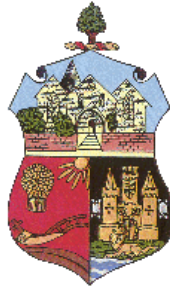


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## BRAMLEY UPDATE

September 2023

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).

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:

- Tuesday 12th September - Eastwood Road Playground funding committee meeting 7.30pm, Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room. All welcome.
- Thursday 21st 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**

The Parish Council did not meet in August. The next meeting is on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 6.00pm in Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room.

Waverley Borough Council Update from Councillor Austin:

- It has been a relatively quiet month - on 29th August an Extraordinary General Meeting was held in order to approve a new Interim Section 151 Officer to serve both Waverley and Guildford Borough Councils and to request approval of £1.96m additional spend on the retail element of 69 High Street, Godalming.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### **News from Bramley Rhens Liaison Group**

If anyone is interested in twinning or would like to know more about it and how it works, or would like to join us when we visit Rhens next year, 8th/12th August for the Rhine in Flames which is a well established fireworks festival on and beside the River Rhine.

Rhens is an historic and beautiful tourist town on the Rhine, it is situated about four miles south of Koblenz where the River Mosell meets the River Rhine, again very beautiful and touristy as are the village's all along the Mosell.

Endless castles to discover including The Stolzenfelz were Queen Victoria used to holiday.

We stay with our German friends and they stay with us the following year, it works well and don't be afraid of the language as nearly everyone speaks English (selfish I know).

We travel by luxury forty nine seater coach. It has a toilet and hot drinks machine also a TV.

We leave Bramley at 6am to catch the 10-00am ferry which is convenient for breakfast!

Then we settle down and make our way through France, Belgium and then Germany to arrive in Rhens around 6-7pm.

Everyone then looks forward to a varied programme of sightseeing and time together and with our host's.

Some people like to stay in the hotel for the first time to see if it suits them.

For further information or if you are interested in joining us, please contact me - [erichardson45@gmail.com](mailto:erichardson45@gmail.com)  
Or 01483898440.

Edward Richardson  
Chairman  
Bramley Rhens Liaison Group.

### **News from Bramley Library**

As Autumn approaches, the Summer Reading Challenge which has been enthusiastically embraced in great numbers this year draws to a end. Participants, indeed, late starters, still have time to complete as the last day is Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Plans are being finalised, but this is the day when the library will be having an event during which certificates will be presented. Please do pop into the library beforehand or look at our FB page for details. All are welcome.

Our new photocopier, courtesy of the Parish Council, is now installed and our prices have been held. SCC have installed a new printer, so we again offer top quality copies.

Thank you to all, both regulars and new visitors to our library during our Open Week. We were delighted by the increase in our footfall and the number of people who decided to join the library. If you haven't already, do consider downloading the SCC libraries app which allows you to manage your account, reserve books etc and also acts as your library ticket. The app Libby offers access to ebooks, audio books and much, much more.

We hope to see you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Eastwood Road Playground Refurbishment**

We are delighted to announce the formation of our new Committee to push ahead with the much needed refurbishment.

So far - costings for 3 options have now been updated and we now get to the hard bit of the project which is sourcing the funding! Costs are expected to be in the region of £70,000.

Eastwood Road Playground kick off meeting is to be held on the 12th September at 7.30pm in Bramley Village Hall meeting room. We would love it if you would like to get involved - please contact Jane Austin ([jane.austin@waverley.gov.uk](mailto:jane.austin@waverley.gov.uk)) if you are considering joining the Committee.

### **News from Bramley History Society**

Bramley has an interesting history and Bramley History Society was established in 1994 to research our past. Our findings have informed various displays over the years and our publication 'The Bramley Record' has had articles on individuals, such as Gertrude Jekyll (who lived in Bramley Park for 20 years from 1848 and has left us her memories of the village in her childhood) and Charlotte Sutherland (who also came here in 1848 and lived in Church House but died 4 years later having funded the building of the North aisle of the church, the village school and the now demolished Vicarage and Cemetery Chapel).

For the millennium we had a project, SNAP 2000, and now have a photographic record of all the buildings in

the parish.

However if we do not get some new volunteers to join the committee we will have no option but to go into 'hibernation' after our AGM in the autumn. It does not require a great deal of time and the 4 public meetings a year which we have had could be dispensed with - though this would be a pity as we have had some very interesting talks over the years.

Please get in touch with Patricia Pratt, Chairman, [ericpkp14@gmail.com](mailto:ericpkp14@gmail.com) or ring 01483 893273

### **News from Bramley Infant School**

We have been thrilled to welcome back our children, old and new this week. Everyone is settling back in really well.

We are also excited to let you know Bramley Infant School has now officially joined The Good Shepherd Trust Academy joining lots of other schools in the local area.

We have made some great improvements to the school over the summer break. We had our reception outdoor area re-tarmacked and the guttering replaced around the school.

Our PTFA did some fantastic fundraising the past year and managed to buy a new interactive whiteboard for our year 1 classroom which was installed.

We are now conducting tours for our nursery and pre-school as well as for entry to reception 2024. Please email [office@bramley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@bramley.surrey.sch.uk) to book your place.

We are also looking for reading and general help volunteers in school. If this is something you are interested in please contact the school office on 01483 892346.

### **Household Support Fund - Help for households worried about the cost of living**

The Government announced the Household Support Fund to support vulnerable households back in 2019. The Government announced it will continue to support households most in need, to help with global inflationary challenges, by providing an additional £842m for the Household Support Fund across England during 2023/24. It is designed to help ease financial pressures on residents by providing short-term help. The Waverley fund will remain open until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024, or until the funds run out.

The current tranche of the Household Support Fund is available to support those most in need, to help with the rising cost of living. Households in Waverley are encouraged to apply for help with essential household items.

Grants of up to £550 are available towards:

- Food
- Utilities - gas, electricity and water
- Essentials linked to energy and water such as warm clothing, boiler repair, heaters, draught excluders
- Essential household appliances such as a cooker, washing machine, microwave, slow cooker, air fryer
- Essential household items such as school uniform, bedding.
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Information about how households can apply is available on our website [Waverley Borough Council - Financial support for residents](#)

This fund is available until 31 March 2024 or until all funds are spent, whichever is sooner.

### **News from The Wey and Arun Canal Trust - Closing of the Birtley Walk.**

The Wey and Arun are pleased to tell you that we are nearing the end of our work on the Birtley section. However in order to complete the works I am afraid we will need to close the Permissive path from September 4th to 8th and September 18th to the 28th. If our contractors finish before the date, we will reopen earlier.

### **Surrey Connect On-demand bus service launches in Farnham and Cranleigh from 4<sup>th</sup> September**

This is a new shared bus service, funded by Surrey County Council, is available in areas of the county where there are fewer commercial services, to help make travelling sustainably easier. Rather than being restricted by traditional bus timetables, the accessible minibuses are available for everyone when they need them. Fares are charged based on how many miles are travelled, starting from £2 for adults.

For more information or to book online please visit their website <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/surrey-connect>

Bookings can also be made via the 'Surrey connect' app - available from Google Play (Android) or the App Store (Apple)

Buses run Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm and on Saturdays from 8am to 6pm. Journeys can be booked with 30 minutes notice or up to 7 days in advance.

### **Rethink Waste Surrey**

Join Surrey's Rethink Waste scheme and learn how to reduce your waste, earning rewards that you can donate to charity or use to enter prize draws. For more details please follow the link below <https://www.surreyep.org.uk/reduce-waste-get-rewards/>

### **News from South West Surrey Citizens Advice**

With the recent rise in the cost of living, housing costs (rentals and mortgages) are increasing along with utility and food bills. Nationally, Citizens Advice are seeing record numbers of clients seeking debt advice and many more of them are finding that their debts are increasing at the end of each month.

#### **CRAIG CAME TO SEE US WHEN HE LOST HIS JOB**

Craig was a single man in his fifties. He had been struggling financially before he lost his job. He had worked all his life and had never had to claim benefits before. Now he needed help quickly to make the best of his situation.

Find out what we were able to do to help and whether this was enough to solve all of Craig's debt problems at <https://casws.org.uk/are-you-living-on-empty-can-you-cope-what-can-we-do-to-help/>

Adviceline contact by phone (free)

Tel 0808 278 7980 for those living in Waverley

Tel 0808 278 7888 for those living in Guildford and Ash

All offices and outreaches will be open as usual and you can use the new website [www.casws.org.uk](http://www.casws.org.uk) to check opening times, use the on-line message (e-mail) enquiry form and get self-help

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

Please feel free to contact the Revd Andy Davis [revd.andydavis@gmail.com](mailto:revd.andydavis@gmail.com)  
07709919602 01483892109

### **Children's Service**

The next Service is on Sunday 17th September.

Poster on our website: <https://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/welcome.htm>

In a reversal of a common formula:

*"adults are welcome, if they are accompanying children"(!)*

### **Our Harvest Festival (with Harvest Lunch) is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9.45am.**

The Harvest Lunch that day, at 12.30pm, will be our Parish Lunch for the month of October.

As usual, we will be supporting the Godalming Food Bank with our harvest gifts. To do that, we all need to donate the items that they need most. There is a list on their website which is updated for each calendar

month, so please check it **during September**, to see what sort of harvest gifts to bring:

<http://https://parishofgodalming.org.uk/st-marks-food-bank/>

**Would you like to receive their weekly email, with the church news? If so, please email**

**Andy:** [revd.andydavis@gmail.com](mailto:revd.andydavis@gmail.com)

Do have a look at our re-vamped Website, for all church and community information

<https://www.holytrinitybramley.org.uk/>

You can also find "Holy Trinity Bramley" on Facebook.

Love and blessings to everyone.....

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

There is a service every Sunday at St Andrew's at 10.45am.

Everybody is always very welcome at any of the services.

On Saturday 9th September the church will be open from 10am – 4pm as part of the Heritage Open Days event and also to welcome cyclists and walkers participating in the annual Ride and Stride organised by the Surrey Churches Preservation Trust.

Drop in to find out more about St Andrew's unique history and see some of its hidden treasures. A warm welcome and light refreshments await you. This event is being organised by the Friends of St Andrew's. If you'd like to know more about becoming Friend please contact Barbara Salvage [bjssalvage@btinternet.com](mailto:bjssalvage@btinternet.com) or Stuart White [stuartwhite2023@gmail.com](mailto:stuartwhite2023@gmail.com)

24th September Harvest Thanksgiving at 10.45am

Join us to celebrate God's generosity to us. The service will be outdoors (weather permitting). Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

We'll be creating a pop-up harvest display so you are invited to bring flowers, fruit and vegetables to contribute to this if you would like to. Jugs for flowers will be provided.

We will also be collecting donations for the Cranleigh foodbank.

Please see the website [www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk](http://www.standrewsgrafham.org.uk) for more details or contact the Revd Camilla White on [camillaezwhite@gmail.com](mailto: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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