



BRAMLEY UPDATE

May 2025

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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 8th May – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Saturday 10th May – Annual plant sale at Summerpool House
- Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in May 11th, 18th, 25th - meeting in the library car park at 11am .
- Saturday 17th May – Bramley Village Fete – Gosden Common 12.00 – 16.00.
- Thursday 5th June - Bramley Village Society AGM at 8pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

In April the Parish Council held their Annual Assembly. This gave Chairman Patrick Leung the chance to report on Parish Council activity for the last 12 months.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

News from Bramley Parish Council

From May our full council meetings will be held on the second Thursday of the month, except August at 7.00pm in the Village Hall meeting room – all welcome.

Planning Application to build 26 dwellings on the allotment site.

Following the very well attended public meeting on 15th April. Bramley Parish Council have submitted their objection. To read the objection in full please visit our [website](#)

The Bramley Village Fete

A much-loved community event, taking place on Saturday, 17th May 2025, from 12:00-16:00 at Gosden Common, Bramley GU5, and we'd love to spread the word to as many people as possible.

The fete is a fantastic day out for all ages, featuring: activities for children, live music, food & drink stalls, a grand raffle, a famous tug-of-war competition, children's entertainment, and a wide variety of local stalls. It's a great way to bring people together while raising funds for local charities.

What's in Store?

Live music - Get ready to dance as fantastic bands play all the hits!

Delicious food & drink - From sizzling street food to sweet treats, plus a beer tent to keep you refreshed!

Amazing stalls - Browse and shop unique crafts, gifts, and local produce. Bring a reusable bag for your goodies!

Grand draw & raffle - Incredible prizes to be won!

Famous Tug of War - Cheer on the teams or take part in this legendary village tradition!

Rides, games & activities - Fun for all ages, with classic fairground games, races, kids' entertainment, and much more!

Many stalls accept cash and card, but some smaller vendors, charity donations, and fun activities may be cash only, so bring some notes and coins!

Entry is FREE and we'll be sharing more news on Instagram and Facebook [@bramleyvillagefete](#)

News from Bramley Business Network

Bramley is Blooming

We're excited to see the hanging baskets on both sides of the High Street from Nest to Amplifon, on the Lamppost's on the Library Green and from No Naked Walls Gallery to Maya Cuisine. These have been funded at our request by Asda and designed and planted by Parviflora who promise to give us colour and seasonal interest throughout the year.

Fantastic!

Discover Bramley!

Our new marketing campaign for Bramley is being launched on 17th May at the Village Fete. Do pop along and say hello, have a go at the fun competition and take part in our bunting making challenge - open to all ages
#discoverbramley

Gill and Sharon - Bramley Business Network

News from Bramley Village Society

Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in May (11th, 18th, 25th) meeting in the library car park at 11am. Bring gloves and a spade and join us to keep the village looking its best.

Bramley Village Society AGM - Thursday 5th June at 8pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

All Bramley residents are invited to attend and help elect the Committee for the coming year. Prospective new committee members are especially welcome. For further information please contact the Secretary via bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com.

Help Shape the Future of the Surrey Hills - Consultation Now Open

The consultation for the Surrey Hills Management Plan draft has launched, offering a 75-year vision for a

thriving future. This is an opportunity to shape the future of the Surrey Hills as a National Landscape. The consultation runs until Friday, 6 June.

To take part please visit their website [Surrey Hills Management Plan 2025-2030 - Surrey Hills National Landscape](#)

Open Garden - At Pentire, Snowdenham Lane, Bramley GU5 0AT - From Friday 9th May to Sunday 11th May, from 10am to 6pm

Mary Hainline is again opening her idyllic Walled Victorian Garden and is looking forward to welcoming you. Admission is free.

Art and gifts available to buy, plus tea, cakes and raffle with all donations going to the West Surrey Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

For further information contact:

Mary Hainline - call: 01483 898 626 / email: maryhainline@gmail.com

Website: www.maryhainline.com

Plant Sale and Open Garden at Summerpool House - Saturday May 10th

Open Garden, plant and cake sale at Summerpool House (on the roundabout) Bramley.

Teas/coffees cakes and a wander round the garden.

10am to 12noon. All welcome.

Proceeds to Holy Trinity Bramley and St. Andrews Grafham

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.

Manager urgently needed for the Villages Wednesday Club - Would this suit you?

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 you will be helping to provide a fantastic service to improve the lives of local elderly people.

As Manager, you 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. You 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) a nominal amount is paid, as a retainer, each quarter. You 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 Sue Searle on 07771 558 541 or email manager@fourvillages.co.uk

News from Bramley Library

Easter

Busy in the library over Easter, lots of happy crafter and Easter egg hunters.

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.

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

'Inspired by Dance' at 4pm on Sunday 8th June at St Andrew's Church, Grafham

The Mikeleiz-Zucchi Duo (<https://www.mz-duo.com/>) with their unusual but beautiful combination of accordion and saxophone bring a programme inspired by dance music from different eras and cultures: folk music from Spain, Scotland, and Romania filtered through the lenses of classical composers, effervescent contemporary reimagining's of dance, 20th century interpretations of the Baroque dance suite, and tangos of all varieties. Tickets are £15 (£5 under 18) online from stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645 or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street. Free glass of wine / soft drink and programme included. Proceeds to the restoration of St Andrew's. Parking at the Grafham Room (GU5 0LJ on the A281) 300 yards north of the church.

Open Gardens supporting Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care - Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th June from 2-5pm

Four very different gardens in Mill Lane and Snowdenham Lane, will be opening their gates to visitors on to support the invaluable work of the Phyllis Tuckwell in caring for patients and their families both in the hospice and at home. The Hospice needs £25k a day to maintain its services and usually gets only around 20% of this from the NHS/Government. They are in the process of building a new hospice in Farnham and need to raise the final £1m to complete the project.

Tickets £5 from Summerpool House or Bramley Mill.

Refreshments with homemade cakes at Bramley Mill together with sales of plants and handmade cards.

Cash only please.

Parking as indicated in the village (none available in Mill Lane or Snowdenham Lane).

Come and explore Victorian walled gardens, a large garden with a walled vegetable garden that has been in cultivation for over 200 years and the garden surrounding the Mill including a newly planted woodland area.

News from Bramley Infants School

Over the Easter break, the school had a mini makeover - new carpets were fitted in the hallways and the school clock was repaired after years of telling the wrong time! Both look fantastic. The children have returned to school ready for their summer learning. The sunshine has been a welcome bonus and has allowed for lots of outdoor play, which ties in perfectly with Reception class's topic of 'come outside'. It has been an 'animal week' for the school with lots of visitors - preschool started their 'on the farm' summer term topic by having a mobile farm visit them here at school on the field - they got to meet a pony, sheep, goats and pigs. Reception class have been watching their frogspawn grow and now have several froglets in their tank that they can watch and visit. And finally, Year 1 got to meet some sheep as part of their 'animal and growth' topic this term.

News from St Catherine's School

Informal Concert - Tuesday 6th May 2025 at 7pm

Lower Atrium— no need to pre- book tickets.

Baby Cats – Music & Dance

Friday 9th May - For 2 – 4 yrs – 9.30 -10.30am St Cats gym.

Let us stimulate your child's senses!

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

Saturday 10 May, 10.30am-1.30pm - St Catherine's Prep PTA May Fair

Come and join us at the St Catherine's Prep PTA May Fair, a fun day out for the whole family with fairground rides, circus skills workshop, face painting, fete games and more. There will also be a raffle, plant and book stalls, and a wide variety of snacks including barista coffees, cakes, candy floss and ice cream. Plus lots of choice for lunch with food vans offering Pizza, Fish & Chips, Barbecue and Sushi. Everyone welcome! Entry is £5 per person, preschoolers free.

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

Plant Sale in aid of Emzini charity – May 18th

A sale of plants will be held at 11.30 on Sunday May 18th outside St John's church in Wonerh GU5 OPG. For sale will be hardy and tender salvias; herbaceous perennials; vegetables, succulents and carnivorous plants.

Emzini is a small charity based in the Knysna township in the Western Cape in South Africa. They provide a safe house for homeless families and children when they are in danger often due to alcohol and drug misuse. They provide 16 children in their care with full-time education at local schools, plus housing, food, clothes and transport. Their goal is to educate the children to a level where they can move on to choose a career, train, receive a diploma, find employment and become independent.

For further information please contact Martin Keech (martin@keechonline.com)

Soroptimist International Surrey Hills

Soroptimist – the word comes from the Latin *soror* "sister" and *optima* "best", and can be taken to mean "best for women". Soroptimists work to transform the lives of women and girls through awareness, advocacy and action. We meet in person and on Zoom and would welcome new members. Our next meetings will be on 6 and 19 May (7.30 pm for 7.45pm). We'll also be running a tombola stall at the Godalming Town Fair on

Saturday 7 June and would love to meet you there.

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

May Sunday Services

8.00am - Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am - Bramley Parish Eucharist

Events

Bramley Village Fete Saturday 17th May - Our church hosts the tea pavilion every year. Cakes, tea and coffee serviced at modest prices. Do come and visit us.

Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30 (Term time)

Mother and toddlers group

The church is open every day from 9.00am – 5.00pm for prayer.

For more information please contact the office on office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk (please note that our offices are not manned continually).

Do have a look at our [website](http://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk), for all church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

May Services

11th May 11am Holy Communion

18th May 11am Holy Communion

25th May 11am Rogation Sunday at Whitley Manor Farm followed by Ploughman's Lunch in the Barn.

29th May 6pm Ascension Day Holy Communion at Wintershall Lake followed by a Bring and Share picnic.

1st June 6pm Pet Service to be held outside in the lower churchyard followed by drinks and nibbles.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the [website](http://www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk) 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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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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