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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.

Friends or family in Bramley? Think they'd like to see this email? Please suggest they subscribe (see below). Do you belong to a society or club? You can use this to publicise your events. There's no charge for subscribing or contributing to Bramley Update.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Brighten up Bramley volunteer October sessions – Saturday 10th at 2.00pm, Sunday 18th at 10.00am, Saturday 24th at 2.00pm & Saturday 31st at 2.00pm – see below for more details.
- Library Lego Builders Saturday 24th October – 10.30 – 12.00pm - see below for more details.
- Library Storytime & Craft Session Thursday 29th October 10.30 – 12.00pm – see below for more details.
- Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care Christmas Card Sale - Saturday 7th November - 10.00 -1.00pm - The Granary Bramley Mill
- Saturday 7th November - Bramley Village Bonfire – 6.00 – 8.30pm
- Remembrance Day Services - Sunday 8th November - Holy Trinity Church & St Andrew's Church - 10.55am.
- Thursday 12th November - Bramley Parish Council Meeting - 6.30pm- Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room – All welcome
- Saturday November 14th – Brownies pop-up cake sale - from 10 am until 12 pm Bramley Station.
- Bramley Golf Club - Christmas Market - Sunday 15th November – 12.30 – 4.30pm
- Bramley Christmas Lights go on – Thursday 19th November – 5.30pm – Shops open late

Bramley Parish Council News:

- We are pleased to announce that, for the first time, the Parish Council has developed a **3-year strategy**, which will provide a focus for our work over the coming years. We would appreciate any feedback or comments on the [draft](#) by the end of October. Please email clerk@bramleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

- We have a **vacancy for a new Parish Councillor**. It's a great opportunity to get involved and help shape decisions affecting the local community. Interested parties should contact the Clerk.
- Suppliers have now been instructed to complete the following works:
 - Refurbishment of the railway gates on Station Road
 - Repair of the benches in Robertson's Gardens
 - Repair of the potholes in the Village Hall car park
 - Repair of the fence at the old Bowls Club site
- SGN gas pipe replacement work on the A281 continues heading north towards Shalford. The latest update from SGN can be found [here](#).
- Our next meeting will be held on 12th November at 6.30pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Bramley Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Jane Austin for her valued service to the Bramley community over the past three years. Her commitment and contribution as a Parish Councillor have been greatly appreciated.

Although Cllr Austin has resigned from the Parish Council, she will continue to represent local residents in her roles as a Waverley Borough Councillor and a Unitary Councillor for West Surrey.

As a result of her resignation, a vacancy has arisen on Bramley Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please email the Parish Clerk clerk@bramleyparishcouncil.gov.uk. Applications need to be received by 2nd November 2026. For more details about the role please see [here](#).

Bramley's Bonfire and Fireworks

The 2026 Bramley Bonfire will be on Saturday 7th November and preparations are in full swing.

October will be filled with activity for which volunteers would be very welcome, particularly those that would like to join the village team that organises the event.

Bonfire building will happen every weekend throughout October which is a great fun session (often followed by a pint in the Jolly).

On the night itself the success of the Bonfire depends on volunteers marshalling, collecting donations, and staffing the food stalls so please let us know if you can give a few hours of your time on the night!

The committee is also welcoming new members so please raise your hand if you'd like to contribute to what has been a landmark event for the village for more than fifty years.

For all of the above please drop Phil a line: BramleyBonfireChairman@gmail.com

The Bonfire Association is looking for a replacement Safety Advisor and Secretary, these are two separate roles. For the H&S role we are looking for someone with current experience in H&S who is prepared to attend meetings and advise the Committee where necessary. The suitable applicant should be available for meetings in September, and October and work alongside the existing H&S Advisor on the day of the Bonfire. Please email instructorhugh@aol.com to show your interest.

News from Bramley Business Network – Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights will be returning to the High Street in November, but we won't be holding a switch-on event as in the previous 2 years. The lights will be switched on on Thursday 19th November at 5.30pm - many of the High Street shops will be open that evening and you can come and watch as the High Street lights up for

the festive season and enjoy a browse in the shops as well as supper and drinks at one of our lovely hostelrys! More details to follow....

News from Bramley Helping Hand



1. Harvest Festival Contributions

The store recently received massive donation boosts from local faith and educational institutions:

- **Holy Trinity Church** in Bramley
- **St Andrew's Church** in Grafham
- **St Catherine's School**



2. Student and Volunteer Support

Processing an influx of Harvest donations requires significant hands-on work. This load is being managed by:

- **St Catherine's 6th Form Students**
- **Duke of Edinburgh award volunteers** who are donating their time to sort, log, and arrange the incoming stock. [\[1\]](#)



3. ASDAN Citizenship & Community Action

Year 11 students from **Gosden House School** are adopting the charity as part of their academic curriculum.

They are working toward the '**Community Action**' module of their **ASDAN citizenship qualification**. As part of their studies, these students will focus on: [\[1\]](#)

- **Fundraising** directly for the store.
- **Raising awareness** of Bramley Helping Hand's services within the wider community.



How You Can Help

The Bramley Helping Hand Team relies on continuous community contributions. If you would like to support their efforts, the store is highly in need of the following non-perishable items: [\[1\]](#)



- Coffee & Tea



- Tinned vegetables & Tinned fruit



- Tinned meat

Drop-off Location:

Items can be dropped off locally at the **Cost Cutters donation basket** on the High Street.

News from Wey & Arun Canal Trust

Wey and Arun Canal Trust apologise that we will need to close the Permissive Path alongside the canal from the beginning of October for up to 8 weeks as there will be movement of machinery on the towpath. We also need to pile the bank of some of the canal to stabilise the bank. There will be signs at either end of the path. As soon as work is finished, we will remove the signs. Also during the winter, we will be taking down some dead ashes alongside the Downs Link near Singh Concrete.

We do hope this does not cause too much inconvenience.

News from Bramley Village Society

Brighten up Bramley volunteers will be meeting in October to plant daffodil bulbs and once they are all planted to carry on with weeding etc around the village.

Saturday 10th at 2pm meeting on the verge outside J&M Machinery to the South of Bramley.

Sunday 18th 10am to noon, Saturday 24th 2pm to 4pm, Saturday 31 October 2pm to 4pm - locations to be confirmed.

Bring work gloves and suitable garden tools and join us to help keep the village looking good!

Any questions, please contact Liz Sutherland via lizsutherland73@gmail.com

News from Wonersh and Bramley Brownies.

Wonersh and Bramley Brownies are working on their Guiding for Good badge this term.

We are having a pop-up coffee and cake sale on the railway line by Bramley Business Park on Saturday November 14th from 10 am until 12 pm. Our Brownies will be working hard baking cakes and would like to see as many people as possible buying them! All the money raised will be donated to Bramley Helping Hand to support their food bank.

Please can people bring cash as we won't have a card machine.

Thank you for supporting us and we hope to see as many of you on Saturday November 14th.

Active Living - Bramley Village Hall - Stay strong, mobile and confident at every age.

A friendly, supportive fitness class designed specifically for older adults who want to keep moving and enjoy an active lifestyle. Sessions combine **strength, balance, mobility, cardio and functional exercises** to help you feel fitter and stronger for everyday activities.

Whether you're already active or looking to get moving again, exercises can be adapted to suit your individual ability.

Every Tuesday at 2:30pm at Bramley Village Hall, £8 per week. Just bring yourself and some water, I provide everything else. For further details email: anna@active-living.co.uk or tel: 07768 922641

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care Christmas Card Sale

Christmas cards plus homemade jams and jellies for sale in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care on Saturday 7th November from 10am until 1pm in the Granary at Bramley Mill, Mill Lane GU5 0HW.

Tea, coffee and cake.

Do drop in to support the wonderful work of our local hospice. Cash only please.

Bramley Library

Nearly 60 children joined in with this year's Summer Reading Challenge at Bramley Library, and we are delighted that many achieved the goal of reading 6 books. Congratulations to all!

The library is launching a monthly Coffee Morning on Wednesday October 7th. Drop in for coffee, cake and a chat between 10.30-12.00 and you can even bring your knitting!

Future dates for your diary are November 4th and December 2nd. All welcome!

Drop in with your Lego builders (aged 3+) on October 24th from 10.30-12.00 for another Saturday Lego Club.

On October 29th we will be holding a Storytime and craft session for 4–8-year-olds from 10.30-12.00. Please sign up at the desk or via our Facebook page so we know how many are coming.

For our regular activities, opening hours and to hire our meeting room please visit our [website](#).

Bramley Golf Club - Christmas Market - Sunday 15th November – 12.30 – 4.30pm

Free Entry

No booking needed just come along and browse a selection of local suppliers for your Christmas gifts

News from Bramley Infant School

We have had a really great first half term of the year at Bramley Infants. We have held our annual Harvest Service and collected donations for the Community Food Store. The fire service visited to share with our Reception children about their job and how they help the community and Year 2 had a workshop about the Great Fire of London.

If you want to find out more about our school, please do look at our website: <https://www.bramley.surrey.sch.uk/>

News from St Catherine's School

Baby Cats

Please join us for the next Baby Cats event at St Catherine's Prep School on Friday 16th October between 9.30am-10.30am. Admission is free with light refreshments provided and free onsite parking. Details are as follows:

Paint, Puzzles and Play (1-3 Years)

An opportunity for your little ones to explore and play through hands-on activities.

To book your place at one of our Baby Cats events please complete the online booking form:

[Baby Cats Autumn Term Booking form 2026](#)

Soroptimist International Surrey Hills

Soroptimists work to transform the lives of women and girls through our Clubs and our projects. SI Surrey Hills is a friendly Club welcoming new members. Please get in touch to find out more. We've meetings on 5th October at Godalming Baptist Church Hall or on 19th October by Zoom (both 7.30 pm).

Please email sisurreyhills@gmail.com for log in details or for further information on how to join visit our [website](#).

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

Weekly Sunday Services:

8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist

1st November – All Souls Service at 3pm.

You are invited to come and remember your loved ones in this special Service. Names of departed will be read

out (if you wish to add a name please contact the Office or add the name on the list at the back of the church) and you can also light a candle in remembrance.

8th November – Remembrance Service at 11.10 (after the Ceremony by the Memorial).

You are all welcome to join us in church for this short Service of Remembrance.

Tuesday Services:

8.45am – Morning Prayer

Trinity Toddlers

Wednesday during term time 10.00-11.30am

Visit their [website](#) for church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

Sunday Services at 11.00am 18th & 25th October, 1st, 8th & 15th November.

Sunday 1st November 11.00am Service celebrating All Saints Day

1st November 3pm. All Souls' Service - lighting candles to remember our loved ones who have died.

8th November Remembrance Sunday Commencing at 10.55am outside before the 11am service in the church.

Please see the [website](#) for more details.

Please note to the change to the email address if you need to contact anyone urgently - The Rev'd William Davie rev.williamdavie@gmail.com or 07784 923770 (not Fridays)

Or one of the Churchwardens Colin Parrott colinparrott61@gmail.com or 07957 758832 Caroline Whalley caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk or 07786 330574

Parish Administrator – new email to be announce shortly.

Bramley Update is usually circulated between the 4th and 7th of each month. If you have a contribution to the content of a future issue, please send it to bramleyupdate@gmail.com by the end of the preceding month.

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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