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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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Bramley's Christmas Lights Switch On – Thursday 14th November 6.00pm – Bramley Library
- Thursday 21st November – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Bramley Fuel Leak Update Meeting – 6.00pm Friday 29th November – St Catherine's School Auditorium
- Bramley Library 10th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday 14th December 11.00 -12.30pm - Bramley Library
- Bramley Village Carol Service - Sunday 15th December 6.00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Waverley Borough Councillor Goodridge reported that Thames Water have now completed their work at Gosden Common and Cllr Austin is awaiting a response as to whether the work to unblock the rising main has been successful.
- Speed Watch – Cllr Saunders advised that neighbourhood speed watch had previously taken place on the A281 where the average speed check cameras are now in place negating the need for it in this area. Cllrs discussed other locations, no decision was reached. The matter will be raised again at The November meeting.
- 5 members of the public attended and asked how and by who the Asda Community Fund Project list had been agreed. Cllrs stated that the list had been prepared by representatives of the village over a short period of time in response to Asda's original offer of £50,000 in community support. They were

extremely pleased when Asda accepted the request for over £500,000. This was step one, step two will be public consultation, the format of which is under review.

- Cllr Goodridge pointed out that the £500,000 community support was a goodwill gesture from Asda to improve their relationship with the village that they didn't have to do. It will not preclude any individuals, businesses or public bodies from making their own claims against Asda and in fact he expects WBC, SCC and Thames Water all to make their own claims.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley's Christmas Lights Switch On – Thursday 14th November 6.00pm – Bramley Library Green

Kick off the festive season early this year! Come along on Thursday, 14th November from 6pm to 8pm for the Bramley Lights switch-on celebration and support your local businesses.

Peter Gordon, also known as Nanny Annie Fanny from the Robin Hood pantomime at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, will be inaugurating the festivities!

Everyone is invited to join the celebration with Bramley. Enjoy late-night shopping, music & performances by St Catherine's school choir.

Complimentary mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine available kindly supplied by local Bramley businesses (though donations appreciated, thank you.)

Timings;

Thursday 14th November 6 - 8pm (lights on at 6.30pm with St Catherine's' choir directly afterwards a carol sing along)

Free parking available by kind permission of St Catherine's' school in their Hall Road car park (near to The Village Hall) - this is a 2 min walk to the High Street / Library Green.)

Save the Date - Bramley Fuel Leak Meeting Update – 6.00pm Friday 29th November – St Catherine's School Auditorium

Jeremy Hunt MP is organising the next fuel leak public meeting. Asda and their environmental Consultants EPS will be providing an update on the clean-up. Openreach will also be attending. Further details to follow.

Bramley Village Carol Service - Sunday 15 December

Bramley's ever-popular village carol service will be held on Sunday 15th December at 6pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. Come and enjoy traditional Christmas carols, old and new! Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

Bramley Bonfire 2024

The 2024 Bramley bonfire and Fireworks was a great success this year with the best display we've ever had. This year had some additional last-minute challenges but it was fantastic to see the community rallying round in big numbers on the day itself.

The event is entirely organised by volunteers and the support of so many people so it is a pleasure to extend our heartfelt thanks to:

Bramley Parish Council for their year-round support, Lord Archie Hamilton, Aurora Fireworks, Stephen & Margaret Darvill, Dumbriel & Kilfeather Butchers, The Chittendens for their massive efforts to ensure the field is safe and ready for the night, St Catherine's School, Guildford Fencing and Ashvale Sawmill.

Gosden House School - Recruiting Learning Assistants

Gosden House is an outstanding school for young people with learning and additional needs, from 4-16 years of age. Set in extensive grounds, the environment offers students the opportunity to explore and challenge the potential of learners in every aspect. The curriculum has a strong focus on core learning skills and communication. We aim to develop resilience, creativity and social skills in order to support young people to

succeed in the workplace and live rewarding, independent lives.

If you are interested in becoming a learning assistant please click [here](#) for more details

Surrey Police - Public Community Engagement Events

Surrey Police are running a series of public community engagement events across the county. Featuring the Surrey Police's Chief Constable, Tim De Meyer, or Deputy Chief Constable Nev Kemp, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), Lisa Townsend, or Deputy PCC, Ellie Vesey-Thompson, as well as the local borough commander, these events will focus on how Surrey Police are policing your local community and provide you with an opportunity to raise any concerns or questions you may have.

There will be one evening event per borough, taking place between the end of September and early December, followed by an online event for all of Surrey on the 13th January 2025. You can find full details here:-

[In the community | Surrey Police](#)

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 or the Parish Clerk on clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk or 07795 684192, in every case in complete confidence.

Christmas Wreath making class – 4th December 10.30 – 12.30 - Great Green Barn, Shamley Green, GU5 0SX – Proceeds going to the Joanna Wildlife Hospital.

For more details or to book email Sushma.windsor@yahoo.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 or visit their [website](#)

Don't lose your vote - residents in Waverley encouraged to check voter registration details

Waverley Borough Council residents are being asked to check their electoral registration details or risk losing their chance to vote on decisions that affect them.

The annual canvass allows Waverley Borough Council to keep the electoral register up to date, to identify who risks losing their voice at elections, and to encourage them to register before it's too late.

Pedro Wrobel, Returning Officer for Waverley Borough Council, said:

"Keep an eye out for important updates from Waverley Borough Council. The annual canvass is our way of making sure that the information on the electoral register for every address is accurate and up to date. To make sure you don't lose your say at upcoming elections, simply follow the instructions sent to you.

"If you're not currently registered, your name will not appear in the messages we send. If you want to register, the easiest way is online [here](#).

Recent home movers in particular are urged to check their details. Electoral Commission research has found that recent home movers are less likely to be registered than those who have lived at the same address for a long time. In Great Britain, 92% of those who have lived in their home for 16 years will be registered, compared with 36% of people who have lived at an address for less than a year.

Information on registering to vote is available on the Electoral Commission website.

Residents with questions about their registration status can contact the Waverley Borough Council Electoral Services team on 01483 523116 or email electoralservices@waverley.gov.uk

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 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 for further guidance.

News from Bramley Library

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!

For more details click [here](#)

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 9th 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.

News from St Catherine's School

Baby Cats – Let's get creative

Friday 15th November 2024 | For 2 – 4 yrs

Let us stimulate your child's creative mind and join us for an arts and crafts session. Be prepared to get messy!

9.30 – 10.30am -St Cats Prep Gym

There is no charge but please book your place [here](#)

Informal Concert - Monday 18th November 2024 at 7pm - Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

Parenting tips – Senior School. By Alice Phillips, Head Mistress

School is now well underway for the year and all school-aged children and young people will be back in routine. After the energy of fresh starts and excitements about a new year, new teachers, new activities, and for some, transfers to new schools, things will now be the new 'normal' and they will be being stretched and challenged by those teachers to develop more and learn more.

For parents, expect them to be much more tired by the end of a day or a week now. This is the moment to help them manage their new routines – more homework for GCSE or A Levels, for example – and get involved in helping them schedule their evening time, so that they do still get some leisure time, but also a sensible bedtime for their age group. In the teen years expect a bit of kick back about life. It feels like a long year ahead at their age! We all did it once, but just be there holding the boundaries you've agreed on in the family, firmly and consistently in place for them to kick against. This actually makes them feel more secure and they know where they stand.

They will thank you when they are 25 and looking back.

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.

Wintershall Nativity Journey 11th – 16th December

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

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

November Services

Remembrance Sunday 10th November

NO 8am SERVICE

9.30am Bramley Eucharist

10.50am Act of Remembrance at village war memorial

Sunday 17th and 24th November

8am Book of Common Prayer
9.30am Bramley Parish Eucharist

Rehearsals for Church Carol Service starting Friday 1st November at 6.45pm

Calling all singers for the Holy Trinity Church carol service on 15th December! Rehearsals will be held every Friday at 6.45pm.

We will be learning some lovely SATB carols, and all singers are warmly invited to join the choir for this wonderful Christmas celebration.

The Licensing service for the Revd William Davie as Vicar of Bramley and Grafham will be on Thursday 16th January at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity, Bramley.

For more information please contact the office on office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk

For any information please email the office at 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

November Services

10th November 10.55am REMEMBRANCE SERVICE non Eucharist service

17th November. 11am Eucharist Common Worship

24th November 11am Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

We continue to pray for Revd William Davie and his family as they prepare to move to Bramley in the New Year to be the vicar of the United Benefice of Bramley and Grafham. William will be licensed at Holy Trinity Bramley on Thursday 16th January at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

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.

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

Colin Parrott colin.parrott61@gmail.com or Caroline Whalley 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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