check your identity'.

When you are invited for your genuine vaccine you WILL NOT be asked for bank details or payment of any kind.

Report all scams to Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133. More information on this particular scam can be found by visiting conversation.which.co.uk/scams/scam-nhs-covid-vaccine-text-message/?utm_source=whichcouk&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=scamalert301220&fbclid=IwAR1fYQ67DYq8sPW-ib_JcxW8o2HWxY4LQA1SQ8kZHAlWvf0aKsDsdBU8bOY.

Library update

At the time of writing, Bramley Library remains open for a Click and Collect service only. Reservations that you make online can be collected from the Library during opening hours, which remain unchanged for the time being:

- Tuesdays – 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Thursdays – 2:30pm to 4:30pm
- Fridays – 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Saturdays – 10:00am to 12:00pm

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis: revd.andydavis@gmail.com, 07709919602 or 01483892109.

All at Holy Trinity hope you had as good a Christmas as possible under the circumstances. If you haven't yet seen the Village Carol Service, you can view it here: <https://youtu.be/GzOMVxUwCbA>.

All church services can be joined online, via Zoom, so please contact Andy if you would like the Zoom details.

Here is our regular Sunday pattern:

- 8:00am Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer)
and
- 9:45am Parish Communion

They are holding the people of Bramley in their prayers during these very challenging times.

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

For details of services during lockdown, please see the St Andrew's website www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk or contact the Reverend Camilla White (camillawhite@waitrose.com or 01483 892645).

Your Fund Surrey

In the December issue of Bramley Update, we told you about a £100m fund that Surrey County Council has launched to be spent over 5 years on projects that make a real difference to communities in Surrey. Everybody is encouraged to get involved and to think BIG.

If you have any ideas for suitable projects for Bramley, do let us know as soon as possible this month by emailing the Parish Clerk at bramleyparish@gmail.com. We'll be collating all the ideas and forming applications to be submitted for Bramley projects very soon.

Further information about the fund, and what it can and cannot be spent on, can be viewed on the Your Fund Surrey webpage at www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/voluntary-community-and-faith-sector/funding/community-projects-fund.

Census 2021

The census is taking place in March 2021.

It's a survey that happens every 10 years and gives the Office for National Statistics a picture of all the people and households in England and Wales. It helps plan and fund public services, like transport, education and healthcare.

By taking part and encouraging others to do the same, you'll help make sure you and your community get the services you need. Nearer the time, you'll receive more information. There'll be plenty of help to take part for people who need it.

Find out more at www.census.gov.uk.

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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