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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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

Wow, what an unprecedented last few weeks we have had. Bramley Update usually starts with a list of events and meetings that are taking place in and around the parish for the next month. Sadly, all events planned for the coming months have either been cancelled or postponed. These include meetings of the Parish Council.

Legislation dictates that parish council meetings must be held in person and in public. Due to the current restrictions, this can obviously not happen. We are awaiting confirmation from government that council meetings can take place virtually, but until we receive this, all formal meetings of Bramley Parish Council are not taking place, including our Annual Assembly which was planned for Tuesday 28th April.

We are not resting on our laurels though. Any work that can be done without the need for a decision by Members at a meeting still carries on, but our main focus right now is to ensure that those who need extra support in our community during this pandemic can access it.

Thank you to the 90+ Bramley residents who have notified us that you can help to support those who are vulnerable or self-isolating. We should have responded to you all, and some of you have already been shopping, collected prescriptions, etc for those in need. Your willingness to help is fantastic and we know much appreciated by those you are helping. If you haven't volunteered as yet, but would like to, please drop an email to us at bramleyresponse@gmail.com, or call the Parish Clerk on 07976 290211.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Help available

If you are vulnerable or self-isolating and need some grocery shopping doing, a prescription collecting, have a dog to be walked, etc, please do contact us by either emailing bramleyresponse@gmail.com, or telephone one of our Parish Councillors between 10:00am and 12:00pm as follows:

- Monday – call Tom Hughes on 01483893766
- Tuesday – call Bob Stern on 01483 893856
- Wednesday – call Richard Seaborne on 01483 890550
- Thursday – call Maurice Byham on 07710 411817
- Friday – call Francesca Stern on 01483 893856
- Saturday – call Patrick Molineux on 07770 880104
- Sunday – call Tony Coleman on 01483 898711

We can then link you up with a volunteer to help you

Remember that next weekend is Easter, so shops and pharmacies will have irregular opening hours. If you take prescribed medication regularly, it's worth checking that you have enough to last until after the holiday weekend.

Shopping

The service from our local shops offering essential supplies in Bramley has changed since our last email. Many are still trading, but some in different ways. A round-up of how things stand today is as follows:

- Select Convenience
Open 8:00am to 8:00pm daily ... with social distancing rules.
- Budgens / Esso petrol station
Open 6:00am to 8:00pm Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 8:00pm at weekends ... with social distancing rules.
- Kilfeather & Dumbrill butcher
Shop closed. Orders can be placed for delivery by emailing kilfeather.dumbrill@icloud.com or you can try calling them on 01483 898454.
- Bramley's Apple greengrocer
Shop now open as follows:
 - Wednesday & Thursday between 9:00am and 12:00pm;
 - Friday & Saturday between 9:00am and 5:00pm.

Phil is also co-ordinating a daily delivery service from the Jolly Farmer. If you can't get to the shop, email orders@bramleysapple.com with your order.

- Taurus Wines
Shop closed to walk-in customers. Orders taken by telephone on 01483 548484 or email grapes@tauruswines.co.uk for either delivery or contactless collection from the store. If you're ordering wine from them for delivery, they can also deliver any pet food supplies purchased from Whitley Manor Farm at the same time (01483 272816 / animalfeeds@whitleymanorfarm.co.uk).
- Champan Tandoori
Restaurant closed but takeaway delivery service still available. www.champantandoori.com / 01483 893684.
- Jade Inn and Kingfish sadly closed at the current time, as are the Jolly Farmer and Wheatsheaf pubs.

Supplies at supermarkets outside of Bramley seem to be better stocked than they were a week or so ago. Slots for delivery of online grocery shopping are like gold dust though. The main supermarket chains are linking up with the government to ensure that priority delivery slots are given to vulnerable people. If you have a medical condition that means you are vulnerable to coronavirus and have not yet registered as such, you can do so at www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable.

Daily exercise

Whilst you're out on daily walks, bike rides, etc, please remember to keep your distance from those around you. The Downs Link especially has been getting very busy and we've read reports on Facebook about people not respecting the social distancing rule. If you use the Downs Link, we recommend you keep to the left (unless overtaking). This means you can stay clear of others approaching you from the opposite direction.

Feel free to take some secateurs out with you to cut back some of the overgrowing foliage to make the Downs Link or any other public footpath wider. The Surrey Countryside Access team are not carrying out this kind of work at the current time.

Emergency Tradespeople

We have heard that some people are having difficulty getting hold of emergency tradespeople at this time. If you know of any reputable plumbers, electricians, etc that are still working at the moment, do email their details to bramleyresponse@gmail.com and we'll make the list available.

Update from Holy Trinity Bramley

In keeping with government guidelines, Holy Trinity Church Bramley is closed until further notice.

As a congregation the church remains in touch via the weekly news sheet, which is sent out every Thursday. It contains the order of service, prayers and readings for the following week and other church news. The readings are set but the prayers are prepared by Reverend Graham Smith. That same news sheet will be updated on the church website every Thursday. If you wish to receive the news sheet, please email office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk.

Should you need to contact a priest during this period please call Reverend Graham Smith on 03331 121906.

Wintershall Livestream 10th April 2020

The Passion of Jesus and One Good Friday story will be available online on Good Friday, 10th April 2020 because Wintershall cannot perform live in Trafalgar Square.

Through their Facebook page (www.facebook.com/Wintershallplay), on Good Friday at 12:00pm and 3:00pm, Wintershall will livestream pre-recorded excerpts of rehearsals from their Passion Play 2020 (and of previous years) together with excerpts of Passion performances from the other cities and towns taking part in the One Good Friday 2020 project.

Filed without an audience, the recording will also include interviews with cast members and testimonies from One Good Friday organisers about their Passion 2020 journey.

After the livestream, the recording will be available on YouTube. The link to this will be published on the Wintershall website (www.wintershall.org.uk/passion-jesus-london) under Media Gallery at the bottom of the page.

If you require further information please contact admin@wintershall.org.uk or 01483 892167.

Symptom Tracking App

Kings College London has launched a new app designed to track the symptoms of Covid-19 to record in real time how the disease progresses. The aim of the app is to slow the outbreak, by helping researchers identify:

- How fast the virus is spreading
- High-risk areas in the country
- Who is most at risk, by better understanding symptoms linked to underlying health conditions.

Within the app you are asked to answer a few basic questions on a daily basis, and will only take a minute to do. Visit <https://covid.joinzoe.com/> for more information and to download the app.

We hope everyone stays safe during this difficult time. Don't forget, if you need help **please ask!**

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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