

# Bramley Parish Council

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## BRAMLEY UPDATE

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

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Asda will be holding a meeting to update residents on developments and their action plan at 6.30pm – Bramley Village Hall – All Bramley Residents welcome.
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 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 June, a number of matters were discussed, including:

- Surrey County Councillor Kevin Deanus stated the speed consultation had finished and had found in favour of 20 mile per hour speed limits where appropriate, ie near schools and where there was local support. The 20 speed limits will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- Councillor Deanus also noted that since the average speed check cameras have been operational in Bramley they have recorded a substantial reduction in speed of 5 miles per hour.
- Councillor F Stern reported that she had attended the Dunsfold public consultation. She noted that an application for the first tranche of 500 houses was expected by the end of the year – there is permission for 1800 houses and Waverley Borough Council have 2600 in their plan. Cllr Stern also noted there are still a lot of unanswered questions including where the water supply will come from and how they will dispose of the foul water.
- 3 local residents attended the meeting and expressed their serious concerns regarding the fuel leak and water issues in the village and most concerning how the relevant authorities are going to deal with the fuel contamination to the ground. They also expressed a preference for Bramley Parish Council to

be more involved in the fuel leak issue and its remediation. However, the Parish Council is not a statutory authority and as Councillors are unpaid volunteers, its role is limited to supporting the statutory authorities and communication of information.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

### **New Parish Clerk**

Bramley Parish Council are pleased to announce that Debbie Ersser is now the Parish Clerk. Debbie started working for the Parish Council in June 2021 as the assistant Clerk and subsequently as the Responsible Finance Officer, she has now taken on the role of Clerk. Please contact Debbie with any questions or concerns on 07795 684192 or email [clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk](mailto:clerk@bramleyparish.co.uk)

### **Fuel Leak, Thames Water and Road Closures**

- Asda and their consultants EPS are developing a detailed off site remediation road map for monitoring levels of groundwater and contamination off site and steps to remediate. They are working closely with the Environment Agency on this. At the same time, they are monitoring levels of groundwater and contamination at their boreholes around the High Street and are continuing the work on site to extract and treat groundwater.
- Thames Water have completed the water mains replacement and have now lifted the Do Not Drink order for the residential properties. They are working with the schools to ensure the complex pipe networks on these sites are flushed completely before considering lifting the DND /order on the schools.
- As of Wednesday 3 July, Telecommunications network provider Openreach has analysed the current impact and, at this moment, the direct impact on local phone and broadband services is limited. Openreach, along with specialist environmental consultants, OHES are now working outside Grange Cottages and near to the Holy Trinity Church, where there are underground access points to its network. These points have particularly high petrol contamination, so attempts are being made to reduce the concentrations to levels which are safe enough for engineers to access. This process is complex, and it is unclear how long it will take. Openreach hope to give a clearer indication of its position and further next steps over the coming weeks. Masts have already been deployed to help with mobile coverage. Mobile dongles are being issued by providers for additional bandwidth.
- There have been issues this week with traffic management in the High Street because pedestrians were not following the directions to use the pelican crossings and two-way traffic lights had to be re-introduced. Following a site meeting on Thursday alternative arrangements were agreed and are being implemented now which will negate the need for daytime traffic lights. Overnight restrictions will still be needed however whilst Openreach carry out their work, but these should be less disruptive to traffic.
- A further public meeting has been requested by Asda and will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July in Bramley Village Hall – all Bramley residents are invited to attend.

If you have any queries or problems please contact Cllr Austin who is fielding queries and casework with the various authorities.

### **Bramley Helping Hand**

Over the last few months, Bramley Helping Hands has been supporting local families in need in a range of ways. As well as providing short term financial support to local families suddenly finding themselves in need, this has included providing food vouchers and helping children to access sports camps during school holidays. We are grateful to Bramley Infants School for helping us to provide help relating to the latter.

Now that the Church is open again, we are delighted that the Honesty Trolley is back – please do feel free to either make use of the trolley or make a contribution.

### **News from Bramley Library.**

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

The theme this year is Marvellous Makers. This is a celebration of creative arts that helps motivate children to keep reading and building skills and confidence. 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 from the 6<sup>th</sup> of July to the 14<sup>th</sup> of September just pop into the library for more details and to sign up.

#### ***The Thousand Year Trees' Competition***

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. The book, which will be distributed to schools and libraries in Surrey, is being developed as a creative collaboration between Lucy Reynolds, author; Katie Hickey, illustrator; the Surrey Hills Society; the Guildford Book Festival; Surrey County Council; and Weyfield Primary Academy, Guildford.

Look out for the dates on Bramley Library Facebook page.

We always have the following available at the library.

#### ***Facilities at Bramley Library***

Public Computers  
A4 Colour Printer  
A3/A4 Photocopier  
Free WiFi  
Meeting room for hire  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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).

#### **Five quick wins for your recycling bin**

Did you know, a staggering 298 tonnes of recyclable material had to be rejected for recycling last year? The recyclable material had been contaminated by unrecyclable items that prevented it from being made into something else.

This is a massive issue because rejected loads and contamination of dry mixed recycling is expensive for local councils to sort out – and that extra cost is passed on to councils and the taxpayer. Recycling makes financial

sense for councils as it is cheaper than disposing of waste as rubbish and leaves more cash available for other essential services. It also generates less carbon dioxide than rubbish disposal, so it has additional environmental benefits.

It's widely recognised that recycling can be confusing, though. Putting the wrong thing in the recycling is easily done. The good news is you can follow these five steps to help make it a little easier.

- **Packaging can be misleading. Or, you may think to yourself 'it looks recyclable.'** Check first by using the [Surrey Recycles search tool](#) or downloading it as a free app. It also includes information on how to recycle items that aren't accepted in your household recycling collections such as crisp packets and food and drink cartons.
- **Check what you can recycle separately.** In most areas of Surrey, food waste and garden waste, small electricals, batteries and textiles recycling are collected separately - they don't go in your recycling bin. Use [our recycling search tool](#) or free Surrey Recycles app to check how to recycle them.
- **No food or drink residue** as moisture and grease will ruin cardboard and paper and make it unrecyclable. Give food and drink packaging a quick rinse by dunking it into soaking pans before placing in your recycling bin.
- **Place all items loose** in your recycling bin – nothing inside bags, sacks or bin liners please.
- **Play to bin** – try our [drag and drop waste sorting game](#) today!

Remember, other small changes like swapping to reusables where possible will really help as you'll be creating less waste in the first place. Find out more at: [surreyep.org.uk](http://surreyep.org.uk).

### **Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project**

Help our hedgehogs. For more details visit their [website](#).

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

Despite the ongoing water issues in and around Bramley, life at Bramley Infant Schools last term of the academic year has continued with enthusiasm and spirit! Pre-school got to have some animal therapy at the beginning of term when animal club came to visit them at school with some furry and scaly creatures for them to handle.

The PTFA ran some fantastic events - the fish and chip quiz and the fun run, which raised just under £2000 for the school which will be used to update pre-schools outdoor learning area. We now look forward to what lies ahead next year with all the changes in front of us - whether it be new teachers, new classes or new schools, with the summer fair on 5<sup>th</sup> July a great way to celebrate another fantastic year here at school. The summer holidays will be a very much needed and welcome break for everyone in the school community.

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

For help with pension credit please see [here](#).

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

Our services during vacancy continue as before:

8am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.45am – Sunday Eucharist – From 14<sup>th</sup> July this service will start at 9.30am.

The church will be open but due to the continued works by Openreach the lower gate (with the ramp) will remain closed until further notice.

For any information please email the office at [office@holytrinitybramley.org.uk](mailto: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 Grafham**

Following Camilla's retirement as Priest in Charge there is a change to our service times:

On the first Sunday of the month in July, August and September there will be a service at 6pm only.

On all other Sundays there will be a service at the new time of 11.00am

7<sup>th</sup> July Evensong at 6pm followed by drinks and nibbles.

28<sup>th</sup> July Lammas Eucharist at 11am

The name, Lammas, comes from old English and means 'loaf-mass'. The festival preserves the custom of offering the first fruits of the harvest to God in thanksgiving. At our service of Holy Communion we will be using bread made from wheat grown locally which has been ground into flour at Bramley Mill and then baked in Bramley.

Our brothers and sisters from Holy Trinity, Bramley will be joining us for the service which we hope will be outside in the churchyard with its beautiful views of the Surrey Hills. The service will be followed by a Ploughman's lunch together.

4<sup>th</sup> August Songs of Praise at 6pm followed by drinks and nibbles

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

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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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