



BRAMLEY UPDATE

October 2025

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Brighten Up Bramley tidy up sessions Sunday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th October – for more details see below
- Thursday 9th October – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Free Maths tuition available at Bramley Library during half term - see below for more details.
- Saturday 1st November - Bramley Village Bonfire – 6.00 – 8.30pm
- Bramley Christmas Lights Switch On - Thursday 27th November.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- SCC Cllr Kevin Deanus advised that the Government decision regarding the local government is due on October 15th and he hoped there wouldn't be any delays due to the recent government changes.
- Asda Community Fund - Cllr B Stern reported that good progress had been made with approx £330k of the £512k fund being allocated.
He advised that work would start at Eastwood Road Playground on 15th September.
He also advised that the Gosden Housed Bakehouse Project had been completed, as had the Bramley Infant School Canopies project, the £30k donation had been made to the Wey & Arun Canal trust and that the first phase of the work at the Village Hall had been completed with the second phase due to start imminently.
- Cllrs agreed to set up a new sub committee to run the Bramley Sports Club.

To read the minutes in full please visit our [website](#)

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley's Bonfire and Fireworks

The 2025 Bramley Bonfire will be on Saturday 1st November and preparations are in full swing.

October will be filled with activity for which volunteers would be very welcome, particularly those that would like to join the village team that organises the event.

Bonfire building will happen every weekend throughout October which is a great fun session (often followed by a pint in the Jolly).

On the night itself the success of the Bonfire depends on volunteers marshalling, collecting donations, and staffing the food stalls so please let us know if you can give a few hours of your time on the night!

The committee is also welcoming new members so please raise your hand if you'd like to contribute to what has been a landmark event for the village for more than fifty years.

For all of the above please drop Phil a line: BramleyBonfireChairman@gmail.com

The Bonfire Association is looking for a replacement Safety Advisor and Secretary, these are two separate roles. For the H&S role we are looking for someone with current experience in H&S who is prepared to attend meetings and advise the Committee where necessary. The suitable applicant should be available for meetings in September, and October and work alongside the existing H&S Advisor on the day of the Bonfire. Please email instructorhugh@aol.com to show your interest.

News from Bramley Fete Committee

We are delighted to announce that, this year, Bramley Fete Limited will be giving £31,500 to local schools, clubs and organisations in and around Bramley—significantly more than in previous years.

In addition to the funds raised on the day of the fete and through the raffle, we were fortunate this year to receive a generous donation from Asda Stores Limited, which helped us significantly increase the support we could offer.

Beneficiaries this year include Bramley Infant School, Tillingbourne School, Trinity Toddlers, Gosden House School, Holy Trinity Church, St Andrew's Church, Bramley Library, the Four Villages Wednesday Club, Bramley Christmas lights, the Scouts, Guides and Brownies, Bramley cricket club, the Rhens Twinning Association in its 40th anniversary year, and Bramley Helping Hand, all of whom play a vital role in our community.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who supported the Bramley Fete - whether by volunteering, attending, or simply spending generously. Your time, effort, enthusiasm and cash are what make this event so special and successful year after year and it's thanks to this great community spirit that the Fete is able to support our community.

Relandscaping the area in front of Bramley Library

We are pleased to announce the start of work to improve the green outside of Bramley library

This will include electrical work to enable uplighting of the Jubilee sign, the installation of benches, the repair of the flag poles and the planting of indigenous trees more in keeping with a traditional English village.

As part of this work the two existing fir trees, which have grown too large for the site, will be removed.

Please bear with us while we undertake this work in the coming months.

Fix my Street

SCC's Fix My Street is the best way to report any issues in Bramley from potholes, abandoned vehicles, fly-tipping to fallen trees please follow this [link](#)

News from Bramley Business Network

Christmas Cheer coming to Bramley!!! 📅 SAVE THE DATE



Christmas Lights Switch On - Thursday November 27th from 5.30pm



Seasonal songs by the children from Bramley Infants School, Tillingbourne School and St Catherine's School



Christmas bangers courtesy of local band The Firebottles



Mulled wine, pizza and much, much more



Count down to the big switch on at 6.30pm



Late Night shopping on the High Street

☕ Coffee and Hot Chocolate from the Nest



Plus a warm welcome from our fantastic hospitality spots - Kingfish, Jade Garden, The Jolly Farmer, The Wheatsheaf and Maya Cuisine.



FREE ENTRY ✨ DONATIONS WELCOME ✨ BRING CASH ✨

PS If you can help on the night by manning a stall, being a safety marshal, helping with set up or clear up etc please email Gill and Sharon at bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com

News from Bramley Helping Hand

Bramley Helping Hand Community Store has much to be grateful for at the moment. We are supporting a number of local families, who have been referred to us by Womersley Surgery, Citizens Advice or similar organisation. Our community is providing much needed support in a range of ways.

Huge thanks to St Catherine's School and St Andrew's Grafham for donating their Harvest Festival Collections to Bramley Helping Hand Community Store - we are very grateful to you for your support and generosity.

Look out for a new donation point coming to CostCutter in Bramley - thank you to Lauren at CostCutter for being so supportive of our village community. In the meantime, you can make donations of nonperishable food items, toiletries and cleaning products to the Honesty Trolley in the porch of Holy Trinity Church.

Holy Trinity Church, Bramley Infant School and Tillingbourne School will also be donating their Harvest Festival Collections to us in the coming weeks. Thank you again for your generosity and support.

If you would like to donate your time to helping with the Community Store, please email bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com

Thank you to our amazing community for your help and support - it is truly heartwarming!

News from Bramley Village Society

Come and help us plant daffodils around Bramley between 2pm and 4pm every Saturday this October - Duke of Edinburgh volunteering credit available

11th October - Coronation Oak to lay by

18th October - Robertsons Garden

25th October - Links Road to village

Bring a spade and some gloves. Contact Liz Sutherland on lizsutherland73@gmail.com

Planning application for Farnborough Airport expansion

Farnborough Noise Group sent an email sent to regional MPs regarding Farnborough Airport's expansion proposal submitted last week. This is to double the number of weekend flights and operate larger aircraft. There is a five-week statutory consultation process for this, which ends on October 14th. If you need further information, please contact Farnborough Noise Group.

Further information will be included on the group's Facebook page

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/farnboroughnoise>) and website (<https://www.farnboroughnoise.org>).

Open Studio

Pentire, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley GU5 0AT

In aid of "Parkinson's UK"

Friday 7 November to Sunday 9 November from 10 am to 4 pm

Art and gifts available to buy, plus tea, cakes and raffle, with all donations going to the charity.

For further information contact Mary Hainline,

01483 898 626 MaryHainline@Gmail.com www.MaryHainline.com

We look forward to giving you a warm welcome

News from Bramley Library

FREE Maths Tuition

Half-term help with maths is available in Bramley Library on:

Tuesday 28th October (10.30, 11.30, 14.00, 15.00)

Wednesday 29th October (10.30, 11.30)

Thursday 30th October (10.30, 11.30, 14.00, 15.00)

One of our volunteers is a retired secondary maths teacher and can offer help with GCSE Maths, A-level Maths and A-level Further Maths. To book a one-hour slot, sign up at the library.

On the day, bring your questions, the more specific the better, and your current textbooks and notebooks. You do not need to be a member of Surrey Libraries to book.

Storytime

Our regular half-term Storytime will be on October 30th from 10.30-12.00. This is suitable for 4-8 year olds but parents/carers can also bring siblings. It's FREE as always, but we ask that you sign up at the library or via Facebook so we know how many are attending.

Regular activities

Rhymetime weekly Fridays 11.00 - 11.30am

Bramley Knit Wits monthly on 3rd Tuesday 13.00 - 15.00

NHS Hearing Aid Clinic monthly on 2nd Tuesday 10.30 - 12.00.

Meeting Room available to hire

Looking for occasional office space or a room for group training? The library Meeting Room is available at a very reasonable rate. Do call in to view the facilities, the room and the adjacent kitchen. The library also has free WiFi. Contact clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk for bookings.

Volunteering

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 and full training is given.

Call in for a chat when the library is open

Opening times

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. 10.00-12.30pm & 2.00-4.30pm.

Wednesday and Saturday 10.00-12.30pm

Follow us on Facebook and X (Twitter).

News from Bramley Music

Grafham Quiz - This year's Grafham Quiz, which is on Friday 17th October from 7pm to 10pm in Grafham Cricket Pavilion. For more details click [here](#). As in past years we shall have a fish and chip supper halfway through. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. We are aiming to have eight teams of six - come as a team or just partner up on the night. The cost is £15 per person, please bring cash on the night. Proceeds to the St Andrew's Restoration Fund. To book your place please contact stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645. Book early to avoid disappointment. We look forward to a fun filled evening and hope to see you there!

The Wintershall Singers are leading another of their popular '**Sunday Afternoon Sing-Alongs**' - you may remember the ones in Holy Trinity Church and St Thomas More Church in Bramley - this one is in the church of Jesus Christ Redeemer of Mankind Catholic Church in Cranleigh (2 St Nicolas Ave, Cranleigh GU6 7AQ) on Sunday 26th October at 3pm. No singing experience or ability required, just come along and join in, song sheets provided - songs from the shows and other really well known songs to enjoy. It will be followed around 4pm by tea and cake. There is no charge, but donations for the local charity the Halow Project (which equips young adults with learning disabilities and autism to live a life of purpose) will be welcome. For catering purposes please let stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645 know if you are coming. Please see [here](#) for more details.

Bramley Music Piano Quintet concert Sunday 16th November at 4pm in Holy Trinity Church. The Oxus Quartet (<https://oxus.uk/>) will be joined by Margaret Roberts (no stranger to our concerts) at the piano to bring us music by Schumann, Piazzolla and Beach. Amy Beach was a pioneering American composer whose piano quintet (1905) is reminiscent of Brahms and was very popular in the early 20th century. The charity we're supporting is Christian Aid. See [here](#) for details - tickets just £10 (£5 under 18s and students) from stuartwhite2023@gmail.com or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in the High Street. There will be a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval. It will be a most enjoyable occasion - do come!

News from Bramley Infant School

The start of term is always a busy one here at Bramley Infant School. The new children have all settled brilliantly and it is lovely to see old and new friendships forming, in line with this term's value of Friendship. All the children have started their learning with enthusiasm and energy and there has already been plenty going on.

We have nominated our new Worship team - 2 children from Y1 and Y2 have been given this role for the year, and we look forward to seeing them represent the school and doing us proud. I'm sure they will make their appearance in our forthcoming Harvest festival next week where the school is collecting donations for the Cranleigh Foodbank.

Outside, the school has been getting some rather fantastic upgrades to our play areas. We now have a sensory garden in an otherwise unused area, the main school playground has had a new climbing frame installed along with new turfing, the preschool playground has had a new 'grass' section added to their racetrack, as well as a new outdoor building for the children to play in and finally Reception class have got a new sandpit boat. Everything looks so smart, we are really proud of how great the school is looking.

Does your Child start Reception in September 2026?

Bramley Infant School have places available for all the details see [here](#).

News from St Catherine's School

Informal Concert

Monday 13th October 2025 at 7.00pm

Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

Baby Cats – Let's Get Creative

Friday 17th October - For 2 – 4 yrs – 9.30 -10.30am.

Let us stimulate your child's creative mind and join us for an arts and craft session! There is no charge but please book your place by completing the [online booking form](#)

Senior School – Open Event

Tuesday 14th October – 9.00am – 12 Noon

Prep School – Open Event

Thursday 16th October – 9.30am – 11.45am

Please visit their [website](#) for more details

St Catherine's PTA Christmas Fair

Visitors are warmly invited to the St Catherine's PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November from 10am to 4pm. We have lots of lovely 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.

For more details see [here](#).

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

October weekly Sunday Services:

8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist

Other Events:

Parish Lunch on Sunday 12th October at 12.30pm (need to register on the list at back of church)

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

October Services

5th October – 11.00am Morning Prayer

12th October – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

19th October - 11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

26th October – 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:

Colin Parrott. colin.parrott61@gmail.com

Caroline Whalley caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk

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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