

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Brookwood Club have several events during December when everybody is welcome, including non-members.

A Christmas cash and prize bingo evening on Saturday 3 December, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book.

Village Christmas Tree Event, Saturday 10 December from 6pm. There will be music by The Winston Churchill School Band and singing from Brookwood Primary School children. The lights are to be switched on by Rev. Julie Levett at 7pm. Hot dogs, mulled wine and a raffle will be raising money for charity.

Blues band, Stormy Waters, will be performing on Saturday 17 December from 8pm until late.



Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club. Please see the notices outside the Club for our Christmas and New Year opening times.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

(also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk)

Friday 2 December
Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.15 to 5.15pm

Saturday 3 December
Bingo evening, Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm

Saturday 10 December
Christmas Tree event, Brookwood Club, 6pm

Saturday 17 December
Rapunzel Panto, Brookwood Memorial Hall, 2pm

Saturday 17 December
Stormy Waters, Brookwood Club, 8pm

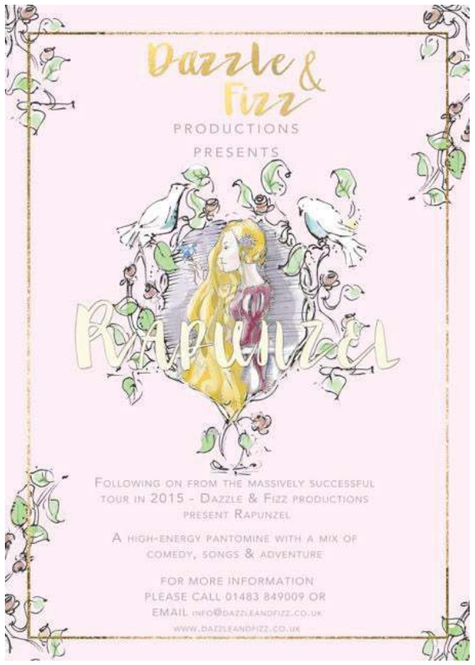
Sunday 18 December
Carols by Candlelight, St Saviour's Church, 7pm

Saturday 7 January
Christmas tree recycling by Scouts

(see also separate list of Christmas services at St Saviour's Church)

DAZZLE & FIZZ WITH RAPUNZEL

Dazzle and Fizz have been wowing audiences with their theatre shows since 2010 and are very proud to bring 'Rapunzel', their Christmas Pantomime to Brookwood this year. Join us on Saturday 17 December at 2pm at the Brookwood Large Memorial hall. Tickets are £6.00 each (plus booking fee 92p) and can be purchased online (www.dazzleandfizz.co.uk/events). Some tickets may be available on the door. Join us for a 45 minute, professional theatre show, full of songs, comedy and loads of audience participation.



Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

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NB: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS EARLIER DATE of 12 December

preferably by e-mail to community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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BROOKWOOD NEWS

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EDITORIAL

Another busy year in Brookwood is drawing to a close, but I hope you are all looking forward to Christmas and will enjoy the season, whether it is full of socialising, or peaceful and quiet. There are plenty of events on this month at Brookwood School, the Club, St Saviour's Church and Brookwood Memorial Halls. Next month, we would like to feature our new little residents, so if you have had a baby in 2016, introduce them to the village by sending in an email and picture (community@brookwood.org.uk). If you have got a new pet, how about introducing them too! A thank you to all the volunteer newsletter team who has been keeping us up to date throughout the year. Don't forget that anyone can contribute an item to the newsletter, whether it is an event, an interest or a view. We would love to hear from you. Meanwhile, Brookwood News team would like to wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a very happy

Yvonne Craven, Editor



From left: Tim Talbot, Albert Panel, Trevor Millard, John Farminer, Roy Hitchcock, Brian Hart, Ronnie Cook, Arthur Martin and manager Mr Hart.

BROOKWOOD BULLDOGS

A few weeks ago, someone put a news cutting through my door about a cycle craze that happened in the 1950s, involving a team from Brookwood, called the Brookwood Bulldogs. I contacted the journalist, David Rose, to see if he had any further information on the local team. He has kindly sent the item below.

Cycle speedway was a craze that swept the nation in the immediate post-Second World War years and saw teenagers race pushbikes around cinder tracks. Towns and villages throughout the UK spawned hundreds of teams, and in the Woking area there were the Old Woking Jets, Chobham Rockets, Send Mustangs and Brookwood Bulldogs. They competed against one other in fierce contests on bikes assembled from old and spare parts, and without brakes or mudguards. Crowds would turn out to see the races that took place on waste ground near to where the youngsters lived. The Brookwood Bulldogs' track was at Sheets Heath. At the track, the brakes would be removed and the riders donned their crash helmets and bright tabards, which usually included the name of their team. It was not uncommon for coaches to be hired for their family and fans to travel to the competitions.

A former Brookwood Bulldogs rider, Arthur Martin, who was 14 years old when he first raced, recalled: 'Chobham Rockets and Old Woking Jets started the whole thing off. We heard about them at school and used to go to see them at Coxhill, Chobham. We then started going to Brookwood and managed to get into the Bulldog team. There was always a big crowd no matter where we went. The crowd would sit up on the sandbanks – there was a bigger following for cycle speedway than either cricket or football. We had such pride in our bikes – we made them ourselves. We lived in Knaphill and would ride along the canal towpath to get to Brookwood. Then in the evening we would have to ride back in the dark trying to avoid the canal.'

The cycle speedway craze was not to last. As the young riders grew up they were called up for National Service, and when many of them reached the age of 18, they were tempted to ride motorcycles instead. However, cycle speedway remained fairly popular into the 1960s, and it even continues to this day in a few parts of the UK, although not in Surrey.

David Rose, writer and local historian. David writes the weekly 'Peeps into the Past' in the Woking News & Mail, and online, The Guildford Dragon News

(davidrosemedia@gmail.com 01483 838960).

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BROOKWOOD AND BRIDLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

The Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum has received grant funding for the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan project. Although the amount was less than requested, it has allowed the committee to appoint professional planning consultants to work on the evidence gathered so far, and bring together all aspects in one document for assessment against national policy, guidance and legislation. This 'Gap Analysis' then leads into a review of the community profile from the 2011 census data, the national and district planning policy including housing, employment, infrastructure, historical and natural environment issues. The Forum is still looking for additional volunteers for about 4 to 6 hours per month, including some internet-based research, so if you can spare the time please contact us (chair@bbnf.org.uk). Photo Request! The Forum still needs suitable photos of Brookwood and Bridley which show unique views of the neighbourhood (email to chair@bbnf.org.uk). Updates can be seen on the Forum's website (www.bbnf.org.uk).

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Don't forget to visit the Christmas Fair on Friday 3 December, 3.15 to 5.15pm where there will be games, stalls and refreshments. Santa might put in an appearance too!



ANGEL GO!

If you are doing your Christmas shopping in the local shops in Knaphill, don't be surprised if you see a 'heavenly host' of angels! Inspired by the 'Pokemon GO' phenomenon, Holy Trinity & St Saviour's Church members have been knitting, crocheting and crafting angels for an ever-so-slightly 'lower tech' version, which they are calling 'Angel GO'! Jo Birkby, the Children & Families worker says, 'We will be giving all the children in our local schools a sheet, or Angeldex, which gives clues to where they'll be able to find the angels. The shopkeepers who are participating have given their angel a name and the children will have to find them and fill the name in on their Angeldex. It's our hope that this will not only encourage and support our local shops, but also create a feeling of community as well as providing a bit of fun for families as they 'catch 'em all!' The 'hunting' period will be 14 November to 12 December and there will be several prizes given out at Brookwood and Knaphill Schools, where an entry will be selected at random.



This is just one of the ways in which Holy Trinity & St Saviour's hope to make connections in the community this Christmas, as there will of course be carol services on Sunday 18 December and other great family services including Christingle, 20:20 Crib and Messy Church, full details of which can be found on their website (www.htandstschurch.org).

CHRISTMAS AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH



Come and visit your local church this Christmas. Everyone is welcome to our special Christmas services.

Sunday 4 December	20:20 Puppet Service, 9.30 to 10.15am
Saturday 10 December	Christmas Messy Church, in hall, 3.30 to 5.30pm
Sunday 18 December	Christmas Café Church, from 10.30am onwards
Sunday 18 December	Carols by Candlelight, 7pm
Saturday 24 December	Crib Services with 20:20 puppets, 3.30 & 4.45pm
Saturday 24 December	Midnight Communion, 11.15pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day service, 10.30am

THE LAST POST

These dates always creep up on us, so here is a reminder of when you need to get those cards posted in December and the opening hours of Baker's Dozen Post Office:

3rd	Africa & Middle East
7th	Cyprus, Asia, Far East, Eastern Europe
8th	Caribbean, Central & South America
10th	Greece, Australia, NZ
14th	Czech Republic, Germany, Italy, Poland
15th	Canada, Finland, Sweden, USA
16th	Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland
17th	Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg
20th	Last post 2nd class
21st	Last post 1st class

The Post Office opening hours during the Christmas period:

Christmas Eve	8am to 12pm
Monday 27 December	Closed
Tuesday 28 December	Closed
New Year's Eve	8am to 12pm
Monday 2 January	Closed

THE POINTLESS POST

When I first saw it, I was astonished, puzzled, annoyed and then resigned. I'm talking about the grey post that suddenly appeared in the middle of the pavement near Heath Drive. I don't want to get small-minded, but it really is in the most irritating place, resulting in people and buggies having to veer round it. Then I realised that it was probably something to do with the change of entrance and exit at the station. A few days later, on my way to the Baker's Dozen, I saw a group of yellow jackets getting out of a lorry with a bunch of various signs in the back. A discussion ensued and a bit of head scratching with occasional glances at the grey post. 'Are you putting a sign on that?' I asked, trying not to look like a village busy body. 'Yes', came the reply, 'but we're not sure which one'. Ten minutes later, I returned to find no lorry, no yellow jackets and, unsurprisingly, no sign. So it might be a pointless post, but I'm sure us villagers will find a use for it. Kevin Davies has with a poppy, so maybe it will be tinsel next!

'POST'Script! The post now has a sign on it, but THE WRONG ONE!!! Kevin Davies knows and has logged a complaint to SCC.





YOUR LOCAL SCOUT GROUP NEEDS YOU!

1st Brookwood Scouts has been active in the village for almost 100 years and we are keen to keep contributing to the community. We are looking for leaders for Cubs and Beavers. Would you like to do something exciting, worthwhile and fun? Would you like to help young people grow, while developing more skills of your own? See your own and other children develop into confident young people ready to try anything, with a zest for life and adventure. Help them to learn life skills, gain awards and badges, and jump at opportunities. You will gain real skills valued by employers, and for your CV: leadership, confidence, adaptability, initiative, problem solving and more. Meetings are held on Friday evenings at Brookwood Memorial Hall (Beavers aged 6–8 years, Cubs 8–10½). Previous knowledge of the Scout Association is not necessary. Trial sessions are available and full training is given. If you would like to join the adventure, or need more information, please contact us (dc@wokingscouts.org.uk, 01483 770923 or gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk).

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Brookwood Scouts will be doing their Christmas tree recycling collection on Saturday 7 January 2017. Suggested donation £4. Anyone wishing to book before then can email us (gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk)