



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

**September 2025**

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sundays 7th and 28th September, Brighten Up Bramley tidy up sessions meeting 11 am in the Library Car Park.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Bramley Village Bonfire – 6.00 – 8.30pm
- Bramley Christmas Lights Switch On - Thursday 27th November.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### **Bramley Parish Council update**

The Parish Council did not meet in August. The next meeting is on Thursday September 11th at 7.00pm in Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room.

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Bramley's Bonfire and Fireworks are taking place on Saturday 1st November 2025 in the usual place.**

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](mailto:instructorhugh@aol.com) to show your interest.

The Secretary also needs to plan and attend meetings (generally not more than an hour each), write minutes and circulate them, assist the Chair in regular correspondence. Meetings, about five in number are spread through the year. Again, please contact [instructorhugh@aol.com](mailto:instructorhugh@aol.com) for further information.

The whole event is run entirely by volunteers, so anyone who would enjoy being part of a fantastic team would be very welcome to make contact and join everyone that helps ensure a fantastic night for Bramley


### **News from Bramley Fete Committee**


Bramley Fete Limited is holding a meeting to discuss the allocation of funds raised from the Bramley Fete on Monday 29 September at the Jolly Farmer, Bramley from 7pm.


All Bramley village charities, clubs and organisations are eligible to apply for funding, and, if you have not already applied please email [bramleyfete@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyfete@gmail.com) before 6pm on Friday 12th September.


A representative from each organisation requesting funds will need to attend the meeting to answer any questions we may have.


### **News from Bramley Business Network**

 **Save the Date – Bramley Christmas Lights! Thursday 27th November.** Mark your calendars! The Bramley Christmas Lights celebration is coming soon, and we're already getting festive behind the scenes. Want to help make the magic happen? We're inviting volunteers and committee members to join us in facilitating this year's sparkle. Whether you've got creative ideas, a knack for organising, or just love the season—there's a place for you!

 **Discover Bramley Photo Competition – Final Call!** Have you captured a moment that shows off Bramley's charm? Submit your photo to the Discover Bramley social media competition before **Monday 16th September!** It's a great way to showcase your talent and celebrate our beautiful village.

 **Business Directory – Calling All Local Businesses!** Are you a local business owner? Get listed in the Bramley Business Network (BBN) / Discover Bramley Directory and connect with the community. It's a brilliant way to boost visibility and support local enterprise. Let's grow the BBN together - submit your details today!

 **Community Directory – Now Open for Free Listings!** We're excited to announce that **groups, schools, clubs, and societies** can now be listed for free on the Discover Bramley website. Whether you're running a book club, a youth group, or a school PTA, this is your chance to be seen and get involved.

 **Bunting for Bramley – Have You Spotted the Flags?** Take a stroll past the library green and you'll see the vibrant new **Bunting for Bramley** flags fluttering proudly;-) They're a cheerful addition to our village - created by Bramley residents with love and are a lovely reminder of the community spirit that makes Bramley special.

Please contact; [bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com)

Or visit Bramley Business Network & Discover Bramley pages on instagram & facebook

### **News from Bramley Helping Hand**

Bramley Helping Hand is running a Community Store every fortnight on a referral basis and provides food and toiletries to local families in need. If you require help please contact Citizens Advice or Womersley Surgery and ask for a referral. In addition we have an Honesty Trolley located in the porch of Holy Trinity Church where you can either take some items or make donations of non perishable foods and toiletries.

If you would like to volunteer with the Store please contact us on [bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com).

### **News from Bramley Village Society**

Sundays 7th and 28th September, Brighten Up Bramley tidy up sessions meeting 11 am in the Library Car Park. Looking ahead to October we will be planting daffodils throughout the village and will be needing some additional help.

For more information, please contact Liz Sutherland via [lizsutherland73@gmail.com](mailto:lizsutherland73@gmail.com)

### **Bramley & District Probus Club**

Bramley & District Probus Club is open to all business and professional residents in Bramley and the surrounding villages who have fully or partially retired from their normal business or profession.

Membership is not restricted to just these two groups. It also embraces a plethora of other organisations - in fact, anyone who held a position of responsibility during their profession life. Current members include ex military officers from the Army, Navy and the RAF.

We meet once a month at the lovely setting of Bramley Golf Course for a hearty lunch and to enjoy the conviviality and company of other members.

On a few months each year we enjoy talks by interesting speakers. For example we have the following talks booked.

The Biopharmaceutical Industry - Vaughan Thomas

National Trust - Shalford Mill - David Hunt

Mistakes I made during my career - Tim Flesher

Commonwealth Graves Commission

Should you be interested in becoming a member or wish to obtain more information our Membership Secretary David Neilson ([dbneilson@sky.com](mailto:dbneilson@sky.com)) would be delighted to hear from you.

### **Bramley Cricket Club enjoy an incredible season!**

As the cricket season nears to a close, we are very happy to confirm that both Bramley 1XI and 2XI have secured promotion this year. This means that for the first time our 1XI will be a Division One side competing against some much bigger clubs!

The success is a testament to the work of everyone at Bramley CC. 2025 has also brought midweek success with our 1XI making Surrey Slam finals day as well as league plate finals day this Saturday.

Our Sunday team have had another great year - while our Juniors also went strength to strength as our U11s won the league. Now has never been a better time to get involved with exciting ideas on the horizon including a Women's cricket team and a Saturday 3XI...

### **News from Bramley Library**

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

The Summer Reading Challenge continues until September 13th so do bring your young readers along to the library to collect their stickers, seeds and certificates! You can even complete the challenge by reading **any** book whilst lazing on our beautiful new mat or on a beanbag!

#### ***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. 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](mailto: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**

St Andrew's Church Grafham Heritage Open Day – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Visit this Gothic Revival Gem, whose Architect made a village. Discover more about the life of the Guildford born Victorian Architect Henry Woodyer who designed and built not only the Church but a Vicarage and School; the love story that inspired him, and the Church's significant features. Delicious refreshments will be available for you to enjoy in our lovely country churchyard with views over the Surrey Hills. Parking available 300 yards north of the Church along the A281 at the Grafham Room GU5 0LJ.

Tickets are now on sale for Bramley Music's 2025 Celebrity Concert on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm with famous international concert pianist Piers Lane. This may well be sold out, so buy your tickets early (£15, under 18 and students £5) online from [bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street. Piers will be putting our lovely Steinway Grand Piano through its paces with a superb programme of music including all Chopin's music for the ballet Les Sylphides, six Rachmaninov Preludes, Debussy's Clair de Lune, and Arabesques on Johann Strauss's Beautiful Blue Danube. For more details see [here](#). The concert is supporting The Meath Epilepsy Charity.

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

Organ Recital

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 4.30pm

Prep School Hall – no need to pre- book tickets.

Baby Cats – Paint, Puzzles and Play

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September - For 2 – 4 yrs – 9.30 -10.30am St Cats Prep Garden.

Explore creativity and fun with painting, puzzles and playtime designed for curious little learners!

There is no charge but please book your place by completing the [online booking form](#)

Senior School – Open Event

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 9.00am – 12 Noon

Prep School – Open Event

Friday 26th September – 9.30am – 11.45am

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

### **Soroptimist International Surrey Hills**

Soroptimists work to transform the lives of women and girls. Join us on 8 September by Zoom or in person on 22 September at Godalming Baptist Church Hall (both 7.30 pm).

Meet us at our tombola and bookstall at the Beacon Hill Fete on Saturday 13 September – or bring along unused large and small toiletries and gently used bras which we use in our projects.

Please email [sisurreyhills@gmail.com](mailto:sisurreyhills@gmail.com) for log in details or for further information on how to join the Club. [www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/](http://www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/) or [www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills](http://www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills)

### **Would you like to sing with Surrey Hills Choir**

Following their sell out 20th Anniversary Concert, the Surrey Hills Choirs are holding open rehearsals in September in order to recruit new members.

For more details see [here](#)

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

September weekly Sunday Services:

8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist

### Other Events:

Thanksgiving Service for Margaret Stalley on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11am.

Quiz Night – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm with Fish and Chips Supper - £20.- (Please notify the office if you would like to attend)

Parish Lunch on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 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](mailto:william.davie18@btinternet.com), mobile 07784 923770 (not Fridays) or email our Parish Administrator [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk) or our Churchwardens, Sue Oldrey and Catherine Ingram Smith [htbchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:htbchurchwarden@gmail.com).

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

September Services

7<sup>th</sup> September – 6.00pm – Evensong followed by drinks and nibbles. . NB there is no service at St Andrew's today.

14<sup>th</sup> September – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

21<sup>st</sup> September - 11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

28<sup>th</sup> September – 11.00am Harvest Thanksgiving

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](mailto:william.davie18@btinternet.com) or 07784 923770 (not Friday)

Or one of the Churchwardens:

Colin Parrott. [colin.parrott61@gmail.com](mailto:colin.parrott61@gmail.com)

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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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