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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.

Friends or family in Bramley? Think they'd like to see this email? Please suggest they subscribe (see below). Do you belong to a society or club? You can use this to publicise your events. There's no charge for subscribing or contributing to Bramley Update.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in June 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th meeting in the library car park at 11am.
- Thursday 12th June Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room All welcome

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Jane Austin was elected as Chairman of the Council with Bob Stern remaining as Vice Chairman.
- Committee chairmen were also elected please see the website for full details
- Waverley Borough Councillor Goodridge stated that local Government detailed proposals were due to be submitted to the Government on 9th May. SCC, Elmbridge and Mole Valley Borough council propose two unitary structures. The remaining 8 boroughs including Waverley support a proposal for 3 unitary bodies.
- Surrey County Councillor Deanus stated he expected the Government's response to unitary authorities in August as the authorities would need to be in place prior to the elections in May next year.
 Cllr Deanus pointed out that savings were important not just on the basis of saving money but also because of the fair funding review funds would be reallocated to more deprived areas.
 Cllr Deanus reported that Spelthorne Council had been put into special measures today because of their debt of more than £1 billion and their failure to listen to earlier advice regarding bad leadership and staff relations.

Planning - Cllrs noted that the public meeting on the Park Drive application WA/2025/00581 was very
well attended - over 90 attendees. At the meeting the indicative vote held was 100% in favour of BPC
objecting. Objection submitted to WBC.

Cllr F Stern advised that Surrey Highways had produced a comprehensive report re this proposed development, advising of the problems with access and visibility for pedestrians and drivers.

Cllr Stern advised that the Stovolds Hill Appeal, previously postponed in November will take place in June.

For the latest update from the Surrey Leaders group re Unitary reorganisation please visit their website.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

News from Bramley Business Network

Bramley Business Network is delighted to announce the launch of Discover Bramley, an initiative to help celebrate everything that makes our village unique. From local makers and small businesses to hidden gems, historic buildings and beautiful walks to community celebrations and events, we have lots to love! At BBN we believe in the power of community, collaboration and creativity to shape a sustainable future for our village. Please get involved by sharing your stories, photos and favourite spots on your socials using the hashtag: #discoverbramleysurrey

We're also asking everyone to design a flag for some new bunting for the village. This is open to all whatever your age. You can enter as an individual, family, group, business or charity. The more the merrier! Just draw something that celebrates what you like about Bramley. You can download a template from our website: discoverbramley.co.uk or collect one from the library. You can also draw your template in the library so get your creative juices flowing. It can be as simple or as complicated as you like.

Completed templates can be dropped off at the Library, at No Naked Walls Gallery or the Pro Shop at Bramley Golf Club.

Follow us on Instagram at discoverbramley and bramleybusinessnetwork to keep up to date with all our news!

We are always pleased to welcome new businesses to our network. Just email us at Bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com for more information.

Gill and Sharon - Bramley Business Network

News from Bramley Village Society

Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in June 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th meeting in the library car park at 11am. Bring gloves and a spade and join us to keep the village looking its best.

News from Bramley Fete

We are delighted to report that Bramley Fete made an amazing profit again this year of over £10,000.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated money and time and who came along to the fete to support our wonderful annual event.

As you may already know, all profits from the fete go towards supporting good causes and organisations in and around Bramley and last year those we were able to support included:

Bramley Infant School Bramley Helping Hand Local Brownies, Scouts and Guides The Four Villages Day Centre Bramley Library.

If you would like to apply for funds for your organisation this year, please apply by 5pm on Friday 27 June by email to: bramleyfete@gmail.com

We originally scheduled an allocation meeting on 1 July, but to allow sufficient time for us to consider applications we will reschedule the meeting and publish the new meeting date in a few weeks' time. In the meantime, please send your funding applications in.

Update from Eastwood Road Playground Group

We would like to thank everyone for their ongoing patience - sourcing and funding the equipment has taken much longer than we all would have liked. The new play equipment has now been ordered, and we are waiting for a delivery date from the supplier. The target date is early July, but this may move depending on supply of components, workstream and the weather. The committee is still working on finalising the new goalposts as part of phase 2 of the work programme. The Eastwood Road playground committee is meeting next week, so we will be able to provide a fuller update after that.

Neighbourhood Police Update

The Neighbourhood Team has recently had an increase in officers and a reorganisation of the area.

PC Gavin Greenaway is leaving Bramley. The new officer that is now covering Cranleigh and the surrounding villages including Bramley is PC Billy Dann - <u>Billy.Dann2@surrey.police.uk</u> Tel – 01483 631149. Sergeant Phil Bayman will also continue to cover the area – <u>Phil.Bayman@surrey.police.uk</u>

Bramley Parish Council would like to thank PC Greenaway for all his hard work and assistance whilst covering Bramley and the surrounding areas.

Rural Speed Limit Project

The aim of The Rural Speed Limit Project is to review all 60mph national speed limit roads, with a view to reduce the speed limits appropriately. Some adjoining roads (with posted speed limits lower than 60mph) may be reviewed to ensure continuity of the speed limit hierarchy.

Lower speed limits can help to reduce collisions and improve safety for all roads users. It has been shown that the slower a vehicle is travelling then the less likelihood there is of a serious or fatal injury occurring. It is expected that by introducing a lower speed limit this will help reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety and accessibility for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians, and support sustainable travel more generally.

Over the past 2 years there have been 71 speed surveys to review and analyse the existing speed limits and average speeds of vehicles in the boroughs of Guildford and Waverley.

The following proposed speed limit reductions fall within Bramley parish:

- 1. Gosden Common D209. Reduction from 60mph speed limit to 20mph, entire length from Tannery Lane to junction Horsham Road A281. Distance 100m.
- 2. Tannery Lane D209. Reduction from 60mph speed limit to 20mph, entire length from junction Chinthurst Lane D208 to junction Gosden Common D209. Distance 483m.
- 3. Pepperbox Lane D196. Reduction from 60mph speed limit to 20mph, entire length from junction Horsham Road A281 to southern property boundary of no2 Brooklands Farm Cottages. Distance 569m.

4. Rushett Common C36. Reduction from 60mph speed limit to 40mph, from Run Common to 40/60mph terminals 50m northwest of vehicle access to property Hazelwood. Distance 662m.

For further information and to submit your comments please visit their website. Bramley area is Waverley Eastern Villages.

Pending public concerns and objections, they do not have any dates confirmed for installation of these proposed speed limit reductions, although they do hope that installation will be completed through the summer / autumn months.

News from Bramley Library

The library is very grateful to BVS and the team that have tidied up the flower bed by the library and repainted the bench. There are plans being drawn up to further enhance the entrance, thanks to a kind donation from the fete committee.

The Summer Reading Challenge for primary school-aged children begins in July and will run through the holidays until September. The theme this year is

'Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors'. So, lots of green initiatives to benefit our community this year.

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

This term our school value is courage, and we have seen that in abundance for the summer term at Bramley Infant School. Year 2 have been having their swimming lessons at St Cat's and are growing in confidence and ability every week, it is so lovely to see. Y2 were also visited by Tillingbourne staff who came in to talk to them about their moving up experience and to answer ALL of their questions! At the Bramley fete, the children showed great courage as they stood proudly and performed their Spring Songs in front of a large audience. It was a wonderful day, and lovely to see so many families supporting the event. Next week, as part of our 175th anniversary we are having class photos but also a whole school photo - a wonderful way to commemorate how far the school has come!

News from St Catherine's School

Pre-School and Reception Open Afternoon Stay and Play - Saturday 7th June 2025 - 2.30 – 4pm

Baby Cats - In the Garden

Friday 13th June 2025 - For 0 - 4yrs -9.30 - 10.30am - St Cats Prep Garden An opportunity for your little ones to explore and enjoy hands-on activities in the outdoors There is no charge but please book your place by completing the online-booking-form

Informal Concert

Monday 16th June 2025 - 7.00pm

Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

Senior School - Open Event

Friday 20th June 2025 - 12.30am - 3.30pm

Baby Cats - Summer Extravaganza

Friday 4th July 2025 - For 0 - 4 yrs - 9.30 - 10.30am - St Cats Prep Gym

Come and join the fun at our Summer celebration.

There is no charge but please book your place by completing the online booking form

The Life of Christ at Wintershall 17-21 June 2025

For more details visit their website

Soroptimist International Surrey Hills

Soroptimists are working to transform the lives of women and girls. We do this through awareness, advocacy and action. Your local Club will be at the Godalming Town Fair on 7 June: please come along and support us. We will be collecting used bras, packs of new knickers and small toiletries for use in our projects as well as

fundraising with our tombola! We'll also be meeting in person at the Godalming Baptist Church in Queen Street on 9 June and by Zoom on 23 June (both 7.30 pm for 7.45pm). We'd be delighted to welcome new members to help us with our work.

Please email <u>sisurreyhills@gmail.com</u> 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

June Sunday Services

8.00am - Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am - Bramley Parish Eucharist

On 15th June our 9.30 service will be a joint benefice (Bramley and Grafham) celebration for Trinity Sunday.

Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30 (term time) Trinity Toddlers in the Parish Room.

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@holytrinitybramley.org.uk or our Churchwardens, Sue Oldrey and Catherine Ingram Smith <a href="mailto:https://https:

News from St Andrew's Grafham

June Services

8th June - 11am Holy Communion for Pentecost (Common worship)

15th June – No service at St Andrews as there will be a joint service at 9.30am to celebrate Trinity Sunday at Holy Trinity Bramley.

22nd June - 11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

29th June – 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:

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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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