



BRAMLEY UPDATE

March 2021

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 18th March – Bramley Parish Council meeting. 7:30pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details). This meeting will also include the regular fortnightly Planning Review committee meeting.
- Thursday 1st April 2021 – Bramley Parish Council Planning Review committee meeting. 5:00pm via Zoom. All welcome (please email the Parish Clerk for joining details).

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- [Bramley Neighbourhood Plan](#)
The period of formal consultation on the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan concludes on 19th March. Thank you to all those who have reviewed and commented on the plan. After this week, the plan will move into the next phase of review, which is done by an independent examiner. We received the details of 2 independent examiners who are available to carry out this review, one of which undertook this role for the Godalming & Farncombe Neighbourhood Plan and is currently reviewing the draft plan for Chiddingfold. As it would appear that he knows our area well, we have indicated our preference for this independent examiner to review the Bramley Neighbourhood Plan.
- [Parish Clerk](#)
Over recent weeks, our Parish Clerk (Kathy Victor) has had some not insignificant health issues, for which she needs to undergo surgery in April. The Parish Council is in the process of arranging for a locum Clerk to carry out some of Kathy's usual duties, but there may be an interruption in some of her work in the short term. If you need to contact the Parish Council, you can continue to email bramleyparish@gmail.com but we recommend that you copy in the following Councillor, depending on the subject matter:

- Planning matters – Patrick Molineux - patrick.molineux@gmail.com, 892933
- Bramley Library – Maurice Byham - mo.byham@btinternet.com, 893836

- Village Hall – Tony Coleman - tjc66@btinternet.com, 898711
- Bramley Neighbourhood Plan – Bob Stern - rasfms@yahoo.com, 893856
- Anything else – Richard Seaborne - richardseaborne@aol.com, 890550

Bramley Update will continue to be distributed, although this may not be done at the beginning of each month. If you have anything you would like to include in a future issue, please send the details to bramleyupdate@gmail.com.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. As well as looking for a locum Clerk, we are also looking to permanently employ a part-time Assistant Clerk, details of which are below.

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 18th February. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Fete 2021

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, the difficult decision has once more been made to not go ahead with Bramley Fete in May of this year. Once the lockdown situation has eased, the Fete committee will make a decision on whether to hold this popular village event either later this year or plan instead for an even bigger and better Fete in May 2022.

Assistant Clerk

We are looking for a part-time Assistant Clerk to assist the Clerk in the running of the Parish Council. The role is for 22 hours per month, which can be worked on a flexible basis, based on the requirements of the Council.

The responsibilities will be wide ranging, predominantly focused on communications and management of Council grounds / estates. Attendance at some evening meetings will be required from time to time.

More information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bramleyparish.co.uk/community/bramley-parish-council-15042/job-vacancy---assistant-clerk/.

Update from Bramley Library

Bramley Library is open for click and collect, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday mornings from 10:00am till noon and Thursday afternoon for 2 hours from 2:30pm.

Libraries are included in the 'not before April 12th' restrictions relaxation. After we hear from Surrey Libraries on their plans, the Parish Council and the library volunteers will discuss the best way forward to implement the opening of our village library.

Learning during lockdown at St Catherine's School

Naomi Bartholomew – Prep School Headmistress

The Prep School has been busy this term with a number of children of critical workers in school, and others learning remotely. The school has worked hard to maintain a sense of community albeit at a distance and have continued with assemblies and weekly chapel services online. This term, a highlight has been 'Feature Fridays' where girls have gathered together on Zoom to share their talents and interests – these have included singing, dancing, painting and baking. They have also continued with their Baby Cats series virtually, and these sessions for pre-school aged children have been so popular that they now have a Baby Cats mini-series planned for after half-term of weekly short sessions for children aged 2-4yrs. Email prepoffice.junior@stcatherines.info.

Alice Phillips - Headmistress

In the Senior School there are a small number of boarders alongside the children of critical workers learning in school. Girls have been provided with a full virtual school day and have opportunities to learn together, over Zoom and using Google Classroom. The girls and their teachers have shown a real determination and dedication, and they are immensely proud of how the School has pulled together in such challenging times. They have also established a Lateral Flow Test Centre in the Sports Hall and are providing weekly tests for Senior School pupils and all staff who are working on site. They are grateful to those who have offered their help with this additional and very new part of school life and are fortunate to have a dedicated medical team of fully qualified nurses to assist as well as staff who have volunteered their services to help with the running of this important programme. With all tests negative so far, this has proved a very reassuring feature and will be rolled out to all senior students on their return.

Bramley Cricket

Due to an increase in number of ECB qualified coaches, Bramley Cricket Club is now able to cater for more junior players! The club would welcome girls and boys aged 7-14 of any ability to come and join in for exercise, cricket and most importantly a lot of fun.

Training starts on Sunday 11th April at 10:00am. They then move to Friday evenings once the league games begin in May. They run right through to the end of September with no break for summer holidays.

Each of the junior coaches are ECB qualified and hold an up-to-date enhanced DBS check.

The club very much looks forward to welcoming you to Bramley CC. If you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact Jon on 07970 981474.

Those older than 13 are welcome to join the senior section where they offer Saturday League, Sunday friendly and mid-week cup matches every week. The club plans to launch its own ladies team in the near future.

Please contact Lee on chairman@bramleycc.co.uk to register your interest in senior cricket at Bramley.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

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

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

Holy Trinity is now open for private prayer and visiting only. If the situation (locally and nationally) with Covid-19 continues to improve, services in church will resume on Palm Sunday (28th March) for Holy Week and Easter. Details can be found at www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/welcome.htm.

The regular Sunday service pattern is:

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

All at the church are continuing to hold the people of Bramley in their prayers during these very challenging times.

News from St Andrew's, Grafham

All services are currently on Zoom only until 28th March. In addition to the services at 10:45am in church each Sunday, there will be a special service for Passiontide on Sunday 21st March at 6:00pm instead of Evensong.

During Lent there is a service of Compline each Monday evening at 8:00pm.

Please contact office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk if you are not already on the mailing list and would like to be sent the Zoom link for services.

Services in church will recommence on 28th March. Details of services for Holy Week and Easter are as follows:

- 28th March Palm Sunday, 10:45am Holy Communion
- 1st April Maundy Thursday, 8:00pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by Vigil
- 2nd April Good Friday, 1:30pm Good Friday service
- 3rd April Holy Saturday (Easter Eve), 8:30pm Easter Vigil service
- 4th April Easter Day, 10:45am Family Communion Service

The services on Palm Sunday and Easter Day will be outdoors in the churchyard so please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

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

Think before you Flush!

Some residents and business owners on the Bramley High Street have in the past suffered from unpleasant drainage problems in their homes and shops. The issue has been linked with items that should not be flushed down the toilet being flushed down the toilet. So that the drains can be kept clear, please take note of the items listed below that should never be flushed:

- Cotton buds
- Facial wipes
- Toilet roll tube
- Cigarettes
- Nappies
- Tampon applicators
- Baby wipes
- Cleansing pads
- Medicines
- Plasters
- Tampons
- Sanitary towels

Walking in Surrey

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks? Walking in Surrey (www.walkinginengland.co.uk/surrey) is the website for you! With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group, all the information is there in one place.

There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Surrey (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (www.walkinginengland.co.uk) - one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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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