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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 19<sup>th</sup> September – 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 July, a number of matters were discussed, including:

Helen Melia from BRAG (Bramley Residents Action Group) attended to update the Parish Council following the public meeting with Asda on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July. She stated that:

- EPS advised of the extent of the plume of fuel.
- A remediation plan is in place but will take time probably at least a year.
- We still don't know the full extent of the fuel leak but 50 bore holes will have been dug in the village by the end of the week to monitor the amount of fuel in the ground and extract it.
- Asda stated for the first time that they will pay compensation to local businesses affected by the fuel leak.
- Another meeting will take place in September.
- We need to know the low term health impacts of drinking low levels of hydrocarbons.
- Lord Rose asked for a show of hands as to whether Asda should reopen the fuel station & shop, the answer was a resounding no.

Gill Longdon and Liz Sutherland, both Bramley residents who are part of WBC Business Recovery Group attended and stated that:

- Businesses in Bramley are really suffering and need help now to prevent some of them going out of business.
- The progress of the Business Recovery Group has been frustratingly slow.
- To date WBC have only offered a marketing campaign at a cost of £5000 to the businesses and one to one business support, which is very disappointing.
- We need to support our local businesses. BPC agreed to help by promoting this in the Bramley Update and verbally in the village.
- They are setting up Bramley Business Network which has received a lot of support

Vice Chairman B Stern thanked members of BRAG for their ongoing work on the fuel leak issue.

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus voiced his concerns about the roads in Bramley following all the recent disruption. Cllr Austin advised that WBC Matt Furniss has said that a 6 month embargo for works is in place on the A281.
- Resilience Chairman Cllr Marshall to engage with BRAG to create a formal record of their actions. Cllr Austin to join the sub-committee, with Cllr Gravenell as substitute.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### Bramley's Back in Business

Please think BRAMLEY FIRST when you are shopping or need a service. Our village has so much to offer. If you can get what you want from one of our local businesses, please try us before looking elsewhere. It will make a huge difference as we try to recover from the Fuel Leak havoc.

In the village you can buy your groceries, meat and deli items, a piece of artwork from the gallery, electrical goods and even a classic car! You can have your hair cut , beard trimmed nails done, enjoy coffee and a cake, have a beer at two pubs, enjoy a Chinese or Indian meal and have a fish and chip take away.

In the wider village you can learn to swim, go to the gym, play golf, have a party or celebration, buy wines, a roast chicken, animal foods and flowers, get a new bed and some blinds ... and much, much more.

It has been a really tough time for your local businesses and we need your support. So please come and see us first. We're here for you and we want to stay here for you. Remember - Bramley First! fo

With thanks from the Bramley Business Network. Email us on [bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com)

### Speed Reduction on the A281

Following the installation of the average speed check cameras on the A281 to the south of Bramley village, we are very pleased to announce a significant reduction in speed.

On Birtley Road near Birtley Rise the speeds were:

	Mean Speed	85 <sup>th</sup> Speed
Oct 2020 Southbound	36mph	42mph
Oct 2020 Northbound	34mph	39mph
May 2024 Southbound	31mph	34mph
May 2024 Northbound	30mph	34mph

### Bramley Update – Paper Copy

If you are aware of any residents that can't receive the Bramley Update by email for whatever reason please contact Debbie, email [clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk) in order that she can arrange for them to receive a paper copy.

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

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

### **Bramley Fuel Leak**

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

Please see [here](#) for the Bramley Risk Assessment and Remediation Roadmap

### **Have your say on Waverley's affordable housing projects**

Waverley Borough Council has launched a new online engagement hub to give local people the chance to comment on its affordable housing projects in the borough.

Providing good quality housing for people of all ages and incomes is one of Waverley Borough Councils most important priorities. Residents can enter their email address on their [website](#) to receive notifications about all the latest projects and consultations.

### **Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group – Learn and Chat Session**

Saturday, 31st August, 2024 10.30am-12.30pm - Upper Hall at Shalford Village Halls.

Come and hear the news from Wonersh Surgery and learn more about current issues.

Participation and presentations by Wonersh Surgery staff and the PPG.

Gain an overview of PPG activities and what's been happening at the surgery.

At the end there will be the opportunity to chat with the surgery staff and PPG members.

Tea, coffee and biscuits!

This is a chance for patients to make their voices heard.

We hope to see you there.

### **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.

### **Bramley Oak Academy – Request for volunteers to help develop their Forest School**

Bramley Oak Academy are aiming to get a team of people together over the summer to help develop and work on their Forest School so that their students (all of which have social, emotional and mental health needs) can access the benefits of nature in their extensive grounds.

If there is anyone in the community who knows a tree surgeon that could donate chippings, stumps and off cuts that would be greatly appreciated. We need help to clear areas of overgrowth, create clear pathways, den building areas, mud kitchens, mini beast hunting areas and to waterproof the storage shed. Any donations of wood we can use to make signs and seating or materials for hammocks and tree nets would be welcome too. The Forest School teacher will be on site from 26th August so any volunteers would be welcome then.

To find out more please email [beturvey93@gmail.com](mailto:beturvey93@gmail.com)

### **News from Bramley Music**

**From Darkness to Light** – a piano recital on Saturday 7th September at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church Bramley. Patrick Hemmerlé, one of Europe's foremost pianists, will illustrate this theme with music by Bach,

Beethoven and Chopin. The charity being supported is the Villages Wednesday Club which serves the communities of Bramley, Womersley, Shamley Green, Blackheath and other surrounding villages. Tickets (£10, under 18s £5) are available online from Stuart White ([bramleymusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:bramleymusic2012@gmail.com) or 01483 892645) or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley. Enjoy a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval!

**St Andrew's Church Grafham "On Air" - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm**

St Andrew's Church, Grafham will host their very own Amateur Radio Group SEMARC as part of their Heritage Open Day event and combining with CHOTA event. In the beautiful country churchyard they will set up a special event station using the callsign GB0HWG.

Visit and find out about their special callsign, the activities of the club and this historic Victorian Church and its architect while enjoying delicious refreshments that will be on offer. Parking 300 yards along the A281 at the Grafham Room GU5 0LJ.

**A Love Letter in Stone - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm**

St Andrew's Church Grafham 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.

**St Andrew's Grafham Ride & Stride for Churches - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm**

Calling Cyclists & Ramblers! Join St Andrew's intrepid band of cyclists in this national event organised by Churches Preservation Trust. Setting off at 10am, we shall visit up to eight churches, each providing welcoming refreshments.

Alternatively form a walking group and stride between churches. To participate, or sponsor, contact Stuart ([stuartwhite2023@gmail.com](mailto:stuartwhite2023@gmail.com) or 01483 892645). Half of money raised goes towards restoration work of St Andrew's, the remainder to the Trust which makes grants to local churches. Parking 300 yards along the A281 at the Grafham Room GU50LJ.

**Sunday Afternoon Sing-Along - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:stuartwhite2023@gmail.com) or 01483 892645) for catering purposes.

**News from Bramley Library**

***Summer Reading Challenge***

The Summer Reading Challenge continues throughout the summer there is still plenty of time to sign up and complete the challenge – certificates to all those that complete it and there is also a mini challenge for younger children just starting to read. Children have to be a library member, it is free to join the library. There will be special stickers and rewards as the children reach the various levels. The Reading Challenge runs until the 14th of September just pop into the library for more details and to sign up.

***Storytime and Craft sessions – 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> August 10.30-12.00pm for children aged 4-8.***

Liz will be running two summer holiday 'Storytime and Craft' sessions for children to create endpapers for The Thousand Year Tree children's book competition, which is being created to celebrate Surrey's ancient trees.

Sign up at the Library or on their [Facebook](#) page. Siblings welcome.

***Library Meeting Room for hire.***

Are you looking for a meeting room for a regular activity or perhaps a one-off meeting? If so the meeting room at the library may suit you. It has been used for Yoga, Mahjong, music and mindfulness classes, reading groups, authors' visits and private meetings. It is fully accessible with its own entrance, has free Wi-Fi and kitchen facilities. Tables and 24 chairs are available.

The cost is extremely competitive at £10 per hour. To view the room pop into the library during opening hours. To make a booking please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk).

We always have the following available at the library.

**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 August:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP) – no service on 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> August

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](mailto: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**

Following Camilla's retirement as Priest in Charge at the end of July, there is a change to our service times.

On the first Sunday of the month in August and September there will a service at 6pm only. On all other Sundays there will be a service at the new time of 11am.

4th August Songs of Praise service at 6pm. Come and join in a joyful celebration, followed by drinks and nibbles.

11th August Eucharist service presided by Bishop Andrew.

18th August Eucharist service presided by Bishop Paul.

25th August Eucharist service presided by Revd. Rutton Viccajee.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

Please see the website [www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk](http://www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk) 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

Colin Parrott [colin.parrott61@gmail.com](mailto:colin.parrott61@gmail.com) or Caroline Whalley [caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk](mailto:caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk)

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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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