

# Bramley Parish Council

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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 [bramleyupdate@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyupdate@gmail.com).

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October - Storytime and Craft Activity at Bramley Library 10.30 - 12.00pm
- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Bramley Village Bonfire – 6.00 – 8.30pm

### WHAT'S HAPPENED?

#### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Waverley Borough Councillor Goodridge reported that there had been a full Council meeting which agreed to send letters to all Band H houses requesting voluntary donations to spend on discretionary items, he expressed concerns regarding the costs involved in setting up a charitable trust to implement this policy. The changes to the winter fuel payments to pensioners were also discussed and 2 letters of objection will be sent to the Chancellor, one from the leader and one from the leader of the opposition.
- Surrey County Councillor Deanus stated that next year the rural speed review will look at the roads to the west of A281 this will include Munstead, Alfold and Dunsfold – speed data strips will be installed. The review is concerned with 60 mile per hour limits on country roads. The last rural review resulted in around 30-40 limits being changed but he warned it is a long legal process.
- Cllr Deanus also stated that since the introduction of the average speed check cameras in Bramley there has been on average a 5mph reduction in speed which is exceptional.
- Cllr Marshall stated that he has put in an application to set up Bramley Community Spaces Charity, which can fund raise for the regeneration of Eastwood Road Playground.

- Cllr F Stern stated that the Stovolds Hill Inquiry (in respect of multiple applications for traveller hardstands at this location which have gone to appeal) is on 12th November. The joint parishes, Bramley PC, Alfold PC, Hascombe PC and Dunsfold PC will be making representations at the Inquiry.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### News from Bramley Helping Hand

Bramley Helping Hand is a community initiative, funded entirely by Bramley people. It offers practical help and financial assistance to all members of our local community finding themselves in need of support. Working alongside local schools, Citizens Advice, the Parish Council and Smiths Charity, over the past year Bramley Helping Hand has provided over £5,000 through targeted support for individual families in need and for Bramley school children so that they could benefit from specific programmes such as pre-school activities and summer sports clubs. Broader support has been given through, for example, restocking a Community Food Trolley at Holy Trinity Church.

We are always keen to hear of any members of the community young or old who might need support. For example: Are you aware of anyone worried about keeping warm this winter?

Please contact Bramley Helping Hand on [bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com) or the Parish Clerk on [clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk) or 07795 684192, in every case in complete confidence.

### Bramley Fuel Leak – Support Package agreed with Asda

Bramley Parish Council together with Bramley community organisations are pleased to announce agreement with Asda of a community support package for Bramley of £512,500. Asda has stated it will payout a £50 voucher to those households under the drinking water restriction. Impacted businesses continue submitting applications to Asda's Business Support scheme and the first payouts are beginning to be made. For more details see [here](#)

Please visit [Bramley Parish Council](#) and [Waverley Borough Council's](#) website for all the latest updates. Also please see [here](#) for Openreach's advice/information re the impact on the fuel leak on their equipment.

### News from Bramley Village Society

Bramley Village Society were delighted to welcome over 100 people to The Wheatsheaf on 19 September, where we enjoyed a South African Braai and live music. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses, who donated prizes to the raffle, the BVS raised over £800.

The weekly Tidy Up Sessions have been very successful and will continue over the winter months on Sunday mornings. We were able to share the news that the BVS have committed funds to replant the area between the Amplifon Car Park and the Library Car Park this Autumn. In addition, Waverley Borough Council will be carrying out repairs to the benches between Park Drive and Mill Lane, as well as working in the Library Car Park to repair the hand rail and attend to the rotten sleepers. Future projects will include an interactive History Map and Walk.

### News from Bramley Business Network

We would like to thank our lovely customers for your continued support. It's just fantastic to see so many of you stopping by our shops, restaurants, cafes, pubs and using the many services we provide on the High Street and at the Bramley Business Centre, Whitley Manor Farm and Smithbrook Kilns.

Many of us are still struggling with poor connectivity, some have taken matters into their own hands setting up digital systems or the likes of Starlink so thank you for your continued patience as we manage a tricky

situation. OpenReach are setting up two Community Hubs shortly near the High Street with a range of about 100metres diameter so we are keeping our fingers crossed that we see an improvement.

In the meantime we are busy getting ready for the winter season and planning for Christmas. We hope that we will be able to have Christmas lights along the High Street this year and are just finalising the details. If everything goes according to plan we will have a 'switch on' ceremony with late night shopping, carol singing and mulled wine and mince pies on the Library Green. More details will announced shortly. Something for the whole village to look forward to.

### **Bramley Bonfire Association 50th Annual Bonfire & Fireworks - Saturday 2nd November**

One of Bramley's best traditions returns on Saturday 2nd November for a spectacular fireworks display and bonfire night. The Bramley Bonfire has run for half a century and is run entirely by volunteers from the village so please do step forward to join in and help. Whether it is joining the organising committee, helping build the bonfire, or taking a role on the night, volunteers are always needed and always welcome.

Please email [bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com) or message via the Facebook or Instagram pages to get involved.

We NEVER cancel, no matter the weather so prepare for any cold or wet conditions as it will always go ahead!

Individual, family and group Guys will be judged and prizes handed out before the torchlit procession sets off, so please plan to build your entries in the days beforehand.

Food and soft-drinks will be sold by volunteers on the field, and proceeds from this plus sale of torches are added to the donations in the buckets; this is how the event is funded so please donate generously to ensure that the village bonfire can keep going strong. A JustGiving page is also available for donations.

#### Approximate timings:

6pm Assembly of Guys in Library Car Park

6.15pm Pedestrians WITHOUT torches proceed to field.

6.20pm Judging of Guys

6.25 Presentation of Prizes

6.40pm Torchlight Procession

7.10pm Lighting the Bonfire

7.40pm Firework Display

Please follow the Bramley Bonfire on Facebook and Instagram for regular news and updates!

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk) for further guidance.

### **Paul Hunt Investments Ltd proposed Housing Development in Bramley**

Paul Hunt Investments Ltd are carrying out a consultation to see whether Bramley residents are in favour of building 26 houses on the allotment field, next to the bonfire field. For more details and to have your say please visit their [website](#).

### **Bramley And District PROBUS Club**

The Bramley and District PROBUS Club covers Bramley, Shamley Green, Blackheath, Shalford and Womersley and surrounding villages. Our members are retired (or imminently retiring) PROfessional and BUSInessmen. However, membership is not restricted to these two groups. It also embraces a plethora of other organisations - in fact, anyone who held a position of responsibility during their professional life. We meet once a month (the current venue is Bramley Golf Club) where we enjoy a hearty lunch and enjoy the conviviality of the company other members, several of whom are Bramley residents. On a few months each year we enjoy talks by interesting speakers.

Should you be interested in becoming a member or wish to obtain more information please contact the Membership Secretary at [alwb747@btinternet.com](mailto:alwb747@btinternet.com)

### **Celebrate Christmas at Bramley Golf Club**

Available from early December for groups of up to 90 guests for festive lunches, work and club parties, Christmas buffets and celebration evenings.

To find out more contact Sarah on 01483 892696 – option 2 or [sarah@bramleygolfclub.co.uk](mailto:sarah@bramleygolfclub.co.uk) or visit their [website](#)

### **Bramley Eastwood Road Playground Update**

We now have committed funds of £25k towards our refurbishment plans so we can now move to the next phase - starting the work!! The play area team have started the conversation with the playground equipment company to agree how we can best use this money for the first phase of the work.

Our aim is to try, and break ground this side of Christmas if possible. Watch out for further updates on progress as we begin the work to make this an area of which the village can be proud

### **Bramley Village Hall - Available for Hire**

The Village Hall, situated in Hall Road, dates back to the 15th century and is a large tithe barn conversion with exposed medieval timbers. The hall is available for private hire at reasonable rates, with a discount for residents of Bramley parish. The main hall has tables available for use and provides seating for 130. There are 37 car parking spaces. Wheelchair facilities have been installed, there is a toilet for the disabled, and the main hall has been fitted with a hearing loop. Hire fees include use of the main hall, annexe, large well equipped kitchen, stage and toilets. Many activities take place in the hall, such as Yoga, Martial Arts, Junior Martial Arts, Pilates and Bridge Club etc. The venue is ideal for children's parties, dancing classes, quiz nights, jumble sales, etc. A separate meeting room, with its own toilet and galley kitchen facility, is also available for hire. If you would like further information, check availability or make a booking, contact our Village Hall Booking Officer, Dennis Lordan on 01483 898682.

### **TaiChi at Bramley Village Hall**

Dr Luke Zhang runs a TaiChi class at Bramley Village Hall on Mondays 10.00-11.00am. For more details please visit his [website](#).

## **GuildfordYoga classes Bramley Village Hall - Mixed ability classes**

**Tuesday morning 9.45-11am**

**Tuesday evening 7-8.15pm**

**Thursday morning 9.45-11am**

These fun and friendly classes are suitable for all, beginners and intermediates alike. Please book ahead via the website or drop-in whenever it is convenient. £12 per session or discounts options are available.

## **Friday mornings 11.15am-12.45pm - yoga therapy classes**

This specialist class include gentle and therapeutic stretching, strengthening, joint-freeing poses and Yoga Nidra - a deeply restful and healing practice. Everyone is welcome including those with injuries or chronic illness eg. Parkinsons, Arthritis, Cancer, Chronic Fatigue, MS etc. Please email [luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk](mailto:luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk) to register. £12 per session or discounts are available.

These are in addition to GuildfordYoga other classes which have been running for 20 years. Full details can be found on the GuildfordYoga website <http://www.guildfordyoga.co.uk> or by emailing [luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk](mailto:luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk)

## **News from Bramley Library**

### ***Summer Reading Challenge***

September saw the close of the Summer Reading Challenge. In total 70 children took part with nearly one third completing it.

A party was held to celebrate the achievements of those children who successfully completed the challenge.

### ***Rhymetime***

We have a Storytime and craft session planned at half term -

STORYTIME

AND CRAFT

ACTIVITY

TUESDAY, 29th OCTOBER

10.30-12.00

Suitable for 4-8 year olds - siblings welcome Please sign up in the library or on Facebook

Grant, who has been successfully leading our Rhymetime sessions over the last few months, feels the time has come for someone else to take over. We are fortunate that Anneli, who has sometimes stepped in when Grant was unavailable, is willing to take on the sessions for the time being. Going forward we now wish to create a rota of volunteers to share the responsibility of leading Rhymetime. Perhaps a grandparent, auntie or uncle would like to help? After-all, they are likely to know all the rhymes and tunes!

***If you should know anyone who would be interested do let us know by talking to a library volunteer or emailing the Parish Clerk on [Clerk@Bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:Clerk@Bramleyparish.co.uk)***

### ***10th ANNIVERSARY OF BRAMLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY***

We hope that many of our library members and families will join us on the morning of Saturday, 14th December for this special celebration. Plans for the day are well on the way and will include activities for the children, refreshments and free 10th Anniversary gifts! More details to follow so, to use that well-worn phrase, "watch this space" ...

### ***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. 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.

### **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 Infant School**

As always, it has been a busy start to the new academic year. Here at Bramley School, we have welcomed lots of new staff along with new children and everyone has settled in so well. Our schools value that we are focusing on this term is friendship and it has been lovely to see new and old friendships blossoming between the children. The children are busy preparing for our Harvest Festival on 9<sup>th</sup> October and it has been lovely for us to hear all the singing coming from the classrooms while they rehearse. Pre-schoolers have been learning all about their bodies and what makes them individual so we have seen some lovely skeleton crafts from them all, while Year 1 and Year 2 have made an excellent start to their learning in maths, and in English are looking at 'The Story Tree' and 'The Lonely Beast' for inspiration for their creative writing.

### **St Catherine's Christmas Fair**

Visitors are warmly invited to the St Catherine's PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday, 23rd November from 10am to 4pm. We have lots of lovely small independent businesses coming to join us for the day alongside delicious food and refreshments, entertainment, children's activities and a fabulous raffle. The perfect place to do your Christmas shopping! St Catherine's School, Station Road, Bramley, Guildford GU5 0DF. £3 entry - under 18s free.

### **News from St Catherine's School**

Prep School open event - Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024 9.30 – 11.45am

Please book your place by visiting our website or contacting Mrs Sarah Waller on 01483 899665

Informal Concert - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7pm - Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

Senior School open event - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 9.00- 12.00 pm

Please book your place by visiting our website or contacting Mrs Clare Woodgates on 01483 899609

Prep School - Years 1 – 6 Discovery Morning - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 8.45am – 12 Noon - For Girls Only

Please book your place by visiting our website or contacting Mrs Sarah Waller on 01483 899665

For more details please visit their [website](#)

### **Wintershall Nativity Journey 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

For more details please visit their [website](#)

### **News from Holy Trinity, Bramley**

Our services for September:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP )9.30am – Sunday Eucharist.

The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm for visiting and silent prayer.

Parish room for hire suitable for Parties, Lunches, Dinners and Get togethers. We have a good size room with a small well equipped kitchen.

For more information please contact the office on [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk)

For any information please email the office at [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk) (please note that our offices are not manned continually).

Do have a look at our [website](#), for all church and community information.

### **News from St Andrew's Grafham**

We are still in the period of vacancy since the retirement of Revd. Camilla White but we are pleased to be able to report that following the interviews that took place in early September, the process is on-going although we do not anticipate having to re-advertise, and we very much hope that an announcement will be made in the near future. In the meantime, we are very grateful to all the clergy who are helping to lead our services, which for October are:

6th October 11am Morning Prayer

13th October 11am Eucharist Common Worship

20th October 11am Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

27th October 11am Eucharist Common Worship

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the [website](#) for more details or contact the Parish Administrator [office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk).

If you need to contact someone urgently please contact one of the Churchwardens

Colin Parrott [colin.parrott61@gmail.com](mailto:colin.parrott61@gmail.com) or Caroline Whalley [caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk](mailto:caroline@birtleyhouse.co.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

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