



# 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:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Bramley Parish Council Meeting - 6.30pm- Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room – All welcome
- Brighten up Bramley volunteer sessions - Saturdays 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 2pm – see below for more details.
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Bramley Village Fete – 12.00 – 16.00 – Gosden Common.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Bramley Helping Hand AGM – 7.00pm The Parish Room – All Welcome.

## WHAT'S HAPPENED?

### Bramley Parish Council News:

- **Local elections** – Elections were held on 7 May 2026 to the new West Surrey Council. Jane Austin and Kevin Deanus were elected to represent the Waverley Eastern Villages division. The Liberal Democrat group will control the Council, with Conservatives serving in opposition. Click [here](#) for the detailed results.
- **Bramley Fete this weekend** - Gosden Common 12pm-4pm For more detail see below
- **SGN** have updated their programme of ongoing work as per the update below and link here <https://www.sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/shalford-and-bramley>
- **Unstead Lane unlawful development** - the appeal for this site has been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. The applicant is required to reinstate the site by 31st December 2026.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

### News from Bramley Business Network

Thank you for continuing to shop local and support our businesses during the lengthy roadworks. Another massive blow for our High Street. Please come and visit our Discover Bramley stall at the Fete. We'll be selling

our NEW Bramley tea towels! Only £10 each with all funds going to the village Christmas Lights. You can order one by contacting us at [bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:bramleybusinessnetwork@gmail.com).

### **Bramley Village Fete**

This year Bramley village fete will be on Saturday, 16th May from 12:00-16:00 at Gosden Common, Bramley GU5, and we'd love to spread the word to as many people as possible.

The fete is a great fun afternoon for all ages, with games and activities for children, live music and dancing, loads of food & drink stalls, a prize draw with great prizes including £300 cash and a 40" TV, the famous Bramley tug-of-war, and a wide variety of local stalls. It's a great way to spend an afternoon while raising funds for local charities.

#### What's in Store?

Live music - from local schools and bands; dancing encouraged!!

Delicious food & drink - all tastes catered for from bbq and Thai to waffles and ice cream, plus great coffee and a beer tent to keep you refreshed!

Amazing stalls - browse and shop loads of crafts, gifts, and local produce. Remember to bring your own shopping bags!!

Grand draw & raffle - amazing prizes to be won!

Famous Tug of War - Cheer on the teams or take part in this legendary village tradition!

Rides, games & activities - Fun for all ages, with classic fairground games, races, kids' entertainment, and much more!

Many stalls accept cash and card, but some smaller vendors, charity donations, and fun activities may be cash only, so bring some notes and coins as well!

Free entry; look out for more details on Instagram and Facebook [@bramleyvillagefete](#)

### **Women's Cricket at Bramley Sports Pavilion**

Come and play cricket at Gosden Common where the first ever women's match was played in 1745. For more details see [here](#)

**Bramley Helping Hand** – Notice of AGM on Thursday 25 June at 7pm in the Parish Room – all welcome.

Please come and join us at our AGM to find out how we have been supporting Pupil Premium children and their families at Bramley Infant School and Tillingbourne Junior School.

We will also report on the first year of operating the Bramley Helping Hand Community Store – a referral food bank which is currently supporting 10 local families.

Come and find out more about what we do and how you can get involved, either by donating your time as a volunteer or donating long life food and toiletries to our Community Store

### **News from The Wey and Arun Canal**

Due to Wey and Arun Canal Trust moving the bund at the bridge the water level has had to be lowered. The birds will still be able to swim in it and nest. The plan is to move the bund in the next month. We hope this will not prevent anyone being unable to use the walk by the canal. The grass sides of the walk will be left uncut until the flowers have stopped flowering.

We hope you will continue enjoying the walk.

### **News from Bramley Village Society**

Brighten up Bramley

We are going to meet on Saturdays 16th and 23rd May at 2pm. Probably working at Gosden House School.

Please contact Liz ([lizsutherland73@gmail.com](mailto:lizsutherland73@gmail.com)) or look at the BVS [website](#) for updates.

Bramley Village Society AGM for 2026 will be held later than usual, on Thursday 18th June at 8pm in the Village Hall meeting room.

All Bramley Residents are invited to attend.

Anyone wishing to join the BVS Committee, please email [bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:bramleyvillagesociety@gmail.com)

### **News from Bramley Library**

The library has invested in some new dyslexia-friendly books for the Junior Library. Do come in and browse the display.

Storytime for 4-8 year olds will be held on May 28th from 10.30-12.00. Sign up at the library or on our Facebook page.

A Lego drop-in session is also being planned for half term - details will be available nearer the time.

The library volunteers will be manning the bookstall at the fete on May 16th where we will be selling good quality books at bargain prices as well as our branded tote bags. Cash would be very much appreciated.

For our regular activities, opening hours and to hire our meeting room please visit our [website](#)

### **New Repair Cafe planned for Shalford**

A small local group is setting up a new Repair Cafe to be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month in the Shalford Village Upper Hall, starting in September. For more details see [here](#)

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

It has been a wonderful start to the new term here at Bramley Infants. The children have been making the most of the lovely weather, enjoying time outdoors and fully engaging with our outdoor learning areas and Forest School sessions.

We are also delighted to share that the school has updated its school vision, inspired by Jesus' words "Live life in all its fullness" (John 10:10). This vision is brought to life through our four key values: Seek Within, Wonder Why, Reach Out, Aim High.

These values can be seen every day in the actions, attitudes, and learning of both our children and staff.

We are excited to share that the children will be performing at the Bramley Fete, we hope you enjoy the performance and stay to take part in the festivities of the fete

If you want to find out more about our school please do look at our [website](#)

### **Soroptimist International Surrey Hills**

Soroptimists are working to transform the lives of women and girls. We do this through awareness, advocacy and action. We will be meeting by Zoom on 18 May (both 7.30 pm for 7.45pm). We'll also be at the Godalming Town Fair on 30 May: please come along and support our tombola raising funds for our projects. We'll also be collecting lightly used bras and small toiletries there for our various projects. We'd be delighted to welcome new members to help us with our work. Please email [sisurreyhills@gmail.com](mailto:sisurreyhills@gmail.com) for more details. [www.facebook.com/surreyhillsoroptimists/](https://www.facebook.com/surreyhillsoroptimists/) or [www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills](http://www.sigbi.org/surrey-hills)

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

May weekly Sunday Services:

8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist

May Tuesday Services:

8.45am – Morning Prayer

Wendy Williams' Thanksgiving Service and Interment of Ashes, Friday 22 May

2.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, led by the Revd. Camilla White. All those who knew Wendy Williams are particularly welcome.

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 12.30am Parish Lunch (booking required by Thursday – list at the back of the church)

Trinity Toddlers meet every Wednesday during termtime at 10.00-11.30am in the parish room next to the church. All mums and carers are welcome with their little ones for play, socialising, chat, refreshments and even a sing-along!

Visit their [website](#) for church and community information.

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

Sunday Services at 11.00am 24<sup>th</sup> May

14th May 5.30pm Ascension Day Communion Service by the lake at Wintershall Followed by a bring & share picnic

17th May 11am Rogationtide Service at Whitley Manor Farm Followed by a Ploughmans Lunch

31ST MAY 9.30am Trinity Sunday joint Service at Holy Trinity Bramley

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

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Best wishes

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