

# BROOKWOOD NEWS

October 2021

## EDITORIAL

I'd like to apologise for the fact that we were unable to bring you the September edition of Brookwood News. This was partly due to someone's family circumstances and also to the small number of people who act as editors.

This seems an appropriate time to ask anyone considering joining our small team to please get in touch. Similarly, please let us know of anything that may be of interest to other Brookwood residents and we'll include it.

Stay safe.

John Power – Editor

## PLANNING

Woking Borough Council submitted its final draft of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document to the planning inspector last July. The plan, which identifies land and allocates specific sites to enable the delivery of Woking's strategy, has, with some modifications, been pronounced "sound and legally compliant". The inspector's report and modifications will be considered and presented to the full council for adoption later this year.

The plan includes building 93 dwellings (2023–2024) on the old Coblands site on Brookwood Lye Road, and six Traveller pitches (in addition to the existing thirteen approved pitches) and one Traveller transit site (2022–2027) at Five Acres on Brookwood Lye Road.

These, like all of the other proposed developments, will still require planning consent to be progressed.

## GARDEN WASTE COLLECTION



As most of you will know, the fortnightly garden waste collection service in Woking has been suspended for a while. Councillor Kevin Davis has recently informed us that a reduced winter service started on 27 September. It will collect garden waste every couple of months over the winter period. Waste Solutions will be writing with further details to service users.

The service will stop as usual over the Christmas period in anticipation of the increased recycling and residual waste generated at that time.

To say sorry for the disruption to this service, Kevin Davis is pleased to say that all subscriptions will be extended by six months next year once the service is back to normal. He is sorry that the service has not performed as expected recently, but is relieved that they have managed to get a

winter service in place. The national driver shortage situation changes all the time and he will continue to keep a close eye on developments.

If you have more garden waste than can be collected then you can take it to a Community Recycling Centre for free. Details about the centres are on the Surrey County Council website. If you are taking garden waste to a Community Recycling Centre then please check if you can help out any elderly neighbours or those without transport by taking some of theirs as well.

If you would like to receive future updates about your waste collection service by email, please call the Amey Contact Centre on 03332 340978 and ask to be added to the email list.

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# BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL



Woking Foodbank has now reopened its doors so users can visit in person. The number of people using its services has increased over the last year due to the pandemic and so it is more important than ever to provide help to those most in need in our community.

Trudi and Darren have therefore started dusting off the sleigh in anticipation of collecting all those heavy food parcels for this year's Christmas campaign, which will run from Friday 29 October to Sunday 5 December.

If you would like to provide a food parcel of non-perishable items, please attach a label with your name and address so Trudi and Darren can thank you personally. Current drop-off points within the village are Brookwood

Club and Bakers Dozen during their working hours. If you would like to be a drop-off point too please let Trudi and Darren know.

Alternatively you may wish to make a donation either in cash or via the Justgiving page, <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/trudi-fletcher-1>. Donations may be used to purchase non-perishables or put towards paying the rent on the Foodbank's new premises in Lansbury Estate. The justgiving page was set up last year and was a great success while everyone was less able to visit the shops.

If you are a local company and would like to get involved please do let Trudi and Darren know. Trudi will be having regular interviews

with Radio Woking based at Winston Churchill School, and is more than happy to promote your business through all types of social media throughout the campaign.

If you'd like to know more about the campaign, or would like a food parcel to be collected, please contact Trudi on [trudifletcher@rocketmail.com](mailto:trudifletcher@rocketmail.com), by telephone on 0788 7565163 or by leaving a message at one of the drop-off points. More information on Woking Foodbank can be found on their website, <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk>.

Finally Trudi and Darren have asked us to pass on their thanks for your help, for thinking of others and your continued support for this excellent work.

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## MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE



Jon Andrews from Radio Woking has shared this lovely story with us.

Jon saw a message on Radio Woking Facebook from Sarah in Germany, who was out collecting driftwood on a beach when she found a message in a bottle from Christopher aged 6 with a Brookwood address.

He had no idea how long the note had been in the bottle or if Christopher would still be at the address, but he went to the address and put a note through the door asking them to get in touch. Anna, Christopher's mum, contacted Jon and agreed to do a Zoom recording. Jon captured the moment when Sarah, Anna and the two boys saw each other for the very first time. During the call it emerged that the bottle was thrown over the side of a boat somewhere between Harwich and the Hook of Holland back in July, and that Anna is from Germany too; they all plan to stay in touch and maybe visit each other.

## MANDY'S MARATHONS



Back in March this year we included an article about Mandy Sherwood's plans to complete her 'bucket list challenge' of running two marathons this year. Things didn't go quite as she had planned as the races were rescheduled, but the great news is that she has now completed her two marathons.

Mandy's first marathon, the Fox-Sherwood Lollop in August, consisted of a run from her daughter's house in Brookwood to her son's house in West Sussex, a distance of 27 miles. On arrival she was presented with a beautiful medal from her grandson Freddie.

Her second marathon, 'The Fox' in September, started at St Mary's Church in Worplesdon and used 'The Fox Way' which follows a circular route around Guildford to Godalming, another distance of 27 miles.

Mandy sends her thanks to everyone who supported her and wished her good luck in this challenge. More details of Mandy's story can be found on her fundraising page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MandySherwood>.

Congratulations Mandy on running your socks off with help from your faithful training companion Beamish!



## STEAM AND SPACE



Some of you may not be aware that steam locomotives regularly pass through Brookwood station and often stop to take on water. In August, Bahamas, which runs a very limited number of tours each year, passed through. Bahamas was built in 1934 and was the very last engine to be experimented on in British Rail's attempt to improve the performance of its steam fleet in the 1960s. Since then it has been returned to main line running condition with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. It started running again on the main line in 2019 for the first time for 25 years.

One evening in September, Flying Scotsman,

probably the most famous locomotive in the world, stopped at Brookwood to take on water on its way back from a day trip from London to Salisbury. Flying Scotsman was unveiled in 1923, and achieved fame a decade later when it was clocked at 100mph, the first locomotive to have officially reached that speed.

In 1963 the locomotive went out of service and spent 40 years in private ownership touring the world. It was then bought by the National Railway Museum for £2.3 million, supported by a £1.8 million national lottery grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the incredible generosity of the public. In 2016 it

returned to main line running, and has been delighting old and young since. Over its lifetime of nearly 100 years this magnificent symbol of railway heritage and technology has travelled about 2.5 million miles.

Coincidentally, while Flying Scotsman was taking on water, the International Space Station could be seen passing overhead. As the ISS circles the Earth once every 90 minutes, it takes about 6 days to travel 2.5 million miles – a great indication of how much the world has changed in less than 100 years!

# BROOKWOOD ART GROUP



# ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

## the Octavian Singers



The Brookwood Art Group is back in action, now that the Memorial Hall is fully open, meeting there every Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm. The members share a common interest in art work, in a variety of media, including water colour, acrylic, pastel, pencil, oil and charcoal.

Some members are novices who just enjoy having a go, whilst others are accomplished artists. It is a friendly group with plenty of opportunity to chat and discuss ideas and techniques. The future programme includes an all-day workshop in October and a mini workshop on using felt in art work later in the year. They will also be participating in art competitions.

They welcome enquiries from anyone who may be interested in joining; you can try out the club for a couple of mornings to decide whether it meets your needs. Please have a look at their website, [www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com](http://www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com), and contact them at [art.brookwood@outlook.com](mailto:art.brookwood@outlook.com) if you might be interested.

St Saviour's church is open again and running services most Sundays at 10am. The new toilet and vestry area has been completed, giving easy access to facilities and a larger space for children to play.

Sunday events this month are a Puppet Service and baptism on 3 October, a Reflective Service (quieter service with communion) on 10 October, Café Church where you can chat to your neighbours over breakfast on 17 October, and Worship for Everyone including craft

activities for all ages on 24 October. Everyone is welcome.

We are also delighted to announce that the local Octavian Singers will be giving a Christmas concert on Sunday 28 November at 6pm. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Finally, if anyone would like some organ pipes for their garden or home to use as a feature somewhere, there are still plenty available at the back of the church to take away.

## PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Pirbright Horticultural Society invites you to their October meeting in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 8pm on Tuesday 7 October. The evening's talk by Peter Almond is entitled "Plants that changed history". All welcome.

## BROOKWOOD CEMETERY WALKS

The Brookwood Cemetery Society's bookable monthly tours of the cemetery are continuing in October and November. There is a choice of four themed walks around the cemetery, with afternoon tea afterwards. Walks commence at 2pm from the Glades of Remembrance car park. The booking details and the walks offered can be found on their website, [www.tbcs.org.uk](http://www.tbcs.org.uk), or from 07714 289375.

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