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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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Tuesday 13th February – Bramley Fuel Leak Community Information Meeting 6.00-7.00pm Bramley Village Hall – Bramley Residents only.
- Thursday 15th February – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm - Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room. All welcome.
- Tuesday 26th March Bramley Showcase - 8.00pm Bramley Village Hall
- Tuesday 23rd April – Bramley Village Society St George's Day Supper
- Saturday 18th May – Bramley Village Fete 12.00 – 4.00pm Gosden Common

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

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

- Waverley Borough Councillor Lauren Atkins reported that collaboration between Waverley Borough Council and Guildford Borough Council continues - at the November WBC Executive agreed to pursue further collaboration. Councillor Atkins and Councillor Austin attended the meeting and scrutinised, having strong concerns about lack of clarity and visibility of financial and other benefits of the collaboration. A new Joint CEO is now appointed at a cost of C.£165k and money is being expended aligning the Constitutions of the respective Councils. As these progresses there are further major potential costs ahead, coupled with concerns about collaborating with a Council in ongoing danger of going into administration and under investigation for fraud.
- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus advised that installation of the average speed cameras has been delayed due to proximity of utility service pipes to one location. This is causing a challenge to the installation as it risks disruption to electrical and gas services to the village. While there is consideration for relocating the pipe, it may involve the installation of a larger pole to accommodate the necessary adjustments. It is a problem, and the installers are working on the best solution. It is important to make the village aware of these issues, particularly in the context of when the average speed cameras are scheduled to be erected.

- Crime - It is shocking and saddening to learn of the death of several Lambs at Gate Street Barn. This comes on top of numerous other incidents of crime/trespass/vandalism in recent months.
- Highways Committee - Councillor K Deanus suggests using the following link for the SCC Highway website: <https://uk.one.network/communicate/onenetwork-map>. This link provides access to the one.network Map, serving as a platform for highway authorities to effectively communicate accurate and current information about roadworks, events, and other activities on the highway. As the national stakeholder engagement channel, utility companies, contractors, bus operators, and emergency services rely on it for information about ongoing works. Users can register for email alerts, receiving valuable notifications about upcoming roadworks that may impact their area. This feature particularly benefits local councillors and individuals with public information responsibilities.
- Neighbourhood Plan: WBC has called for sites for their new Local Plan. BPC will not get sight of the list of sites before the deadline of March.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Fuel Leak Update

Community Information Meeting

For Bramley residents– ASDA and EPS Environmental Consultants have agreed to join us for a public meeting when they will provide a progress update and answer any queries you might have. Jeremy Hunt will chair with Waverley Borough Councillors Jane Austin and Michael Goodridge MBE.

It will be held on 13th February 6pm-7pm– please email huntj@parliament.uk to reserve a place as we expect the event will be busy.

On Friday 12th Jeremy Hunt MP, Councillor Jane Austin and Councillor Michael Goodridge met with James Barge of Asda plus representatives from EPS, Asda's Environmental Consultants for a progress update. Asda inherited this fuel pollution from the Co-op that owned the site before. They confirmed that the leak is now sealed (although they are double checking).

The land underneath the petrol station is sand which is holding a mixture of water and petrol a bit like a sponge. So pumps are being inserted into the sand via boreholes. The boreholes are now built, and the pumping will start as soon as permissions come through, expected to be in early March. The hope is that as soon as they start we will start to see a dramatic reduction in the smell and pollution into the stream although the whole process will take several months.

Work to install a barrier pipe to two properties on the High Street whose supply was contaminated by fuel continues. Teams have been working round the clock since Monday 8th January; it is a major job requiring lots of heavy machinery and two-way traffic lights. This has been very disruptive to local neighbours and for traffic causing major queues. This work was scheduled to be completed by 19th January, the traffic lights were removed on January 18th and this is a major step to allow the next clean up phase of work and the removal of one of the main sources of the fuel smell.

Parish Clerk Job Vacancy.

Bramley Parish Council are looking to recruit a new Parish Clerk. The Council is seeking highly organised and committed applicants for this key role, which is responsible for all day-to-day organisation and management of the Council's services, staff and facilities. The post is part time, approximately 20 hours per week. Please visit their [website](#) for more details.

Bramley Fete

The fete committee held their first meeting and they are very excited about the biggest and best fete so far. This year the fete will be on Saturday 18th May 12.00 -4.00pm at Gosden Common.

Bramley Village Society – planned events for 2024

Bramley Showcase - Tuesday 26th March, 8pm in the Village Hall

Social evening for all village residents and especially newcomers to the village to meet with and find out about local clubs and societies. Free entry and a welcome drink.

St George's Supper. Tuesday 23rd April. Venue and details to be advised.
Sit down meal and social evening to mark St George's Day.

News from Bramley Library.

We are very lucky to have such a good library in Bramley, we look forward to your visit. As you can see below we have lots happening in February.

Bedtime Stories on February 13th at 6 -7 pm. This is suitable for 4-7 year olds, sorry no siblings this time. Remember to pop on your pyjamas, dressing gown, slippers and pick up your favourite soft toy, drinks and biscuits provided. Please sign up at the library for this event and children must be accompanied by an adult.
Storytime on February 15th 10.30 - 12.00pm. The theme this time is Elmer. This is suitable for 4 -8 year olds and siblings are welcome. Please sign up at the library.

Regular activities

Rhymetime takes place every Friday morning 11.00-11.30am. This is for the younger children and adults.
Bramley Knitwits every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1.00-3.00pm, 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 - 12.00pm

We also have a jigsaw corner, come and do as much or as little of a puzzle.

There are also several Apps that you can access the library. The Surrey CC library app can help with managing your account, BorrowBox is used for ebooks and the Libby app has a wide variety of magazines and audiobooks, these are all free to access.

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).

The Villages Wednesday Club are looking for new members.

Fancy a tasty lunch and a friendly chat? Why not join the Villages Wednesday Club.
We meet at Blunden Court, Bramley every Wednesday from 10am to 2.30pm. For only £5 you get morning coffee, a freshly prepared lunch, entertainment and afternoon tea.

For those living in Shamley Green, Wonersh, Bramley and the surrounding villages it's a lovely day out and a chance to meet with people and make new friends. Transport can be arranged if you need it.

For more information and to arrange a taster session contact the manager Nicola Mendelssohn on 07711 043665 or email manager@fourvillages.co.uk

News from Bramley infant School

Spring term has been busy at Bramley Infant School. The children have had visits from Harry and Henry the hedgehogs, Y1 have had Mrs O come in and do a fantastic workshop on the history of toys while Y2 have been exploring their topic on the world and its animals. We have listened to some wonderful open the book assemblies covering the stories of David and Goliath, Samuel anoints the first king and David the shepherd boy.

Looking ahead, we have a busy last week before half term with the week designated as our e-safety week, the PTFA friendship disco is on the 8th, and wellbeing day is on the 9th.

News from St Catherine's School

Defibrillator

St Catherine's is pleased to report that a defibrillator has been installed to the front of the Prep School. This is visible from Station Road being positioned to the left of the red double doors and can be accessed by members of the public and the Bramley community.

Open Mornings

Prep School: Thursday 8th February 2024 9.45 – 11.45am.

Mrs Sarah Waller | 01483 899665 prepadmissions@stcatherines.info

Senior School: Tuesday 6th February 2024 9.15am – midday

Mrs Clare Woodgates | 01483 899609 admissions@stcatherines.info

Association Choir - The Music Makers by Elgar

The St Catherine's Association Choir will be performing The Music Makers on Saturday 16th March 2024, in conjunction with the Senior Choir and Middle Chamber Choir, all accompanied by our very own Symphony Orchestra.

Email association@stcatherines.info for more information or to register for tickets.

Baby Cats - Let's Get Creative

Friday 1st March 2024 For 2 – 4 yrs - 9.30 – 10.30am -St Cats Prep Gym.

Let us nurture your child's creative mind and join us for an arts and crafts session. Be prepared to get messy!

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

Whole School Musical - Shrek The Musical - Wednesday 7th– Friday 9th February 2024 at 7.30pm

Auditorium – please click [here](#) to pre-book tickets.

Informal Concert - Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7pm

Lower Atrium – no need to pre- book tickets.

Keyboard Sectional Concert - Thursday 29th February 2024 at 7.30pm

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

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

News from Bramley Music Sunday Afternoon Sing-Along led by the Wintershall Singers

On Sunday 24th March come at 3pm to Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, and sing favourite songs from the shows followed by tea and cake! No singing ability required just come and join in – song sheets provided. The Sound of Music, Phantom, Mary Poppins, The King and I, Kismet, My Fair Lady, and more. No charge, but donations invited for the work of Holy Trinity. To assist with the catering, please tell Stuart White (stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645) if you are coming. Early booking recommended!

News from South West Surrey Citizens Advice.

For help paying energy bills please see [here](#)

Soroptimist International Surrey Hills (covering Bramley, Godalming, Cranleigh etc)

We are meeting on Monday 5 February at 7.45 pm by Zoom (sisurreyhills@gmail.com for login details) and on Monday 19 February at 7.45 pm at the Baptist Church Hall, Godalming GU7 1BA.

On Sunday 25 February, join us for a coffee at Coffee at 1, Godalming High Street 9.30-11.00am. We'll be

wearing orange in support of the UN campaign to end violence against women. Soroptimist International is a global volunteer movement working to transform the lives of women and girls, locally, nationally, and globally. Please see their [website](#) for more details.

Surrey Police Band Charity Concert 9th March in Guildford, in aid of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

For more details please see their [website](#).

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

We are in Vacancy now as our Priest has moved to another Parish.

Our services continue as before:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am - Sung Holy Communion

The church remains open from 9am to 5pm every day for quiet prayer and silence contemplation.

For any information please email the office at 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 Grahnam

There is a service every Sunday morning at 10.45am. Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent on 14th February 6pm Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes.

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

the Revd Camilla White on camillaezwhite@gmail.com or 01483 892645.

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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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