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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](mailto:bramleyupdate@gmail.com).

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Saturday 8th March - Bramley-Rhens Twinning Association Quiz, 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Tuesday 1st April - Bramley Village Showcase - 8.00pm Bramley Village Hall
- Saturday 5 April 2025, 10.30 am to 12 noon - Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group Public Engagement Meeting – Chilworth Village Hall
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Annual plant sale at Summerpool House
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Bramley Fete – Gosden Common.

### WHAT'S HAPPENED?

#### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus stated that devolution work has started. SCC must submit their organisation framework to the government by 19.03.25 with their full plan being due in May. Cllr Deanus said Surrey is too large for one unitary unit so there would most likely be 2 bodies with an East/West split. Working with its problematic £2.5 billion debt to be in the West. Cllr Deanus stated that the government white paper on community engagement was due in the spring.
- Asda Community Fund - Councillor B Stern stated that the residents' suggestion had been triaged and all but 5 had been responded to. One still to be considered was the request for funds to improve the car park at the church in Grafham. Cllr B Stern asked for volunteers to assess this project, Cllrs Gravenell & Coleman agreed to carry this out.

- Highways Report - Councillor Saunders stated that he & Councillor Gravenell had met with Gill Longdon of Bramley Business Network to discuss 3 new sets of road signage on the approaches to Bramley from Guildford, Horsham and Station Road.

### **Latest joint weekly statement from all of the Surrey Leaders group re Unitary reorganisation:**

The Surrey Leaders Group met in person at Tandridge District Council on 28th February 2025. We remain committed to collaboration and reviewed information on the potential options of two or three unitary authorities. At the meeting, leaders confirmed that the District and Borough Councils, along with Surrey County Council, now have access to each other's data repositories.

For more information please visit their [website](#).

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **News from Bramley Parish Council**

The precept for Bramley Parish Council for the financial year 2025-02-26 will increase by 2% to £95,406 which for an average Band D property is £53.57 for the year. This equates to an increase of £9.88 pa or 2p per week on the current year for a band D property.

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

Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions are running on Sunday mornings 9th, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30th March, meeting at 11am in the Library car park.

The session on 9th March is to plant shrubs in the bed adjacent to the Catholic Church car park.

Bramley Showcase this year will be on Tuesday 1st April at 8pm in the Village Hall.

This is the annual event held for local clubs and societies to meet with residents old and new, and seek to recruit new members.

A full description of the event can be found at <https://www.bramleyvillagesociety.org/event/showcase>.

If you would like to book a table at this event for your organisation, please email [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com) or phone Richard on 01483 893905."

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

We are delighted to let you know that from May this year Bramley High Street will have beautiful hanging baskets. The Bramley Business Network has been working with our new florist Parviflora to brighten up our High Street with new flower baskets all year round. The baskets will be supplied and maintained by Parviflora and funded by Asda bringing a much needed boost to our lovely High Street for everyone to enjoy.

We have also heard from Surrey Highways that they will kindly be replacing the "Bramley Open for business" roadwork-style signs with more attractive signage and will be keeping the message that "Bramley is open" in the minds of everyone passing through the village.

We have also been liaising with marketing experts on ways to promote Bramley as a destination for businesses and as a wonderful place to live. More news to follow however, we also hope to shortly send out a survey to the local community to take part in as we develop the plans. Please do keep an eye out for this survey and take a few minutes to engage with it and provide your feedback. Thank you.

And finally, don't forget to come and say hello to us at the Bramley Showcase on 1st April in the village hall from 8pm where we would be happy to chat to you.

Gill and Sharon - Bramley Business Network

### **Wey & Arun Canal Trust is looking for volunteers.**

Would you like to be a part of the team helping to restore the 23 mile canal in Surrey and Sussex? Alongside practical help, we're looking for boat crew, Canal Centre volunteers, administration, IT and professional support. There really is a role for everyone.

Come and meet us for coffee and a chat about how to get involved.

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Loxwood Canal Centre (behind the Onslow Arms pub), from 11am until 2pm.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at Dunsfold Park from 11am until 2pm (Entry via Canada Way off the A281).

If you need more information, please email us at [volunteering@weyarun.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@weyarun.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) - 'Bringing Patients and Practice Together'**

Patients of Wonersh Surgery are invited to attend a Public Engagement Meeting hosted by Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG). Members of the surgery, and of the PPG will give updates about services offered at the Surgery, and you will have an opportunity to raise any general, non-medical questions or issues.

When: Saturday 5 April, 2025, 10.30 am to 12 noon

Where: Chilworth Village Hall

Hosted by: Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

### **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.

### **TaiChi at Bramley Village Hall**

Dr Luke Zhang runs a TaiChi class at Bramley Village Hall on Mondays 10.00-11.00am. For more details please visit his [website](#).

### **GuildfordYoga classes Bramley Village Hall - Mixed ability classes**

**Tuesday morning 9.45-11am**

**Tuesday evening 7-8.15pm**

**Thursday morning 9.45-11am**

These fun and friendly classes are suitable for all, beginners and intermediates alike. Please book ahead via the website or drop-in whenever it is convenient. £12 per session or discounts options are available.

### **Friday mornings 11.15am-12.45pm - yoga therapy classes**

This specialist class include gentle and therapeutic stretching, strengthening, joint-freeing poses and Yoga Nidra - a deeply restful and healing practice. Everyone is welcome including those with injuries or chronic illness eg. Parkinsons, Arthritis, Cancer, Chronic Fatigue, MS etc. Please email [luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk](mailto:luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk) to register. £16 per session or discounts are available.

These are in addition to GuildfordYoga other classes which have been running for 20 years. Full details can be found on the GuildfordYoga website <http://www.guildfordyoga.co.uk> or by emailing [luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk](mailto:luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk)

**Waverley Borough Council is inviting residents to help shape the future of the borough by sharing their views on its new Corporate Strategy and annual delivery plans.**

An online survey has been launched to gather public feedback, ensuring that local voices play a key role in shaping policies and priorities. NB the survey closes on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Corporate Strategy outlines the council's long-term vision for creating opportunities for all. It serves as the foundation for decision-making, influencing budget allocations and service delivery. The plan is built around five key priorities:

- A More Sustainable Borough
- A More Prosperous Borough
- A More Inclusive Borough
- Decent and Affordable Homes
- A Resilient and Well-Managed Council

Residents can now [watch short video presentations on each priority area and submit their thoughts via the online survey](#). The council has already consulted with local businesses, public sector partners, and educational institutions, and is now encouraging all residents to have their say.

**Plant Sale at Summerpool House**

Just a gentle reminder we are having our annual Plant Sale at Summerpool House on 10th May.

We would be very grateful if all those with green fingers who have plants or seedlings over, would pot them up for us.

Many thanks. Ann Campbell 893234

**Manager needed for the Villages Wednesday Club**

We are looking for a new manager to run the Villages Wednesday Club day centre at Blunden Court in Bramley to provide a day out each week for elderly people living in the local community who are a bit lonely and isolated, or to give their carers a day off.

The role involves working with the deputy manager and a team of volunteers to provide a warm, friendly and caring environment. It also includes organising the activities, maintaining the records and carrying out the associated administrative functions.

The role also necessitates close contact with the members, their families and health professionals and may suit someone who has nursing or care experience or has worked with elderly people.

Whilst the role is voluntary (not salaried) a nominal amount is paid, as a retainer, each quarter.

For more information please contact Sue Searle on 07771 558 541 or email [manager@fourvillages.co.uk](mailto:manager@fourvillages.co.uk)

**Bridge Afternoon in aid of Gosden House School**

Tuesday 11th March 2pm - 5pm - Bridge Afternoon in aid of Gosden House School

£48.00 per table to include delicious afternoon tea

Gosden House Students will be helping to prepare the tea as part of their Hospitality Qualification

To reserve a table please email [lsutherland@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:lsutherland@gosden-house.surrey.sch.uk)

## **News from Bramley Library**

### ***Library Events***

Thank you to everyone who brought their children (in their pjs) to the library for Bedtime Stories at half term. The stories, cocoa and biscuits went down well!

The Tree Giveaway was so popular that trees ran out very early. Apologies to anyone disappointed this time; we will hope to have more next time.

### ***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 Music**

Come to Holy Trinity Church Bramley on Saturday 12th April at 7pm to hear 'Fingerprints' - a dazzling concert of light classics for piano, played by Paul Guinery, 'certain to banish cares and win over all enthusiasts for light music at its very best'. Composers include Billy Mayerl, Edward German, Arthur Sullivan and Haydn Wood, and the charity being supported is CBM UK. Tickets, to include a free programme and a drink, are £10 (under 18s £5) available online from Stuart White ([bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) 01483 892645) or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley.

Fancy a chance to sing some favourite songs? Come to a Sunday Afternoon Sing-Along in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on Sunday 27th April at 3pm, back by popular demand! Led by the Wintershall Singers we'll all be singing songs from the shows (including West Side Story, Showboat, Oliver, and The Boy Friend) and elsewhere, followed by delicious tea and cake. No singing ability required, just come and join in, song sheets provided. No charge but donations to Holy Trinity invited at the end - please contact Stuart White ([bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) or 01483 892645) to book your place as that helps with the catering.

## **News from Bramley Infants School**

It seems spring is starting to show itself this half term and the children have been making the most of the dry weather at playtimes. At the end of last term the children got out and about - Y2 went to visit the brilliant Bramley library where they got to learn about all things books, and Y1 went to Spectrum for a multi sports event involving lots of other local schools. We all took part in an internet safety day where we learnt how to

keep ourselves safe while using the internet. Next week, we look forward to seeing everyone's fabulous outfits, teachers included, on World Book Day, and Y2 get their chance to shine at Spectrum during their athletics event the day before.

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

Senior School | Open Event

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - 9.00 – 12.00 noon

Prep School | Open Event

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - 9.30 – 11.45am

Baby Cats – Spring Extravaganza

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – For 0 – 4 yrs – 9.30 -10.30am

Come and join the fun at our Spring celebration.

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

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

### **Concert at St Catherine's School – 8.00pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – In aid of a Music School in Banská Štiavnica, Slovakia, which burnt down in 2023**

For more details see [here](#).

### **Soroptimist International Surrey Hills**

Our regular meetings will be on Monday 10 March by Zoom and on Monday 24 March in person at the Baptist Church Hall, Godalming, both 7.45 pm. On Saturday 15 March, we are meeting at Milford Village Hall from 11 am – 3.30 pm. The cost is £15 and includes refreshments. This meeting will include details of Soroptimists and their work from across Surrey and Hampshire. The afternoon will focus on Ukrainian women and the Soroptimists in the Ukraine. Please email [sisurreyhills@gmail.com](mailto:sisurreyhills@gmail.com) for further details on any of these. Soroptimists work to transform the lives of women and girls. [www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/](https://www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/) or [www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills](http://www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills)

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

March Sunday Services

8am Book of Common Prayer

9.30am Bramley Parish Eucharist

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Mothering Sunday Service

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@holyltrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holyltrinitybramley.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**

March Services

2<sup>nd</sup> March - 11am Morning Prayer

7<sup>th</sup> March - 7pm Ash Wednesday Day joint service at Holy Trinity Bramley.

9<sup>th</sup> March - 11am Holy Communion

16<sup>th</sup> March - 11am Holy Communion  
23<sup>rd</sup> March - 11am Holy Communion  
30<sup>th</sup> March - 11am Family Communion for Mothering Sunday

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

As background to the St. Andrew's Conservation Project, we would love to hear from anyone who has any photographs, maps, newspaper cuttings or personal memories, relating to the Church or to life in Grafham generally. If you have, please could you contact Gill Moulton on [moultongillian8@gmail.com](mailto:moultongillian8@gmail.com) Thank you very much.

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:

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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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