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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:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January – Bramley Village Hall 2.00 – 6.00pm SGN “drop in” re roadworks in Bramley beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January.
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome

### WHAT'S HAPPENED?

#### Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus stated that National Policy Planning Framework had been published and he is expecting the Local Government Devolution White Paper and Financial Settlement Paper to be published shortly.
- Waverley Borough Councillor Jane Austin pointed out that they were all waiting for the Devolution White Paper as it will have an impact on all borough and parish councils as well as county councils.
- Asda Community Fund - Cllr B Stern stated that the committee had been working hard towards the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Cllr Marshall advised that he has received over 40 suggestions from Bramley residents via the website, which will be considered at the meeting.  
The first payments have been submitted to Asda but are awaiting settlement.
- Speed Watch – The clerk has 3 volunteers to date, and she will put another request in the January Bramley Update as 10 are needed to establish a new group.

- Eastwood Road Playground – Cllr Marshall stated that things were progressing well and that he had obtained a new quote which he will share with Cllrs in the next few days.  
Cllr Marshall is waiting for a response from WBC re his CIL funds application.
- Cllrs noted the draft 25/26 budget (circulated) and the majority voted to increase the precept for 2025/26 by 2% on the current year to £95,406

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **SGN - Urgent repair on the gas pipes in Horsham Road, Bramley.**

SGN replace and repair the gas pipes in your area. This means they can continue to provide a safe and reliable gas supply to your community.

They need to repair the pipe by the petrol station in Horsham Road following their investigation in November. As the pipe is under the road, they will need to use traffic management to ensure the safety of everyone passing the work site.

This work will start on Monday 13 January for approximately four days. Although the work is expected to be completed within this timescale, engineering projects of this nature can take longer depending on our findings. Any changes will be notified via their [web page](#).

To safely complete this work, they will need to temporarily close Snowdenham Lane at its junction with Horsham Road. Three-way temporary traffic lights will also be in place for the duration of the work. Access will be maintained for businesses and residents and a signed diversion route will be available.

SGN understand that a road closure causes inconvenience to the local community, and they will only use traffic management when necessary to keep everyone safe. Their working hours will be extended to reduce the disruption.

SGN are planning a 'drop in' for the local residential and business community to see the work plan and raise any concerns.

The 'drop in' has been arranged for Thursday 9 January from 2pm – 6pm at Bramley Village Hall, Hall Road, Bramley, Guildford GU5 0AX.

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

Thanks to our stalwart group of volunteers, we planted 80kg of daffodil bulbs on both the green outside the library and on Rhens Place in early December. The large bed between the library car park and St Thomas More Church has now been professionally cleared and this will be planted up at the end of January.

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

We would like to wish all our customers a very Happy New Year and thank you for your custom and support over the past 12 months. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas lights - they will be back on 13th November!

We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our various businesses this year whether that is on the High Street, at the Business Park, Smithbrook Kilns or Whitley Manor Farm!

We are also excited to welcome Parviflora florists now open on the High Street. Do pop in and have a look when you're passing! A great addition to our village so please support them.

The new owners of the Georgian House are looking for someone to take over the old Bramley Apple space and would like to know what sort of business the Bramley community would like to see there. Please send any

suggestions for this and any other feedback you may have to us at [bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com).  
Remember - SHOP LOCAL - THINK BRAMLEY!

### **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)

### **Tree Giveaway at Bramley Community Library 8th February 2025 9:30 - 12:00**

Trees will be given away on a first come first served basis with a limit of 1 per person

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.

On the day of the giveaway, the SCC Tree team will provide practical support from one of their officers or a volunteer Surrey Tree Warden.

### **No more Dog Fouling in our Village**

A number of residents have rightly raised concerns about the high levels of dog foul, especially on the Downslink. This area is heavily used including by families, young and elderly, it is not only disgusting but it is a health and safety issue. Please pick up your dog poo or you may be liable for a fine or prosecution, the local environmental enforcement officer is currently patrolling the area. If you see someone not picking up their dog's poo please report them:

Click [here](#) for Waverley BC's enforcement on this issue and [here is UK Law](#) on this issue.

### **News from Bramley Music**

Come to Holy Trinity Church on Saturday 1st February at 7pm to hear this year's Rising Stars, namely Flutes and Frets - a duo of Royal College of Music graduates who play ancient and modern flutes, lutes, theorboes and different generations of guitars and have a fascinating programme including excerpts from masque, ballet, opera and theatre spanning over 600 years, from Gregorian chant to Broadway favourites. Supporting the RCM Hardship Fund.

Tickets are £10 (under 18s £5) available online from [bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) / 01483 892645 or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street. Free programmes and glass of wine included.

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

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***

#### **SPECIAL 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE**

We were delighted that so many of our library members and families came to our 10th anniversary celebration in December. The library was very busy especially in the Junior Section where two tables of craft activities for the children to enjoy were set up. Many of the children also took part in the Bauble Hunt, although this proved somewhat challenging and frustrating due to the mysterious disappearance of one of the baubles in the foyer! However, any disappointment over not finding the elusive bauble was soon forgotten with the offer of a packet of Haribos!

For the adults, the Prosecco and mulled wine went down a treat, as did the mince pies and other nibbles and the gifts of chocolate and pens with the Bramley Library logo AND there was a CAKE.

Patrick Leung, Chair of the Parish Council, had the honour of cutting the first slice and took the opportunity to say a few words of thanks to all our volunteers for making it possible for Bramley Library to remain open for the past 10 years.

We were also pleased to welcome Monika, our Community Partner Library (CPL) Liaison Officer, who presented us with a framed certificate of thanks from Surrey County Council.

### **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).

### **Bramley Village Hall**

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.

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

Senior School | Open Event

Tuesday 4th February 2025 - 9.00 – 12.00 noon

Prep School | Open Event

Thursday 6th February 2025 - 9.30 – 11.45am

Story Explorers Stay and Play

Saturday 8th February 2025 | For 2 and 3 yrs

Join us for an afternoon of storytelling, crafts, dance, and music! Please bring a friend or two to share in the fun. Refreshments will be provided and don't forget to bring your teddy bear!

2.00 – 3.30pm

There is no charge but please book your place by emailing [prepadmissions@stcatherines.info](mailto:prepadmissions@stcatherines.info) or by calling 01483 899665.

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

### **Soroptimist International Surrey Hills**

Have you been thinking of doing more to help others? Why not join your friendly local Soroptimists to help women and girls, locally, nationally and globally. We're meeting on Monday 13 January at 7.45 pm by Zoom (email [sisurreyhills@gmail.com](mailto:sisurreyhills@gmail.com) for log-in details). Or meet us in person at the Baptist Church Hall, Queen Street, Godalming on Monday 27 January at 7.45 pm when we focus on our projects. 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**

December Sunday Services  
8am Book of Common Prayer  
9.30am Bramley Parish Eucharist

**Institution and Induction of 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) (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**

January Services  
5th January 11am Eucharist Common Worship celebrating Epiphany.  
12th January 11am Celebrating PLOUGH SUNDAY followed by a Ploughman's Lunch.  
19th January 11am Eucharist Common Worship.  
26th January 11am Eucharist Common Worship.

Please continue to pray for Revd William Davie and his family as they prepare to for their new role in our parish. 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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