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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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Tuesday 15th April – Public Meeting re the Planning Application to build 26 dwellings on the allotment site – [WA/2025/00581](https://www.bramleyparish.co.uk/2025/00581) - 7.00pm Bramley Village Hall.
- Thursday 17th April – Annual Parish Assembly 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall– All welcome
- Saturday 10th May – Annual plant sale at Summerpool House
- Saturday 17th May – Bramley Village Fete – Gosden Common 12.00 – 16.00.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus stated that the deadline for Surrey submitting their plan for local government reorganisation is 21st March, they are in favour of two unitary bodies whilst the Boroughs are in favour of three unitary bodies. The final decision will be made by the Government. Surrey have suggested five different options for the two bodies.
Only a third of Surrey currently have Parish Councils; Cllr Deanus thinks the parishes could gain more power.
There will be an elected Mayor from 2027 with strategic powers. The Police and Crime Commissioner role will likely form part of the Mayoral role.
- Cllr Deanus advised that speeding strips had been installed south of the village near Singh Concrete and north of the roundabout on the A281 in Bramley and both evidenced general compliance of speeds within acceptable parameters, as it stands Surrey highways would not support a change of the

speed limit in those locations. Cllr Deanus is also looking into reducing speeds in the wider Bramley area, but this will take time. This will include 20mph reviews in some locations.

- Waverley Borough Councillor Jane Austin stated that Local Government Reorganisation for Surrey is progressing - on 21st March Surrey County Council submitted a proposal for a two unitary structure and 8 of the 11 district and borough councils submitted a proposal for a 3 unitary structure to government. Initial feedback expected in the coming days. Full detailed proposals will be submitted in May. For more information click on this [link](#).
- Cllr Austin has met with Open Reach to discuss the progress of their work in Bramley. SGN have now fixed most of their issues in Bramley thus enabling Open Reach to carry out more work in their ducting which they will coincide with the drainage works to be done in the village next week. Cllr Austin has also spoken to Asda requesting a more detailed update on the progress of the remedial work that they are carrying out. Cllr Austin also advised there will be ongoing roadworks in Shalford starting with SGN replacing the gas works in Kings Road next week with a road closure expected for three weeks. Following that there will be between 10 to 12 weeks of roadworks on the A281 in Shalford for traffic calming measures.
- Asda Community Fund Update - Cllr B Stern reported that the Committee were making progress with the residents' requests particularly the village hall. He asked Cllr Coleman, chairman of the village hall committee, for an update. Cllr Coleman stated he had a quote for approximately £10,000 to redecorate the village hall which had been approved by email by most of the committee members. The work will be carried out by Village Handyman Services who will work around the current bookings thus protecting the income stream.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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

It's great to see the daffodils in bloom in the sunshine on the Library Green and the borders tidied up thanks to the hard work of Liz Sutherland and her team of wonderful volunteers. Thank you all involved. To add to this

we will shortly be installing hanging baskets along the High Street. These baskets are paid for by the Asda Community Fund and supplied by our amazing High Street Florists- Parviflora. Do pop in to visit the shop and meet the owners Kate and Daisy. Next time you're in the village don't miss the fantastic Easter and Spring themed window displays!

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Gill and Sharon - Bramley Business Network

News from Bramley Wheels

Bramley Wheels AGM will be held on Wednesday April 23rd at 3pm in the church room at the rear of Holy Trinity church in Bramley. The meeting usually lasts about an hour including refreshments. Everyone is very welcome to come - even if it's just for the refreshments! If you require transport to the meeting then just let Jo know 07719 640872.

For those who are new to the village... Bramley Wheels is a volunteer organisation that gives Bramley villagers lifts to medical appointments. If a villager requires a lift, then they can ring 07599 430763 between 10 am and 12 pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays) and a lift will be organised for them. Ideally a couple of days' notice is helpful as this gives us time to find a driver. If you know of anyone in Bramley that might find this service useful then please pass this information on to them.

We are always on the look out for new drivers - even if you could do one lift a year it spreads the load.

We also need a few more people to take the calls - it's a mobile so if you have the phone you can still go out and about with it. On average we get about 5 calls a week, so it's not very onerous or time consuming.

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

News from Bramley Golf Club

Are you looking to take up golf or join a new golf club?

Come and find out more at our Open Day on Saturday 26th April from 10.30am. Booking required.

To book your place please call 01483 892696 (option 2) or email office@bramleygolfclub.co.uk

Ladies - Ever wanted to give golf a go but not sure if it will be for you? Well, here's your chance to do so without major financial commitment and at a time to suit you. Bramley Golf Club will be running 'taster

sessions' at the Club on a Saturday between 5 PM and 6 PM and on a Thursday between 5:30 PM and 6:30 PM – sign up for one or both. Sessions will start as soon as we have a minimum of 6 takers. One of our golf professionals will take you through the fundamentals of the game including the basics, putting, driving, iron play and the essential rules. Six of these sessions will cost you £100 but, if you then decide to join our Academy, or as a full member, the £100 will be deducted from your first year's annual fee. At least one of the sessions will include a meal in the Clubhouse and a welcome by one of current golfers who will take you through what Bramley Golf Club has to offer.

Bramley Golf Club already has a very active Ladies section but are keen to further expand its membership. Trainers are fine, together with suitable clothing, and equipment will be provided for you. Enjoy some refreshments in our newly developed Clubhouse after your session.

Why not give it a try and have some fun at the same time? Give Bob or Sarah a call on 01483 892696 (option 2) to book your sessions – we look forward to welcoming you to the Club and your golfing journey!

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

Surrey District and Borough Councils launch Local Government Reorganisation engagement

Surrey residents can have their say on the future of local government in the county, in a new survey launched by 8 of Surrey's district and borough councils.

An initial proposal for Local Government Reorganisation, which would see the county divided into two or three unitary councils, was published by district and borough councils last week, and they are now asking for the initial views of residents and local businesses.

[The survey](#) is open for comments until Sunday 20 April.

News from Bramley Library

April Library Events

The library will be closed on Good Friday but will be open Saturday 19th 10-12.30 as normal

Coffee Morning & Scam Awareness Drop-In - April 8th - Free coffee and cake, Surrey Libraries Scam Awareness expert on hand.

Storytime and Easter Crafts - April 15th - 10.30-12.00 for 4-8 year olds (sign up at the library)

Easter Egg Hunt - 8th – 19th April - Spot the eggs and decorate our Easter tree.

All of April - drop off good quality books for Bramley Fete book stall

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

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 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 or 01483 892645) to book your place as that helps with the catering.

News from Bramley Infants School

It has been a busy term here at Bramley Infant School - the children have been involved in so many activities and trips; it has been a term of exploration! Year 2 have been mini chefs - making both fruit pizzas at school and then margherita pizzas at Pizza express! Year 1 visited Milestones Museum to explore toys from the past and learn more about their topic of Toys, while Reception had their trip to Haslemere museum where they lots of new fun facts about fossils in their workshop. Sprinkled amongst these trips the children have also had red nose day, science week, national skipping day and we hosted our first 'come and see my learning' event. We look forward to this week's Easter services at Holy Trinity Church. After all this fun, it is safe to say that the staff and children are all ready for the Easter break!

News from St Catherine's School

Organ Recital

Tuesday 29th April 2025 at 4.30pm

Prep School Hall – 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](#)

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

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 for further details on any of these. Soroptimists work to transform the lives of women and girls. www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/ or www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

April Sunday Services

6th April - 8.00 Holy Trinity Bramley Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

NO Service at 9.30 in Holy Trinity Bramley

13th April PALM SUNDAY

8am Holy Trinity Bramley Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Holy Trinity Bramley, Palm Sunday service

HOLY WEEK SERVICES, 14-20th April

Mon, Tues and Wed: 8pm COMPLINE at Holy Trinity

MAUNDY THURSDAY at Holy Trinity: 6.30pm Traditional Maundy Thursday foot washing liturgy in church

7pm A simple shared supper, followed by a special order of service with readings for Maundy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY at Holy Trinity:

10-12.00 Children's Easter craft workshop, including snack time and a short children's service.

All children and accompanying adults very welcome!

2pm An hour of reflections and readings before the Cross.

EASTER SUNDAY

6am A joint benefice dawn service at Holy Trinity, followed by breakfast.

9.30am Bramley Easter Eucharist

Sunday 27th April

8am Holy Trinity Bramley Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer)

9.30am Holy Trinity Bramley, Sung Eucharist

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](#), for all church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

April Services

6th April 11am Morning Prayer Blessing of the Lambs service.

13th April 11am Holy Communion Palm Sunday.

20th April 11am Family Communion for Easter Sunday

21st April Easter Monday - Visit our Flower Filled Church 11am – 4pm.

Homemade refreshments will be available

27th April 11am Holy Communion Common Worship

Holy Week Services will be held at Holy Trinity Bramley

Monday 14th April 8pm Compline.

Tuesday 15th April 8pm Compline.

Wednesday 16th April 8pm Compline.

Thursday 17th April 6.30pm Maundy Service followed by a simple supper.

Good Friday 18th April 10am Messy Church. 2-3pm Reflections.

Easter Sunday 20th April 6am Dawn Service

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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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

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