

BROOKWOOD NEWS

December 2015

EDITORIAL

Ho Ho Ho! It's that time of year again, and it's one of my favourite times in the village. With so much going on with all the Christmas fairs and turning on of the tree lights at the club, it's not long before the social calendar is full up.

It has been a good year for the newsletter team. We have managed to attract some new editors on board (we are always looking for more) and have also secured some long-term funding from Seymours for which we are very grateful. Most importantly we have had some excellent feedback and articles from the village residents. This is what the newsletter is all about, to share your good news and concerns, telling us about upcoming events and helping to bringing the community together.

So on behalf of the newsletter team we would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Graham Hunt – Editor

VILLAGE EVENTS AND ONLINE CALENDAR

We've added a community calendar online (http://www.brookwood.org.uk/calendar/).

The idea is that village groups (or individuals) that may be planning an event could check here to make sure no major clash will occur. This will also give the newsletter editors a source of dates for next month's news. We have already added some events leading up to Christmas, but it would be good to have input from other village organisations such as the WI, Scouts, Guides, Church, Memorial Hall, Club and School for it to work properly. Major sporting fixtures could also be added so we can avoid a potential lack of support for your event.

If you have a date for a special event that involves a group of Brookwood residents, please consider letting the newsletter team know (email: community@brookwood.org.uk).

GOODBYE TO THE MAYO

We were sorry to see that the Mayo has gone. Sandy and Jo were an integral part of the village, and always had a wave as you walked past and greeted you with a smile in the shop. We wish them all the best for their future.

HELLO TO THE BROOKWOOD FISHERIES

We didn't have to go without chips for long. The new chip shop is run by Andrew and Robin, and is now open for business. I spoke to Andrew last week and he said things are going really well. Best of luck guys, and welcome to the village.



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CHRISTMAS AT ST SAVIOUR'S

This Advent, Caroline, Ben and Jo of the Holy Trinity and St Saviour's Church staff will be just one group of many who will be sleeping out in spaces transformed into Advent 'stables'. The idea is to have fun and raise sponsorship money that will help Church Urban Fund reach out to some of England's most marginalised people.

Dressing as Mary, Joseph and the Angel Gabriel on the evening of 13 December, the team will walk the streets of Knaphill – perhaps visiting a few 'inns' along the way – and eventually coming to rest at a pre-fab stable that will be their shelter for the night in front of Holy Trinity Church in Chobham Road.



The team are looking forward to the challenge but realise that for them this will be just one night of sleeping without proper shelter, whereas for many it is a daily and seemingly endless struggle. Caroline says, 'As well as homelessness, many people may be facing debt, isolation, addication, abuse or violence. Whatever challenges they face, the Advent Sleepout Challenge will help the Church Urban Fund reach out to even more people, offering practical solutions to help transform lives locally.'

Jo added, 'We will be sleeping outdoors, whatever the weather, but perhaps looking forward to a few visitors bringing supplies of hot chocolate! If they'd really like to get into the spirit of the event, perhaps they'd like to come dressed as shepherds, kings or angels?' So, if you see some strangely dressed characters out and about on the night of Sunday 13 December why not stop and encourage the team by leaving a donation for the Church Urban Fund?



You can also help support the team, by visiting the Church website (www.knaphillchurch.co.uk) where you will find a link to their fundraising page.

St Saviour's Christmas dates

Saturday 12 December Messy Christmas Journey, 3.30 to 5.30pm
Sunday 13 December Christmas Café Church, 10.30am
Sunday 20 December Carols by Candlelight, 7.00pm
Thursday 24 December 20:20 Crib Services, 3.30 and 4.45pm
Thursday 24 December Midnight Holy Communion, 11.15pm
Friday 25 December Family Christmas Day Service,10.30am

ST SAVIOUR'S MONTHLY MIDWEEK COMMUNION

The service of Holy Communion, which normally takes place on the third Wednesday of the month, will not be taking place in December 2015 or January 2016. The February Holy Communion service will be on 10 February 2016 (second Wednesday of the month as this is Ash Wednesday). From March 2016 onwards the service will again be on the third Wednesday of the month, **commencing at the later time of 11am.**



Brookwood School Christmas Fair will take place from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Friday 4 December. There will be stalls, games and refreshments, and maybe even a visit from Santa. All welcome.

On Friday 18, the last day of term, we will be having carols and mince pies outside the school at 2pm. Again everyone is welcome.

CREATE SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR YOUR LOCAL 2015 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A great opportunity for everybody in and around Brookwood and Pirbright to visit this year's Festival – or to display an individual talent, spotlighting a group or organisation. Enter a unique, decorated Christmas tree at the 2015 Christmas Tree Festival in St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 December.

Trees should be no bigger than 4 feet and can be made of any creative material, edible or otherwise! There will be no entry charge and prizes will be awarded. The festival will include a Christmas Market, a Grotto on the Saturday and traditional refreshments ending Sunday 5 December with a Candlelit Christmas Concert. So, as an individual or with family and friends be creative and get involved in your local 2015 Christmas Tree Festival.
For more details or to enter a tree contact Pauline and Michael Cannon (michael@normandyparklodge.com or 01252 326534).

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Our next regular cash bingo evening is on Saturday 5 December, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members. Our first bingo evening of the new year is on Saturday 2 January 2016, 8pm.

On Saturday 19 December we have live music from local band Stormy Waters from 8pm until late. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

Thursday 31 December is the Club New Year's Eve Party, with Gas Man Disco, from 8pm until late. As numbers are restricted it is a ticket-only event, with tickets going on sale to members from Thursday 3 December. Prices are £2 for members and £4 for members' guests, with all proceeds from ticket sales going to our local charities of BAN and Woking Hospice.

Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club.

1ST BROOKWOOD SCOUT GROUP CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Scout Group will be collecting 'real' trees for recycling on the morning of Saturday 9 January 2015. If you would like your tree to be collected, please call Nick Gair, our Group Scout Leader (07900 902916), to get on the list We will only be able to collect trees that we know about. Call as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

A small donation would be appreciated (suggested amount £3) – leave it with your tree on the day. Any profits will go to 1st Brookwood Scout Group Funds (Registered Charity Number 1019247).

UPDATE ON THE WESSON SITE

Portchester Estates have now acquired the site from Hampshire Investments. They are a high-end developer. Paul Gardiner from the company stated that the former owners had spent close on £1/2million treating the soil for contamination. However, mechanical shovels cannot be used to excavate any further.

On completion the site will be landscaped; however, instead of gardens, there will be a concreted floor with occasional planters. The scale of the build is unaltered.

The flats flanking St Saviour's party wall will have undercover parking spaces, two floors and tiled roofs. These flats are devoid of windows to St Saviour's aspect, so any Preschool activities will therefore not be overlooked. Paul has agreed to build a new party brick wall for St Saviour's. This will extend to the back fence and side gate at the garden end of the hall. Building work is due to commence within the next 3 weeks.

NEW ARRIVALS

Here at the newsletter we always like to know about new arrivals to Brookwood. If you had a baby born in 2015 and would like to introduce him/her to the village please let us know all about them at community@brookwood.org.uk (with a picture if you wish).



VILLAGE POST OFFICE AND BAKERS CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Mon 21st	8.00am-5.30pm
Tues 22nd	8.00am-5.30pm
Wed 23rd	8.00am-5.30pm
Thurs 24th	8.00am-1.00pm
Fri 25th	closed
Sat 26th	closed
Mon 28th	closed
Tues 29th	8.00am-5.30pm
Wed 30th	8.00am-5.30pm
Thurs 31st	8.00-100pm
Fri 1st	closed
Sat 2nd	8.00am-5.30pm



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Saturday 12 December 6pm

Lights switch on at 7pm by Brookwood WI

Music by Winston Churchill School Ensemble

Singing by Brookwood Primary School

Charity BBQ with hot dogs and mulled wine

Charity Raffle for BAN and Woking Hospice

Everybody welcome

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

Also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk

Friday 4 December	Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.30 to 5.30pm
Saturday 5 December	Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8pm
Sunday 6 December	Brookwood Cemetery Society walk, 2pm. A walk to highlight the restoration projects over the years. Led by Kim Lowe and Margaret Hobbs
Sunday 13 December	Heritage walks. Byfleet 2pm. Meet at the old Parvis bridge over the Wey
Saturday 2 January	Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8pm

Carol Baker
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Preferably by email to: community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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