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BRAMLEY UPDATE

November 2025

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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Thursday 13th November Full Council meeting and Planning Review committee meeting 7.00pm-Bramley Village Hall meeting room – All welcome
- Saturday 15th November, 2pm at Gosden Common. Brighten up Bramley planting daffodil bulbs.
- Bramley Christmas Lights Switch On Thursday 27th November from 5.30pm.
- Bramley Fete Christmas Ball Saturday 13th December 7.00pm at Bramley Golf Club.

WHAT'S HAPPENED?

Bramley Parish Council update

At the Parish Council meeting in October, a number of matters were discussed, including:

- WBC Cllr Goodridge stated that no progress had been made on the CIL issue.
- Councillor F Stern stated that the Clock House Lane Appeal hearing had taken place on 25-26th September. The appeal will resume on 22nd October for the Inspector to consider whether the application fulfils the criteria for a 'grey belt' site.
- The yellow lines and crossing in Station Road have been repainted following a request by BPC Cllr Saunders.

To read the minutes in full please visit our website

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Government Announcement regarding Surrey Council reorganisation

The <u>government anounced</u> last week that Surrey is to be split into two unitary authorities - West Surrey and East Surrey. Waverley will form part of the western unitary with elections next May 2026. For further information please click <u>here</u> - and look on <u>Surrey County Council Website</u> or <u>Waverley Borough</u> Council's website.

Eastwood Road Playground

Bramley Parish Council are pleased to announce the imminent reopening of the Eastwood Road playground. From now on playground will be renamed the Bramley Train Park.

After many unavoidable delays we are now completing the final work which will allow us to open it to the public after the necessary safety inspection has been completed.

Bramley Parish Council is planning further enhancements in the coming weeks including the re-siting of the waste bin, the refurbishment of the existing climbing frame and the addition of bike racks. Please bear with us while we undertake this work.

Phase 2 of the work will cover the football pitch and goals, expected completion date in Spring 2026.

This project has been jointly funded by the Asda Community Fund, Bramley Parish Council's Community Infrastructure Levy pot plus a grant from Your Fund Surrey. We are very grateful for the funding to expedite this project which otherwise may have taken many years to fundraise for.

We also give all our thanks to the Eastwood Road Playground Committee - the project has been entirely managed by community volunteers, and we are very grateful for their commitment and hard work. We hope the children enjoy the new play space.

A281 Bus Shelter opposite garage

In February 2025 the bus shelter was destroyed by a car. A temporary bus stop has been installed until the new shelter arrives. We share residents frustration about the delay and continue to chase Waverley Borough Council for an installation date. We have received confirmation that the replacement shelter under order will be like-for-like.

Bramley Bonfire

Once again the Bramley Bonfire was a huge success. Thank you to everyone involved for a fantastic event. Although haunted by torrential rain for the days and hours before the event when it really mattered conditions were mild and dry leading to a brilliantly large turn-out.

As always the focus of the night is to make sure Bramley residents have a great firework display and bonfire to celebrate Guy Fawkes night and reduce the number of back-garden fires and displays.

The Bramley Bonfire has been running for over fifty years now and is entirely organised and run by volunteers. The Bonfire committee would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all those who step-up and ensure the night happens safely and successfully.

Being involved on the night or as part of the organising team is a joy and we would love to welcome more people into the team. Whether you are established in the village for a long while, or moved here recently, the bonfire team is a great way to get involved with the village and meet lots of fantastic people.

Please drop Phil a message using <u>bramleybonfirechairman@gmail.com</u> to find out more.

Please click here for a full review of the evening events.

Bramley Fete Christmas Ball

Saturday 13th December - 7.00pm at Bramley Golf Club. See here for more details.

Rushett Common Woodland Management Work

WBC are planning work at Rushett Common for more details and to have your say see here.

Have your say on the future of Waverley by helping to shape a new Local Plan

Waverley Borough Council is inviting residents, community groups, and businesses to help shape the future of the borough as it begins consultation on the first stage of its new Local Plan.

The Issues and Options consultation will run from Monday 27 October to Monday 8 December 2025, giving everyone the chance to comment on the key challenges and choices that will guide how Waverley grows and develops over the next 20 years. To take part click <u>here.</u>

News from Bramley Business Network

Christmas Lights switch on Thursday 27th November from 6pm to 8.30pm Library Green Countdown at 6.30pm
Stalls and Refreshments
Shops open late
Singing from local schools choirs
Live band with seasonal favourites - The Firebottles

MORE LIGHTS THIS YEAR!!!

Unstead Lane Unauthorised Development - Meeting with GBC Head of Planning

On 1st October Guildford Borough Council planning department served an Enforcement notice relating to the unauthorised development at Unstead Lane. The Council has also served a stop notice relating to the same development, albeit both were subject to appeal by the applicant. Guildford Borough Council Shalford is holding an update meeting on Thursday 20th November at 6pm at Shalford Village Hall which will be attended by the GBC head of planning. Representatives from Bramley Parish Council will attend to represent Bramley residents views, including Bramley ward Councillors Jane Austin jane.austin@waverley.gov.uk and Cllr Michael Goodridge michael.goodridge@waverley.gov.uk.

News from Bramley Helping Hand

Our community store continues to support Bramley families in need referred to us by Citizen's Advice or similar. We are very grateful to our local community for all of their support. You may have noticed our new donation point in Costcutter - thanks to Lauren and her team for their support and donations of pumpkins for Halloween. Gosden House School donated their Harvest Festival Collection this month, as did Holy Trinity Church in Bramley. Going forward we are looking for volunteers to help run our Community Store - please do get in touch on bramleyhelpinghand@gmail.com if you have a coupe of hours to spare once a month. Thank you to everyone in our community who have supported the Community Store!

News from Bramley Village Society

Saturday 15th November, 2pm at Gosden Common.

Join us with a spade and some gloves to plant the final lot of daffodil bulbs!

Contact Liz Sutherland on lizsutherland73@gmail.com

News from Bramley Library

For our regular activities, opening hours and to hire our meeting room please visit our website

News from Bramley Music

Bramley Music Piano Quintet concert Sunday 16th November at 4pm in Holy Trinity Church.

See <u>here</u> for details - tickets just £10 (£5 under 18s and students) from <u>stuartwhite2023@gmail.com</u> or in person (cash only) from Robertsons in the High Street.

There will be a free glass of wine or soft drink in the interval. It will be a most enjoyable occasion - do come!

Celebrate Christmas at Bramley Golf Club

Festive Lunches
Work and Club Party Nights
Christmas Buffets
Celebration Evenings

To Find out more contact either: 01483 892696 (option 2) or sarah@bramleygolfclub.co.uk

News from Bramley Infant School

November brings with it a new half term and our new school value of Respect. There is much to look forward to from odd sock day, Remembrance day, Children in need and no pens day at the end of the month. For more info on what we get up to here at Bramley please take a look at our weekly newsletters on our website https://www.bramley.surrey.sch.uk/main-school/weekly-newsletters

St Catherine's PTA Christmas Fair

Visitors are warmly invited to the St Catherine's PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 22nd November from 10am to 4pm. We have lots of lovely independent businesses coming to join us for the day alongside delicious food and refreshments, entertainment, children's activities and a fabulous raffle. For more details see here.

The Nativity at Wintershall - 18-21 December

For more details see here.

News from Holy Trinity, Bramley

November weekly Sunday Services: 8.00am – Bramley Book of Common Prayer 9.30am – Bramley Parish Eucharist

Visit their website for church and community information.

News from St Andrew's Grafham

November weekly Sunday Services 11.00am

Please see the website for more details.

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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