



# BRAMLEY UPDATE

**August 2025**

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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Bramley and Rhens Village Twinning Association – Tea Dance Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2.00pm – Bramley Village Hall.
- Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions every Sunday in August at 11.00am and every Wednesday at 6.00pm - Please check the venue by email with [LizSutherland73@gmail.com](mailto:LizSutherland73@gmail.com) as location may vary.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### **Bramley Parish Council update**

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

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus advised that there was a lot of work going on regarding road safety and he would have an update in September. He also noted that the results of the recent rural speed review in the parish were not available yet.
- Cllr Deanus advised that the decision regarding local government reorganisation was due in October.
- Waverley Borough Councillor Kevin Deanus advised that the problems with CIL payments were ongoing. He advised that there were around 20 residents affected in WBC.

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

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### **Bramley Bowling Club**

Bramley Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has acquired the site of Bramley Bowling Club. The Bowling Club sadly closed in 2023 due to lack of members.

It is the intention of Bramley Parish Council to keep and maintain this asset as a QUIET green space for the recreation and enjoyment of residents in accordance with the requirement of the original deeds and also our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Parish Council welcomes any suggestions from residents regarding improvements to and use of this site. Please email [clerk@bramleyparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.gov.uk) with your view.



### **Thank you to Bramley Village Society**

Bramley Parish Council would like to thank Liz Sutherland and the Bramley Village Society for their tremendous hard work in tidying up and improving the look of Bramley village and the Downs Link.

### **News from Bramley Business Network - 'Discover Bramley Community Bunting' coming soon!**

Thanks to all those in our community who have contributed their designs to the 'Bunting for Bramley' project we have many beautiful designs around the theme 'What I love about Bramley'. We're hoping to have the bunting up on the library green by the middle of August. Don't miss it!

During July we've been working hard to prepare for the launch of 'Discover Bramley' - our new Instagram page is up and running so please follow us. We have regular 'spotlights' on our businesses when you'll get to know the people behind each business as well as news of upcoming promotions and events. The new 'Discover Bramley' website should be launched in the next week or so featuring our businesses, what makes Bramley special with links to sports and activities, walks and trails and community organisations as well as a monthly blog feature.

For more info about Bramley Business Network please email us at [bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!

Gill Longdon and Sharon Withers - Bramley Business Network

### **News from Bramley and Rhens Village Twinning Association – Tea Dance Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2.00pm – Bramley Village Hall.**

Fundraising Tea Dance celebrating 40 Years of Friendship.

For more details see [here](#)

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

'Brighten up Bramley' volunteer sessions every Sunday in August at 11am and Wednesdays at 6pm Please check the venue by email with [LizSutherland73@gmail.com](mailto:LizSutherland73@gmail.com) as location may vary. Bring gloves and a spade and join us to keep the village looking its best.

### **Inconsiderate parking in Bramley**

Please be considerate of other residents when parking. There seems to have been an increase in parking on the pavement and on some occasions completely blocking the pavement to pedestrians. Charging an electric vehicle doesn't constitute a reason to block the pavement. Please see [here](#) for the Surrey County Council's

### **News from Bramley Library**

#### ***Summer Reading Challenge***

The Summer Reading Challenge and Treasure Hunt continue throughout August, and on 26th there is a Storytime and Craft Activity from 10.30-12.00 aimed at 4-7-year-olds. Sign up at the desk or via our Facebook page.

Rhymetime runs every Friday throughout the holidays as well.

#### ***Do you have some free time to join our enthusiastic team of volunteers?***

Some computer skills are essential, the ability to carry out day-to-day library duties and a desire to assist our visitors with their enquiries also required! Hours are flexible, full training is given. Call in for a chat when the library is open.

#### ***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.

#### ***Meeting Room available to hire***

Visit to view. Contact [clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk)

#### ***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 the Great Send-Off at St Andrew's Church, Grafham (GU50LH) on Wednesday 20th August - see Stuart White embark on his epic cycle ride of 1,105 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats, in support of the restoration of St Andrew's. Free coffee and cake from 11am, send-off at 11.30 am. For more details see [here](#) and here's a [link](#) to your invitation.

Rising Star in Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on Saturday 30th August at 7pm

Do come and enjoy a summer night of beautiful music featuring 17-year-old violinist Enpei Zhu, a Guildford-born gifted violinist currently studying at the prestigious Yehudi Menuhin School, in a special recital at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley.

Performing alongside acclaimed collaborative pianist Miho Kawashima, Enpei will present a compelling programme of works by Bach, Fauré, Elgar, Ysaÿe and others —a beautiful blend of lyricism, energy, and expressive depth.

Tickets are £10 on the door (cash preferred, no advance booking), free entry for under-18s - please note the different arrangements from the usual Bramley Music concerts for this one.

This recital also supports the Yehudi Menuhin School's Pupil Opportunity Fund and Holy Trinity's Music Fund, helping to provide financial assistance to young musicians in need and to sustain music-making in the local community. Your presence makes a difference—thank you for supporting through attending.

Don't miss this chance to hear a rising star on the classical music scene.

For more information, please contact Mingjia Li at [mingjiali.zhu@hotmail.com](mailto:mingjiali.zhu@hotmail.com)

St Andrew's Church Grafham Heritage Open Day – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Visit this Gothic Revival Gem, whose Architect made a village. Discover more about the life of the Guildford born Victorian Architect Henry Woodyer who designed and built not only the Church but a Vicarage and School; the love story that inspired him, and the Church's significant features. Delicious refreshments will be available for you to enjoy in our lovely country churchyard with views over the Surrey Hills. Parking available 300 yards north of the Church along the A281 at the Grafham Room GU5 0LJ.

Tickets are now on sale for Bramley Music's 2025 Celebrity Concert on Saturday 4th October at 7pm with famous international concert pianist Piers Lane. This may well be sold out, so buy your tickets early (£15, under 18 and students £5) online from [bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street. Piers will be putting our lovely Steinway Grand Piano through its paces with a superb programme of music including all Chopin's music for the ballet Les Sylphides, six Rachmaninov Preludes, Debussy's Clair de Lune, and Arabesques on Johann Strauss's Beautiful Blue Danube. For more details see [here](#). The concert is supporting The Meath Epilepsy Charity.

### **News from St Catherine's School – Upcoming retirement of Mrs Phillips Headmistress**

After 25 years of dedicated service, our much-loved Headmistress, Mrs Phillips, will be retiring on 31st August 2025. Her exceptional leadership and unwavering commitment have left a lasting legacy in our school community. We extend our heartfelt thanks and wish her a joyful and fulfilling retirement.

A fuller tribute will be published following her retirement.

### **Soroptimist International Surrey Hills**

Soroptimists transform the lives of women and girls through awareness, advocacy and action. Join us on 4 August at 7.30 pm for a speaker from Amnesty International by Zoom or get involved in our annual Conference with members from all over the world from 31 October to 2 November. We'll also be at the Godalming bandstand for our Summer social on 10 August. We'd be delighted to welcome new members to help us with our work. Please email [sisurreyhills@gmail.com](mailto:sisurreyhills@gmail.com) for log in details or for further information on how to join the Club. [www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/](https://www.facebook.com/surreyhillssoroptimists/) or [www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills](https://www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills)

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

August Sunday Services

8.00am - Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am - Bramley Parish Eucharist

Other Events:

Thanksgiving Service for Barry Teideman – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 12.30pm.

Thanksgiving Service for Mrs Mary Thompson – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 12.00pm.

All are very welcome at our services, and the church is open every day from 9.00am – 5.00pm for prayer and quiet contemplation. Do have a look at our [website](#) for church and community information.

If you need to get in touch, please contact our Vicar, the Revd William Davie, email [william.davie18@btinternet.com](mailto:william.davie18@btinternet.com), mobile 07784 923770 (not Fridays) or email our Parish Administrator [office@holyltrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto:office@holyltrinitybramley.org.uk) or our Churchwardens, Sue Oldrey and Catherine Ingram Smith [htbchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:htbchurchwarden@gmail.com).

### **News from St Andrew's Grafham**

#### August Services

3<sup>rd</sup> August – 6.00pm – Holy Communion celebrating LAMMAS followed by drinks and nibbles

10<sup>th</sup> August – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

17<sup>th</sup> August - 11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

24<sup>th</sup> August – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

31<sup>st</sup> August – 11.00am Holy Communion (Common worship)

7<sup>th</sup> September – 6.00pm – Evensong – the last Evensong service this year. NB there is no service at St Andrew's today.

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](mailto:william.davie18@btinternet.com) or 07784 923770 (not Friday)

Or 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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