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## BRAMLEY UPDATE

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

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 -4.00pm Bramley Library Garden– Bramley Village Society daffodil planting -All welcome.
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Bramley Library 10th Anniversary Celebration - Saturday 14th December 11.00 -12.30pm - Bramley Library
- Bramley Village Carol Service - Sunday 15th December 6.00pm at Holy Trinity Church.

### WHAT'S HAPPENED?

#### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus stated that the HGV watch was now active in the area to the west of the A281. HGVs that breach the prohibition will receive warning letters from the police on the first and second occasion and will then be asked to attend a police interview on the third occasion. He pointed out that HGVs delivering to properties or belonging to businesses in the area were permitted
- Waverley Borough Councillor Jane Austin stated that the hubs in the village are working well at the Nest and the Village Hall but they are trying to find a suitable location for a mobile hub in the south of the village.
- Cllr Austin extended a big thank you from BPC to everyone especially Bramley Business Network who helped make the Christmas lights switch on such a success. She also said that the Thames Water works to the south of Bramley on the A281 were expected to be ongoing for 8 months.

- Speed Watch – There have been no speed watch sessions since the installation of the average speed check cameras. There needs to be a new speed watch set up from scratch with new volunteers. Cllr F Stern would assist in setting it up, the clerk will ask for volunteers in the next Bramley Update

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **Bramley Fuel Leak Meeting - November 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 - Summary by Councillor Jane Austin**

Thank you to the 135 people who attended and to St Catherine's School for hosting. Although the meeting felt more upbeat than previous ones there is still a way to go - in particular in tackling the hundreds without functioning telecommunications. The meeting was chaired by Jeremy Hunt MP and the panellists were Asda, EPS Environmental Consultants, Openreach, the EA and Waverley BC Recovery Group, with support from local Councillors.

The clean-up is progressing; of the 62 boreholes across the village only one now has floating fuel remaining in it. Colin Chiverton of the EA confirmed it will be years, not months, until the village is completely free of the petrol contamination. Following a multiphase clean -up in progress now the clean-up will eventually be completed via 'natural attenuation' over a period of years. Reassuringly Thames Water's ongoing testing results continue to come back clear. Openreach is still not able to access their network and there is frustration that there is still no workable solution for many people's connectivity issues. 3 satellite hubs have now been installed in the centre of the village which are helping support businesses. The businesses were not discussed in detail, but it was stated that to date 40 claims have been made and 4 payouts made.

There were a number of good questions from the floor including on compensation and on the clean up. Progress has been made with improved communications from all sides - [here is the link to the Openreach presentation slides](#).

For further details on the clean up please refer to [WBC webpage](#) and for a more detailed review of the meeting by Jeremy Hunt click [here](#). For my review of the meeting on BBC radio Surrey [click here](#).

### **Bramley Village Society**

Come and help us plant daffodils in Rhens Place and on the Library Green on Saturday 7th December from 2pm to 4pm. Please bring a spade or long handled bulb planter and some gloves. Look forward to seeing you there!

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

#### **Christmas Lights Event**

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our inaugural Christmas Lights switch which was held on 14th November. It was fantastic to see so many there for the switch on and afterwards to see the throngs of people in the shops, pubs, and helping to boost our local businesses.

We must thank the many individuals and businesses who contributed to making the event a success. Kilfeather and Dumbrill who provided the sausage rolls and mince pies, Costcutters who supplied the mulled wine, Taurus wines and Bramley Golf Club who lent us their equipment, Melissa from Beautiful Salon who designed the posters, Peter Gordon and Phil James who gave their time freely to act as hosts, James Baird who provided the lighting, the choirs of St Catherine's school for their wonderful singing, to Bramley Fete for funding the PA system and staging and to the army of volunteers who helped as stewards, with refreshments and with the set up.

Asda has agreed to cover the costs of the lights, their installation and take down for this year, next year and the year after.

There was no charge to those attending on the night and we are grateful to those who made donations raising just under £250 which will be used to pay for the posters, publicity and incidental costs incurred in the set-up. Thanks especially to Liz Sutherland from BVS and Gill Longdon and Sharon Withers from BBN who worked tirelessly in the few weeks we had leading up to the event getting permissions from leaseholders, freeholders, tenants, businesses and householders to have the lights installed on their premises and working within the available budget and operational constraints at the time.

We hope you enjoy the lights throughout the festive season!

### **Welcome to Bramley's new businesses**

We are delighted to welcome two new businesses to our High Street - Parviflora florists and Dizzy Moon. They are great additions to our village, and we know you will lend them your support and help them to thrive here.

### **Bramley Village Carol Service - Sunday 15 December**

Bramley's ever-popular village carol service will be held on Sunday 15th December at 6pm in Holy Trinity Church, Bramley. Come and enjoy traditional Christmas carols, old and new! Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.

### **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)

### **Waverley residents urged to have their say about parks and greenspaces**

Do you have something to say about how the borough's parks and greenspaces are maintained?

Waverley Borough Council is, once again, giving residents a chance to give their valuable feedback and those completing the survey could be in with the chance of winning £200 in gardening vouchers.

Residents have until 15 December at 5pm to take part in the survey which can be found at [Waverley Borough Council - Greenspaces Survey](#).

The Greenspaces Survey seeks to find out how well the council performed during the last year in areas such as grass cutting, cleanliness of parks, play areas and greenspaces in general.

### **Surrey Police - Public Community Engagement Events**

The Policing Your Community roadshow comes to Waverley borough next week – and we want to hear from you.

Join Police and Crime Commissioner Lisa Townsend, Surrey Police's Chief Constable Tim De Meyer and your local Borough Commander at Haslemere Museum to discuss the crime and policing issues that matter most to your community.

The event will take place on Wednesday, December 11 between 6.30pm and 8pm, and all are welcome to attend.

There will be an online event for all of Surrey on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025. You can find full details here:-

[In the community | Surrey Police](#)

### **News from Bramley Library**

#### ***Library Events***

#### **10th ANNIVERSARY – CELEBRATION - 14th December 11.00-12.30**

Bramley is celebrating 10 years as a community library staffed entirely by volunteers.

We do hope you will be able to come and celebrate this very special occasion with us. Free mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer to help the party go with a bang.

### **CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**

To help our young readers get into the Christmas spirit there will be a drop-in Christmas craft activity on Tuesday, 17th December, 3.15-4.15.

There will also be a bauble hunt throughout December.

### **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 Infant School**

The Christmas spirit has arrived at Bramley Infant School, and it is as busy as always, this half term! There is lots of excitement about the Christmas fair on Friday and the classes and hallways have been filled with festive cheer as the children practise all their songs for their performances and the carols round the tree. The school is also taking part in the Phyllis Tuckwell fun run when we look forward to seeing all our 'reindeers' running for a good cause. Year 2 joined other schools at St Catherine's for their Big sing event and last week the children all took part in the 'big show and tell event' where it seemed everyone had brought in a teddy as part of no pens day!!

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

Baby Cats – Festive Extravaganza

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 | For 0 – 4 yrs

Come and listen to classic Christmas Carols and watch our Prep School girls perform. Join us for dancing and singing to celebrate the festive season.

9.30 – 10.30am -St Cats Prep Gym

There is no charge but please book your place [here](#)

Organ Recital – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 4.30pm

Prep School Hall – no need to pre- book tickets.

Informal Concert - Tuesday 21st January 2025 at 7pm- Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

St Catherine's term ends on Thursday 12th December and the School opens again on Wednesday 7th January 2025.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

## **Wintershall Nativity Journey 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December**

For more details please visit their [website](#)

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

December Sunday Services

8am Book of Common Prayer

9.30am Bramley Parish Eucharist

15<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm Carol Service

### **Christmas Services**

#### **Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib Service

Children do come dressed as a shepherd, an angel a king or even Mary or Joseph.

11.30pm Combined Bramley & Grafham Churches Midnight Mass led by the Revd Graham J Smith

#### **Christmas Day**

9.30am Bramley Christmas Communion led by the Revd Graham J Smith

**The Licensing service for the Revd William Davie** as Vicar of Bramley and Grafham will be on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in Holy Trinity, Bramley.

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

For any information please email the office at [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**

December Services

1st December 11am Eucharist Common Worship Advent Sunday & celebrating St. Andrew's Day

8th December 11am Eucharist Common Worship

15th December 11am Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

22nd December 11am Carol Service (Lay led)

24th December 11.30pm Joint Midnight Service at Holy Trinity Bramley

25th December 11am Christmas Day Eucharist

29th December 11am Morning Prayer (Lay led)

We continue to pray for Revd William Davie and his family as they prepare to move to Bramley in the New Year to be the vicar of the United Benefice of Bramley and Grafham. William will be licensed at Holy Trinity Bramley on Thursday 16th January at 7.30p.m. All are welcome.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the [website](#) for more details or contact the Parish Administrator [office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk](mailto:office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk).

If you need to contact someone urgently please contact 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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