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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:

- Thursday 19th September – Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 6.00pm- Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Thursday 19th September 'Brighten up Bramley' Braai (BBQ Dinner) - 7pm - The Wheatsheaf Bramley.
- Saturday 2nd November – Bramley Village Bonfire – 6.00 – 8.30pm

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

The Parish Council did not meet in August. The next meeting is on Thursday September 19th at 6.00pm in Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Business Network

Bramley Business Network is now up and running!

We're delighted to report that nearly 40 Bramley Businesses have now registered with the network.

- We aim to support our local businesses through the Asda Support Package claims progress
- Lobby for support for Rates Relief and other funding from WBC, and government SCC
- Lobby to get businesses back on their feet and bring our customers back
- Increase the profile of Bramley Businesses with Asda, OpenReach and Thames Water
- Reduce the never ending cycle of road works, temporary traffic lights and plan essential works better.

THINK BRAMLEY FIRST. IF ITS AVAILABLE IN BRAMLEY - GET IT IN BRAMLEY!

Please contact us at bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com Co - founders Sharon Withers - No Naked Walls Gallery and Gill Longdon - Bramley Golf Club.

Brighten up Bramley

Bramley Village Society invites you to a Braai (BBQ Dinner) on Thursday 19th September at 7pm at The Wheatsheaf, Bramley.

Live Music. Raffle, all proceeds go to Brighten Up Bramley.

Tickets £15. To buy tickets click on the link [here](#).

Bramley Fuel Leak

Please visit [Bramley Parish Council](#) and [Waverley Borough Council's](#) website for the latest updates.

Bramley Eastwood Road Playground Update

This week Eastwood Road Committee members met with playground equipment providers to get quotes for the much needed refurbishment of the playground aka 'Bramley Train Park'. Applications for grants are underway and a charitable trust is being set up for fundraising but in order to keep costs as low as possible it is likely we will need some voluntary work teams to help us. More on this to follow in the coming months.

Bramley Village Hall - Available for Hire

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.

TaiChi at Bramley Village Hall

Dr Luke Zhang runs a TaiChi class at Bramley Village Hall on Mondays 10.00-11.00am. For more details please visit his [website](#).

GuildfordYoga classes Bramley Village Hall - Mixed ability classes

Tuesday morning 9.45-11am

Tuesday evening 7-8.15pm

Thursday morning 9.45-11am

These fun and friendly classes are suitable for all, beginners and intermediates alike. Please book ahead via the website or drop-in whenever it is convenient. £12 per session or discounts options are available.

Friday mornings 11.15am-12.45pm - yoga therapy classes

This specialist class include gentle and therapeutic stretching, strengthening, joint-freeing poses and Yoga Nidra - a deeply restful and healing practice. Everyone is welcome including those with injuries or chronic illness eg. Parkinsons, Arthritis, Cancer, Chronic Fatigue, MS etc. Please email luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk to register. £16 per session or discounts are available.

These are in addition to GuildfordYoga other classes which have been running for 20 years. Full details can be found on the GuildfordYoga website <http://www.guildfordyoga.co.uk> or by emailing luci@guildfordyoga.co.uk

News from Bramley Music

Heritage Open Day at St Andrew's Church, Grafham - Saturday 14th September 10am – 4pm

St Andrew's was lovingly designed, funded and built in 1861 by the renowned Guildford born architect Henry Woodyer in memory of his young wife.

As part of Heritage Open Day we will welcome and guide you to the ornate and tantalising details and relate the story of love of family and community that resulted in this nationally important prize of Victorian Heritage.

Enjoy delicious refreshments and the view to the Surrey Hills from our tranquil country churchyard. Parking 300 yards along the A281 at the Grafham Room GU50LJ.

At the same time you can see **Grafham On Air** with our local **Radio Hams** making contacts all over the world! St Andrew's will host their very own Amateur Radio Group SEMARC as part of the Heritage Open Day event. In the beautiful country churchyard they will set up a special event station using the callsign GBOHWG. Visit and find out about their special callsign and the activities of the club while enjoying the tea and cake that will be on offer.

St Andrew's Grafham Ride & Stride for Churches - Saturday 14th September 10am – 4pm – invitation to sponsor our cyclists

Catherine Smith, Jill Parrott and Stuart White will be cycling around local churches in this national event organised by Churches Preservation Trust. Half of the money raised goes towards the restoration of St Andrew's, the remainder to the Trust which makes grants to local churches. If you would like to sponsor them please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/page/standrewsrideandstride> where you'll find more information.

Sunday Afternoon Sing-Along - Sunday 22nd September at 3pm - St Thomas More Church, Bramley.

Led again by the Wintershall Singers, this sing-along with songs from the shows and elsewhere will follow a similar format to the immensely successful Sing-along in Holy Trinity in March, with song sheets provided, as well as tea and cake. No singing ability required! No charge, but donations at the end to the two charities 'Embrace the Middle East' and 'Margaret Clitheroe Trust' will be welcome. Please tell Stuart White if you are coming (stuartwhite2023@gmail.com or 01483 892645) for catering purposes.

News from Bramley Library

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge has been a great success with many books borrowed by the children who are keen to receive their rewards.

The 'tinies' have also enjoyed the Treasure Hunt especially with the reward of a sticker at the end!

There is an 'end of Challenge party' on Saturday, 7th September, 11.00-12.30 when there will be activities for the children (and adults if they feel so inclined) and food and drinks for everyone. It is also an opportunity to present certificates to those children who have completed the challenge.

Rhymetime

Grant, who has been successfully leading our Rhymetime sessions over the last few months, feels the time has come for someone else to take over. We are fortunate that Anneli, who has sometimes stepped in when Grant was unavailable, is willing to take on the sessions for the time being. Going forward we now wish to create a rota of volunteers to share the responsibility of leading Rhymetime. Perhaps a grandparent, auntie or uncle would like to help? After-all, they are likely to know all the rhymes and tunes!

If you should know anyone who would be interested do let us know by talking to a library volunteer or emailing the Parish Clerk on Clerk@Bramleyparish.co.uk

10th ANNIVERSARY OF BRAMLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

We hope that many of our library members and families will join us on the morning of Saturday, 14th December for this special celebration. Plans for the day are well on the way and will include activities for the children, refreshments and free 10th Anniversary gifts! More details to follow so, to use that well-worn

phrase, “watch this space” ...

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 Holy Trinity, Bramley

Our services for September:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)9.30am – Sunday Eucharist.

The church is open every day from 9am to 5pm for visiting and silent prayer.

For any information please email the office at office@holyltrinitybramley.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

We are still in our period of vacancy since the retirement of Revd Camilla White but we are excited to report that interviews for a new vicar for the United Benefice of Bramley & Grafham will take place on 4th -5th September. In the meantime we are very grateful to the clergy who are assisting in leading our services, which for September are:

1st September 6pm Evensong

8th September. 11am Eucharist Common Worship

15th September 11am Eucharist Book of Common Prayer

22nd September 11am Eucharist Common Worship

29th September 11am HARVEST FESTIVAL held outdoors weather permitting.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the website www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk for more details or contact the Parish Administrator office@standrewsgrafham.org.uk.

Heritage Open Day at St Andrew’s on Saturday 14th September 10am – 4pm

Come and visit our beautiful little church and enjoy homemade cakes and biscuits at the same time.

If you need to contact someone urgently please contact one of the Churchwardens

Colin Parrott colin.parrott61@gmail.com or Caroline Whalley caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk

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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