



BRAMLEY UPDATE

July 2025

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:

- Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in July 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th - meeting in the library car park at 11am.
- Thursday 10th July – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Darren from The MCC Foundation Guildford presented his proposal to use and promote Bramley Sports Pavilion.
He runs a Surrey Cricket Academy for 270 state school children and is looking for new grounds for them to play. His proposal would involve not only cricket matches in the summer but junior cricket in the winter as well and other sports at the pavilion including football, table tennis and darts.
He also suggested the Pavilion could be used for his women's cricket club.
This project would raise the profile of Bramley Sports Pavilion, bring a lot more people to Bramley as well creating income for the Pavilion.
His proposals were very positively received by all Cllrs and it was agreed to take this further.
- PC Billy Dann attended the meeting to introduce himself as the new Neighbourhood Police Officer for Bramley. He has been a police officer for 7 years.
He reported that there had been 37 crimes in Bramley Parish so far this year with no crimes in June to

date.

- Waverley Borough Councillor Michael Goodridge stated that Waverley Borough Council grounds maintenance would be discussed at the council meeting on 17th June. He also advised that all documents regarding local government reorganisation had been submitted to central government, and they were expecting a decision in early Autumn.
- Planning - Cllr F Stern advised that the Stovolds Hill Inquiry had been adjourned for a second time after 4 days due to illness.

For the latest update from the Surrey Leaders group re Unitary reorganisation please visit their [website](#).

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

News from Bramley Parish Council

We have been contacted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government who have advised us that the official consultation has now opened for local government reorganisation - it will remain open until 5th August 2025. Please click [here](#) to respond to the consultation.

News from Bramley Business Network - Discover Bramley

We've been absolutely delighted with the community's response to our call for Bunting for Bramley! Thank you to everyone who's taken part, your community spirit and enthusiasm have brought real creativity to the project. The bunting will be going up in the summer holidays, bringing a splash of summer cheer to the village.

We're also getting ready to launch the new Discover Bramley website, a vibrant hub celebrating everything our village has to offer, featuring local businesses, events, community stories and hidden gems. It's coming soon, so stay tuned and sign-up to our newsletter to find out more: www.discoverbramley.co.uk

Get your camera ready! To help us capture the heart of Bramley, we're launching our very first Discover Bramley Photo Competition on Instagram and Facebook! Whether it's your favourite view, garden wildlife, a local landmark or one of the friendly faces that makes Bramley special. The winning photo will be proudly featured on our profile and may even be used on our new website. Follow us to find out how you can enter - Instagram: [@discoverbramley](#) Facebook: [Discover Bramley](#)

Stay tuned! There's lots of exciting things to come for our village! If you run a business in Bramley and would like to join the Bramley Business Network, please get in touch by emailing: bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com

Gill Longdon and Sharon Withers - Bramley Business Network

News from Bramley Helping Hand

Bramley Helping Hand has set up a Community Store in the Library Room, which provides emergency food and household items for local families referred to us by Citizens Advice and Womersley Surgery.

The Community Store provides basic household and personal hygiene items and a wide range of tinned/packet goods.

We are entirely reliant on food and financial donations from people who live in Bramley and surrounding area. St Catherine's Prep School has already organised three collections on our behalf, and we are very grateful for their generous support. Bramley Infant School will be collecting for the Community Store in early July.

Please make donations of any tinned/packet goods, toiletries or cleaning products to our Honesty Trolley located in the entrance of Holy Trinity Church.

If you would like to volunteer with us please get in touch by emailing bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com.

News from Bramley Village Society

Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in July: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th meeting in the library car park at 11am. Bring gloves and a spade and join us to keep the village looking its best.

Manager urgently needed for the Villages Wednesday Club - Do you know anyone who could help?

We are urgently looking for a new manager to run the Villages Wednesday Club day centre at Blunden Court in Bramley. We provide a day out each week for elderly people living in the local community who are a bit lonely and isolated. They have a chat over morning coffee, a cooked lunch, afternoon tea and entertainment, and this gives their carers a day off too.

The job of Manager is interesting and varied, and he or she will be helping to provide a fantastic service to improve the lives of local elderly people. As Manager, they would work with the Assistant Manager and a great team of volunteers to provide a warm, friendly and caring environment. The role involves organising the volunteers and activities, whilst maintaining simple records such as registers, rotas and petty cash, as well as occasional admin such as updating risk assessments etc. They would get to know the members and liaise with their families and health professionals as necessary - the role may suit someone who has nursing or care experience or has worked with elderly people, but neither of these are essential and it's more important that we find someone who is friendly, caring, and practical!

Whilst the role is voluntary (not salaried) the Manager would be paid a retainer each quarter, and they would not be expected to attend the day centre every week, but would usually alternate weeks with our very able Assistant Manager, and our wonderful team of volunteers are a great help too!

For more information please contact Jenny Warner on 01483 894795 or Sue Searle on 07771 558 541 or email manager@fourvillages.co.uk and for more information about the club please see www.fourvillages.co.uk

Neighbourhood Police Update

PC Dann would like to inform residents about "Immobilise" the UK national property register and would encourage residents to use it, thus enabling the police to return stolen property to their owners. For more details please visit their [website](#)

News from Bramley Library

Summer Reading Challenge

The **Summer Reading Challenge** starts in Surrey Libraries on Saturday 5th July and is free to join! This year's theme is Story Garden. Children complete the challenge by reading six books, collect stickers and *even* seeds as they go, and receive a certificate and a colourful wristband on completion. At Bramley Library there is a treasure hunt as well, and other fun activities are planned for the holidays, including crafts and pen giveaways. It runs through until Saturday 13th September.

Do you have some free time to join our enthusiastic team of volunteers?

Some computer skills are essential, the ability to carry out day-to-day library duties and a desire to assist our visitors with their enquiries also required! Hours are flexible, full training is given. Call in for a chat when the library is open.

Facilities at Bramley Library

Public Computers, A4 Colour Printer, A3/A4 Photocopier, Free WiFi, Puzzle corner. (and swap)

We also stock the following:

Greeting Cards, Reading Glasses, Eco Chic shopper bags, Postage Stamps, Children's Sticker Books, Posters and Workbooks, Bramley Library Jute bags. Tea and coffee.

Regular activities

Rhymetime takes place every Friday morning 11.00 - 11.30 (not 18th April). 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.

Meeting Room available to hire

Visit to view. Contact clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk

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).

News from Bramley Music

Rising Star in Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on Saturday 30th August at 7pm

Do come and enjoy a summer night of beautiful music featuring 17-year-old violinist Enpei Zhu, a Guildford-born gifted violinist currently studying at the prestigious Yehudi Menuhin School, in a special recital at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.

Performing alongside acclaimed collaborative pianist Miho Kawashima, Enpei will present a compelling programme of works by Bach, Fauré, Elgar, Ysaÿe and others —a beautiful blend of lyricism, energy, and expressive depth.

Tickets are £10 on the door (cash preferred, no advance booking), free entry for under-18s - please note the different arrangements from the usual Bramley Music concerts for this one.

This recital also supports the Yehudi Menuhin School's Pupil Opportunity Fund and Holy Trinity's Music Fund, helping to provide financial assistance to young musicians in need and to sustain music-making in the local community. Your presence makes a difference—thank you for supporting through attending.

Don't miss this chance to hear a rising star on the classical music scene.

For more information, please contact Mingjia Li at mingjiali.zhu@hotmail.com

News from Bramley Infants School

A busy end of term as always here at Bramley Infants. We have endured the blistering heat and have had much to celebrate. The children all had an exciting 'moving up' day where they got to go into their new classrooms and see what being in the year above feels like! Year 2 concluded their swimming lessons at St Catherine's with a wonderful gala where they got to show their parents all their new skills - they really have developed so much over the half term, it has been amazing to see. The end of the week sees the school enjoying their school sports day - preschool and nursery first this Thursday and main school on Friday. The school has also been involved with 'Art at the Station', where artwork is being displayed in Farncombe waiting room - please do take a look if you happen to be taking a train! As always with the end of the year it is mixed emotions with saying goodbye to staff and the children in Y2 as they move on to pastures new. We wish them all well on their new adventures and wish everyone a very happy summer holiday break.

Soroptimist International Surrey Hills

Soroptimists transform the lives of women and girls. Look out for us on 12 July when we will be celebrating the Soroptimist Day of Action (details on FB or our website). We're also meeting at the Godalming Baptist Church Hall on Monday 7 July and by Zoom on Monday 21 July (both 7.30 pm for 7.45pm). We'd be delighted

to welcome new members to help us with our work.

Please email sisurreyhills@gmail.com for log in details or for further information on how to join the Club.

www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/ or www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

July Sunday Services

8.00am - Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am - Bramley Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30 (term time) Trinity Toddlers in the Parish Room.

All are very welcome at our services, and the church is open every day from 9.00am – 5.00pm for prayer and quiet contemplation. Do have a look at our [website](#) for church and community information.

If you need to get in touch, please contact our Vicar, the Revd William Davie, email

william.davie18@btinternet.com, mobile 07784 923770 (not Fridays) or email our Parish Administrator office@holyltrinitybramley.org.uk or our Churchwardens, Sue Oldrey and Catherine Ingram Smith htbchurchwarden@gmail.com.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

July Services

6th July – 6.00pm – Songs of Praise followed by drinks and nibbles

13th July – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

20th July - 11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

27th July – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

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

If you need to contact anyone urgently, please get in touch with: The Rev'd William Davie william.davie18@btinternet.com or 07784 923770 (not Friday)

Or one of the Churchwardens:

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Parish Administrator at office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk

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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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