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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 8<sup>th</sup> February – Tree Giveaway – Bramley Library 9.30 – noon.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February - Bramley Library Bedtime Stories - 6.00-6.45pm.
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March - Bramley-Rhens Twinning Association Quiz, 7.30 for 8pm in the Village Hall
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - Bramley Village Showcase - 8.00pm Bramley Village Hall

### WHAT'S HAPPENED?

#### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus stated that the Devolution White Paper was published on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

#### Devolution Update – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

The Government this week confirmed that Surrey will be part of the first wave of to undergo local government reorganisation and devolution. This follows the Government's publication of the Devolution White Paper on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The Government paper wants to implement Unitary structure across Surrey. The 11 borough and district councils in Surrey will be merged with Surrey County council to create a single layer of government with unitary/multiple unitary authorities across Surrey. Cllr Deanus thinks there are likely to be 2 / 3 unitary authorities in Surrey, sitting over them will be a combined mayoral authority - so likely a Surrey Mayor. These will take on more responsibilities for example transport, education and more economic powers. Surrey County council

together with the 11 Surrey district and borough Councils now have a short period to negotiate and agree the general format of a new structure. The 11 Boroughs and Districts currently have 5.5 billion pounds of debt in total. SCC hopes to negotiate a reduction in the debt.

The government has chosen to postpone local elections scheduled for May. It is expected elections to a 'shadow' Unitary authority will take place likely May 2026

It is the view of Cllr Kevin Deanus, Cllr Goodridge and Cllr Austin that the power of Parish Councils could increase.

- Cllr Deanus has had several speeding meetings in the area, one discussing the potential introduction of a 20 mile per hour limit in Shalford. Cllr Austin stated that as Bramley residents drive through Shalford it would be useful if residents could complete the online survey: [Shalford village traffic calming, 20mph zone and 30mph speed limit proposals - Surrey County Council - Citizen Space](#)
- Waverley Borough Councillor Jane Austin stated that WBC 5 year housing numbers have been published and they are very low at 2.68 years. Dunsfold housing has been deemed not deliverable, which causes a lot of problems putting pressure on the infrastructure in the area as most of this would have been provided by the Dunsfold housing developers and also puts pressure on the numbers of new houses in the parish which has been increased from 746 to over 1400.  
**5YHLS Update 7<sup>th</sup> February** - this is now 1.28 years (so down further from 2.68 as previously reported). See [here](#) for the full report. Cllr Austin updated that this week there has been an application for a further 400 homes in Alfold and a consultation for 80 more also in Alfold, both of which will impact Bramley A281.
- Asda Community Fund - Cllr B Stern stated that at the last meeting on 17th December there had been discussions about Gosden House and payments for the Christmas lights in the village, the first payment has now been made by Asda.
- Estates Manager Report – Cllr Gravenell stated that the repair of the triangular noticeboard will start at the end of January. Cllr Marshall confirmed that he has now received delivery on the 2 new noticeboards and Cllrs agreed to replace the notice boards in Birtley Green and at the end of Edencroft

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### News from Bramley Village Society

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 had a very positive meeting of the BBN meeting last week making plans on how to promote our village and businesses as we try to recover from the fuel leak amidst continuing roadworks and traffic disruptions. We yearn to get back to normal as we're sure you do!

We are looking into holding a Craft/Food fair one summer Saturday on the Library Green. If you know of any potential stall holders please let us know.

Looking ahead we have now confirmed the Christmas Lights switch on event for Thursday November 27th and we're delighted that the students of Bramley Infants School and St Catherine's school will be able to entertain us with some Christmas favourite songs and carols.

Thank you for your continued custom. It means a great deal to our small businesses.

Shop local - Shop Bramley!

Gill and Sharon - Bramley Business Network

### **Bramley Speed Watch Volunteers**

Bramley need volunteers to set up a new speed watch group. Bramley Parish Council will assist in the setting up of the group. If you are interested, please email the clerk [clerk@bramleyparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparishcouncil.co.uk)

### **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 Nicola Mendelssohn on 07711 043665 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)

### **Bramley-Rhens Twinning Association**

Quiz evening, Saturday 8th March 7.30pm for 8pm start in the Village Hall

Please bring your own snacks and drinks.

Raffle.

Maximum 4 people per table.

£5 per person.

To book a table, please contact Eddie Richardson

Phone 01483 898440, email [erichardson45@gmail.com](mailto:erichardson45@gmail.com)

### **Surrey Countryside Visitors' Survey**

if you would like to contribute to the Surrey Countryside Visitors' survey please visit their [website](#) for more details.

### **News from Bramley Library**

## **Library Events**

### **COLLECT YOUR FREE TREE**

You may have noticed the posters advertising a free tree giveaway at the library on Saturday, 8th February which is in support of SCC's 1.2 million pound Tree Strategy for a greener future. There will be 100 trees to give away on a first-come-first-served basis with a limit of one per person from 9.30 am to noon.

As background, all the trees are predominantly native broadleaf species such as Hazel, Holly and Cherry. They are all supplied in small pots and are of a manageable size which will fit in a car or can be carried on a bus.

They come with a stake, biodegradable tie and guidance on planting and how to look after the trees.

A representative from Surrey will be organising the tree distribution and offering planting advice.

### **JUNIOR LIBRARY**

Following the success of the bedtime stories last year, the library is planning another one in the February half term on Thursday evening, 20th February, 6 - 6:45 – suitable for 4 – 7 years old. If you would like to join us get your PJs, slippers and favourite soft toy at the ready and come along to the library. There will be cocoa and biscuits too.

### **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 Infants School**

A busy start to the year here at Bramley Infant School. As always, we have navigated the cold weather, ice and traffic jams in Bramley alongside our learning! Nursery's topic this term is nursery rhymes so they have been busy counting the Grand Old Duke's men and baking tarts like the Queen of Hearts. Reception's topic is 'traditional tales' where the children have been inspired by Goldilocks and the Three Bears and built dens in the playground like the Three Little Pigs. Princesses and wizards have been popular with lots of the children



making their own magical wands

Next week we look forward to Children's Mental Health week where we have lots of activities based around this year's theme of 'know yourself, grow yourself'.

### **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

### **Soroptimist International Surrey Hills**

Why not a February resolution to help women and girls, locally, nationally and globally? Meet us in person at the Baptist Church Hall, Queen Street, Godalming on Monday 24 February at 7.45 pm when we focus on our projects. Or join us on Saturday 15 March at Milford Village Hall (11 am – 3.30 pm) for our Regional Conference (cost £15 inc refreshments). You can then find out how Soroptimists are working across Surrey and Hampshire with a special focus on Ukrainian women. Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working to transform the lives of women and girls. [www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills](http://www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills) or [www.facebook.com/surreyhillsoroptimists/](https://www.facebook.com/surreyhillsoroptimists/)

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

February Sunday Services

8am Book of Common Prayer

9.30am Bramley Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 10.00 – 11.30 (Term time)

Mother and toddlers group

For more information please contact the office on [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto: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**

February Services

2<sup>nd</sup> February - 11am Eucharist Common Worship celebrating Candlemas.

9<sup>th</sup> February - 11am Morning Prayer.

16<sup>th</sup> February - 11am Eucharist Common Worship.

23<sup>rd</sup> February - 11am Eucharist Common Worship.

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:

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

Caroline Whalley [caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk](mailto:caroline@birtleyhouse.co.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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