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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.

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:

- Thursday 10th September - Bramley Parish Council Meeting - 6.30pm- Bramley Village Hall Meeting Room – All welcome
- Friday 25th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September – Educating Rita – 7.30 - Bramley Village Hall – For more details see below
- Friday 9th October – 6.00 -8.30pm – Tasting Evening at Whitley Manor Barn – see below for more details.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council News:

- We are sorry to announce that Jane Austin, having already stood down as Chair earlier in the year, has now also stepped down as a Parish Councillor, due to the workload associated with her new responsibilities representing us as a Unitary Councillor. We thank her for her significant contribution, and look forward to continuing to work with her on local issues in her other capacities.
- SGN gas pipe replacement work on A281 continues heading north towards Shalford. The latest update from SGN can be found here: [Shalford and Bramley | SGN Your gas. Our network.](#)
- Residents may have noticed that a ticket machine has been installed in the library car park by Waverley Borough Council. This does not charge for parking — it issues a free ticket enforcing a 3-hour maximum stay during the day. The scheme was introduced following representations from local traders to help increase footfall.

- We also hope you like the new format of the Bramley Update, as we freshen it up to bring it into line with our other online communications.
- Our next meeting will be held on 10th September at 6.30pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Bramley Village Hall

Bramley Village Hall has recently undergone a programme of internal and external improvements, including redecoration and refurbishment works. New acoustic ceiling tiles have also been installed in the main hall and meeting room to improve sound quality and create a more comfortable environment for users.

Whether you are planning a celebration, meeting, fitness class, club activity or community event, the hall provides an excellent venue for hire.

For further information about the facilities available, or to make a booking enquiry, please click [here](#) or contact Dennis Lordan on 01483 898682.

News from Bramley Business Network

Once again the High Street has been blighted by the SGN roadworks and we thank you all for your patience and continued support for all our businesses. It really is important to us so we can continue to trade and it's a real boost to our morale when you pop in! Thank you.

News from Bramley Helping Hand

Huge thanks to our friends at Strengthworks and their clients for raising £370 for Bramley Helping Hand with their recent World Cup Sweepstake. We are incredibly grateful for their generosity and the funds will cover 18 months of our Fareshare subscription, which allows us to access a wide range of long-life products and fresh vegetables.

We continue to support local families who have been referred to us and currently we have shortages of the following items and we have a donation point in Costcutter Supermarket:

- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Squash
- Biscuits/treats
- Tinned Meat
- Toiletries

We are so lucky to have the support of our community - thank you for your generosity!

Bramley, let's get moving!

A new Circuit-style strength and conditioning class is starting soon at Bramley Sports Pavilion! Whether you're just getting started or already training regularly, this session is designed for all abilities - come along, work hard, have fun and get fitter together! 

Numbers are limited, so if you're interested or want to find out more, drop me a message at 07767 687376 and I'll send you the details.

Ali.

Educating Rita at Bramley Village Hall Friday 25th, Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th September

See Willy Russell's classic comedy, Educating Rita, during its tour of Surrey Villages.

Let the evening's entertainment take you back to the 1980s, as you enjoy an evening out with friends, without even having to leave the village.

Please see [here](#) to book and for more information.

First Aid & Defibrillator information for Bramley

Click [here](#) for more details.

Bramley Library

After a busy summer of events at the library including Lego, drumming and crafting, the Reading Challenge will shortly be coming to an end. Children need only reach 6 goals by September 12th to receive their certificate and wrist band. So do bring your children in to register their completion.

Coffee Morning

Join us for our first Coffee, Cake and a Chat morning from 10.30-12.00 on Wednesday 7th October. Everyone welcome!

Rhymetime continues every Friday morning from 11-11.30 for under 5s.

We are looking for a new Rhymetime leader. If you think you can help do leave your details at the desk.

We are also looking for volunteers to join our wonderful team who help keep the library open.

Contact bramleylibrary@gmail.com for details.

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

News From Bramley Music

Celebrity concert on 26th September

Come to Holy Trinity Church, Bramley on Saturday 26th September at 7pm for this year's Celebrity Recital by world famous clarinettist Emma Johnson, accompanied by Greg Drott, supporting Alzheimer's Research UK. Poster attached. Music from Classical to Jazz, by Mozart, Weber, Poulenc, Finzi, Johnson (first performance of her Scottish Fantasy) and an Ellington Medley. Tickets £20 (under 18s and students £5) online from bramleymusic2012@gmail.com / 01483 892645 or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in Bramley High Street. Free interval drink, free programme and free parking!

News from Bramley Infant School

We welcome back all our children and families to a new school year. We hope you all had a great summer.

If your child starts Reception in September 2027 please do take a look at our website and book a tour now! We can't wait to meet you and show you around our wonderful school.

If you want to find out more about our school, please do look at our website: <https://www.bramley.surrey.sch.uk/>

News from St Catherine's School

Baby Cats

Join us at St Catherine's Prep School for a series of hands-on activities with your child in a safe, nurturing and encouraging environment. All sessions are free, on-site parking is available and refreshments are provided.

Music and Movement (2-4 years) - Friday 25th September - 9.30am - 10.30am

Sing, dance and move to the beat in this fun, energetic session.

Paint, Puzzles and Play! (1-3 Years) - Friday, 16th October - 9.30am - 10.30am

An opportunity for your little ones to explore and play through hands-on activities.

To book your place at one of our Baby Cats events please complete the online booking form:

[Baby Cats Autumn Term Booking form 2026](#)

Tasting evening at Whitley Manor Barn – Friday 9th October

Come to a beautiful old timber framed barn on Friday 9th October between 6pm and 8.30pm and enjoy a tasting evening. Sample various delicious products (including some alcoholic ones) made locally, meet the producers, and buy whatever is to your taste! The venue is Whitley Manor Barn, Palmers Cross, GU5 0LL, just off the A281. No need to book, entry is only £5, pay on arrival (cash preferred) (free for Friends of St Andrew's and Grafham). Soft drinks and nibbles provided while you sample. Enquiries to Barbara Salvage 07917 365551 or friends@standrewsgrafham.org. All proceeds to St Andrew's Restoration Fund.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

September weekly Sunday Services:

8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer

9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist – No service on Sunday 9th August – Joint service at St Andrew's at 11.00am.

September Tuesday Services:

8.45am – Morning Prayer

Autumn Fair

The Holy Trinity Autumn Fair will be held on October 10th from 10am till 3pm. If you are willing to volunteer or would like to have your own stall please let us know by contacting the parish office.

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

News from St Andrew's Grafham

Sunday Services at 11.00am 13th, 20th & 27th September

Evensong – Sunday 6th October 6.00pm followed by drinks and nibbles. This will be the last Evensong Service this year.

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

Please note to the change to the email address if you need to contact anyone urgently - The Rev'd William Davie rev.williamdavie@gmail.com or 07784 923770 (not Fridays)

Or one of the Churchwardens Colin Parrott colinparrott61@gmail.com or 07957 758832 Caroline Whalley caroline@birtleyhouse.co.uk or 07786 330574

Parish Administrator – new email to be announce shortly.

Revd. Canon Michael Godwin

Many of you will remember Michael, who was Vicar of Bramley and Grafham between 1985 and 1998. He died peacefully on 1st August, and his funeral will be on Monday 21st September at 2pm at All Saints Church, Roffey, Crawley Road, Horsham RH12 4HF. The family would love to see you there. If you are able to stay for the wake, which is currently being arranged, please let Michael's daughter Susan know on sueadamson@btinternet.com. Do visit the 'Much Loved' page at <https://reverendcanonmichaelfrancisharoldgodwin.muchloved.com>. Michael and his late wife Joan devoted themselves wholeheartedly to our two villages, and he played a key part in the campaign in the 1990s to save Bramley School from closure.

Heritage Open Day at St Andrew's Grafham on 12th September

On Saturday 12th September between 10am and 4pm visit St Andrew's Church, Grafham GU5 0LJ and discover this glorious and tantalising gem of our Victorian heritage while also exploring the lives of past parish residents. Visitors will be welcomed with delicious refreshments to be enjoyed contemplating the view to the Surrey Hills. Our local 'Radio Hams' will also be there, communicating all round the world! Parking is available at the Grafham Room approximately 300m north of the Church. For those with mobility issues there is limited parking at Woodyer House next door to the Church. Enquiries to stuartwhite2023@gmail.com / 01483 892645. For more details please see [here](#).

Also, on Saturday 12th September between 10am and 4pm, drop in at the Grafham Room (on the A281 at GU50LJ, just 300 yards north of St Andrew's Church) to see what our local Radio Hams get up to! They will be broadcasting to the whole world about Grafham's heritage - find out how they do it and also learn about their vital contribution to keeping us all safe.

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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