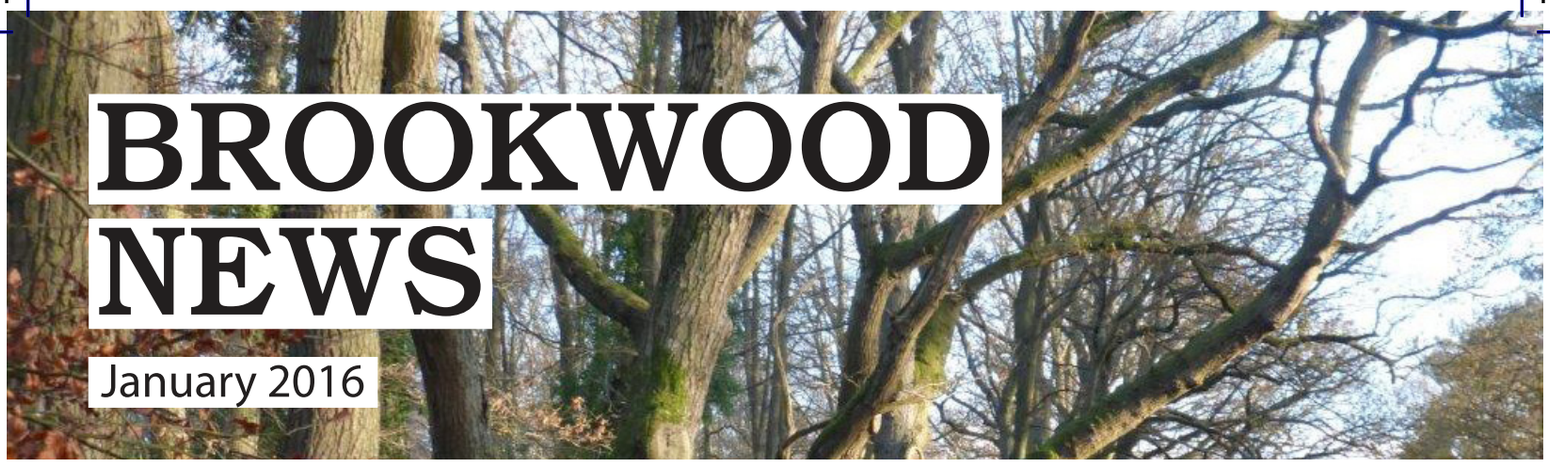


BROOKWOOD NEWS

January 2016

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Village Christmas Tree event and for your generosity in raising £237 for our local charities. Special thanks to the children of Brookwood Primary School for singing and the Winston Churchill band who played that evening. The tree was lit by Mrs Mary Cook, President of the local Women's Institute, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the WI.







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EDITORIAL

The Station

It looks likely that the new car parking facilities will be installed later than originally thought. There appears to be a 3-month delay on the whole project, so currently it is unlikely that work will begin at Brookwood until May/June. We will keep you posted.

Accidents

How many letters have we printed in the past year warning about the danger of accidents at the exit of the station? Sadly, they were right. In the ten day period at the end of November/first week of December three motorcyclists were knocked down by motorists leaving the station in the rush hour. Fortunately, to our knowledge, none have been seriously hurt. But it does underline the danger of heavy traffic in a confined area with impaired sight-lines. Both Cllr Kevin and the manager of the line are looking into it. In the meantime, please take care if you are a commuter leaving the station in the dark.

Travellers

You may have seen Cas Halls' piece in the Woking News and Mail recently questioning why the number of travellers on Brookwood Lye is set to be increased. It seems the short answer is that other councillors do not want them in their wards. At present we have 15 legal pitches and not four but six illegal ones. Cllr Kevin has asked the Council repeatedly to remove the illegal ones. So far the Council has failed to act. It seems the plan is to move yet more people on to the site, almost doubling the current numbers. Why? Not because it is right or in anyone's interest but because it is politically convenient.

Ponies on Brookwood Lye

It is nothing less than scandalous that these poor ponies have been left on Brookwood Lye. The land is wet and strewn with rubbish; no way can it be deemed healthy. Yet it seems that no one can do anything to help them. So frustrating.

Thank Yous

Thank you to everyone in the village who has worked hard to make Christmas happy for us all. Special thanks to Tony and Stuart at Fulks, the staff at the PO/Bakery and all our posties. We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Judith Male
Editor

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Thursday 31 December is the Club New Year's Eve Party, with Gas Man Disco from 8pm till late. As numbers are restricted it is a ticket only event, with tickets now on sale to members and their guests from the bar. 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.

Our next regular cash bingo evening is on Saturday 2 January, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

Don't forget that all memberships need to be renewed by 31 January. The annual fee is £10. Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club.

BBNF QUESTIONNAIRE

Everybody in the village should have received a questionnaire from the Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum. This is your chance to give your views on the area and its future. Thank you to everyone who has already done so. If you find yours when you are clearing up the Christmas cards, please still send it in.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

What happens to our young people when they leave the village? If you were at Brookwood School in the past and would like to let us know what you are doing now, we would love to feature you in a future newsletter. Our first ex-pupil is Peter Brooks who has recently passed his MSc with merit in Development Planning. Peter now works for Spelthorne Council in Staines upon Thames in the Planning Department.



WELCOME ALEXANDER!

Alexander Henry Stephen was born at the Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford, on 6 November 2015. Alex weighed in at 7lbs 4oz and is the first child of Laura and Chris Stephen of Elphinstone Close. Congratulations to the proud parents.

CALAmity PATH?

The 'path' constructed by Cala Homes to link the Brookwood Farm site with the village is already looking in a very poor state. Cllr Kevin is asking questions.

PRIZE-WINNING SAUSAGES

Fulks' pork and sage sausages have won the Surrey Farmer Sausage Competition 2015. Congratulations to Stuart who made them. We know they are the best, of course.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL FAIR

The Christmas Fair at the school raised £1700. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

TAIL WITH A HAPPY ENDING

Two small dogs went missing on Sheets Heath in mid December. Dog walkers all round the village were looking out for them for some days. Now we are glad to report that they are safely reunited with their families. One was found in Bisley and the other in Old Woking.

PILLBOXES

If you walk along the canal towards Deepcut you will notice that the pillboxes are looking much smarter. They have been cleaned and tidied by volunteers from the Basingstoke Canal Society and the Pill Box Restoration Society.



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).

FESTIVE WASTE COLLECTIONS

Black bins will be emptied on Saturday 2 January.

Blue bins will be emptied on Friday 8 January.

Green bins will not be emptied on 2 January, but normal service resumes on 14 January when green and black bins will be emptied as usual.

Please sort your rubbish carefully and remember: if wrapping paper rips then it is recyclable.

CALLING SMALL BUSINESSES

We are keen to do our bit to support local businesses and in the February issue we will be running a Business Directory again. This is open to all small businesses/traders in the village and the listing will be free of charge. Please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk for details.

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday in June and there will be a number of national events including a big birthday party. Local communities are encouraged to organise their own parties along the lines of the Big Lunch (www.thebiglunch.com). Is Brookwood up for this?

There is also a 'Clean for the Queen' initiative encouraging a big litter clear-up at the beginning of March.

If there is enough interest in these ideas we will look at organising events in Brookwood. Please contact us at community@brookwood.org.uk to express an interest.

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 30th January, 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church. Teams of 6–8, or come along to make up another team. Tickets £10 including supper. In aid of St Saviour's ReGeneration. Further details from Yvonne Craven (sts@brookwood.org.uk or 01483 480273).

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VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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Thursday 31 December	New Year's Eve Party at the Club, 8pm until late
Saturday 2 January	Black bins out
	Bingo at the Club, 8 for 8.30pm
Sunday 3 January	BBC 1 programme on Muslim Peace Garden in Woking, 1.15pm
Friday 8 January	Blue bins out
Saturday 9 January	Christmas Tree Collection by Scouts
Thursday 14 January	Green and black bins out (normal service resumes)
Saturday 30 January	Quiz at St Saviours, 7.30pm
Sunday 31 January	Renewals due at the Club

Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

Adverts are £25 for an ⅛ page, or £45 for ¼ page. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk.

Deadline for the February issue is 20 January 2016

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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