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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).

BROOKWOOD BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Sue Webber is editor for February and will be doing the business directory again. If you wish to be included (at no cost!), please contact community@brookwood.org.uk with basic details and a contact number/email. Sue needs the information by 20 January at the latest.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Saturday 31 December
New Year Party at the Club, 8pm to 1am

Saturday 7 January
Christmas tree recycling by the Scouts

Saturday 7 January
Prize Bingo at the Club, 8 for 8.30pm

Saturday 28 January
Quiz Night at St Saviour's, 7.30pm

BROOKWOOD CLUB



Thanks to everybody who supported the Village Christmas Tree Event; despite the rain we raised an impressive £252 from the charity raffle, BBQ and mulled wine, to be divided between Woking Hospice and Mustard Seed Autism Trust. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks too to Brookwood Primary School children for their enthusiastic seasonal singing, and to Winston Churchill School Ensemble for their professional performance.

Tickets are now on sale for our New Year's Eve Party on Saturday 31 December, 8pm till 1am. Tickets cost £2 for members and £4 for guests of members (max 2 guests per member) with all proceeds from ticket sales going to our local charities.

Our first cash and prize Bingo Evening of 2017 is on Saturday 7 January, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

Please see the notices outside the Club for our Christmas and New Year opening times.

Please note that annual membership renewals of £10 must be paid by 31 January 2017. Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club.

THE POST (Continued)

And, finally, on 13 December Nick from SCC gets the signage on THE POST up correctly!



Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

Adverts are £25 for an 1/8 page advert or £45 for ¼ page. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk

NB: DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS 20 JANUARY

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

January 2017

CHRISTMAS IN BROOKWOOD

Thank you to everyone – especially the children in the village – who worked hard to make Christmas special for us all.













WELCOME 2017!

New Year's resolutions have never worked for me. They only succeed in making me feel guilty by the end of the first week of January so the only resolution I've made is to give them up. But 'hopes' are another thing. For this issue we have invited a number of people in the village to tell us what they hope for in 2017. It makes for an interesting read. And I trust many of their hopes will be realised as the year progresses.

Welcome to New Residents

2016 saw many comings and goings in the village. If you have moved to Brookwood in the last 12 months, welcome! It is a great place to live and, in my experience, there are some pretty wonderful people here. There are also lots of activities and groups. If you can't find what you are looking for online, do email the community@brookwood.org.uk team, and we will try and help you. There are also some people who have moved house within the village in the past year as they can't bear to leave us!

Welcome to New Babies

A special welcome to all the babies born here in the past 12 months. We wish you and your families much joy as you grow up in this community.

Judith Male, Editor

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HOPES FOR 2017

Would it be too much to hope that SW Trains might be able to do something to improve access on platform 2 for disabled people, people with buggies and people lugging suitcases?

My hope for Brookwood for 2017 is that St Saviour's continues to develop its facilities and open its doors to new ventures that benefit the community, e.g. Lunch Bunch – monthly lunch for people on their own – and Brookwood Youth Cafe; and that we can identify new activities that can enhance our village community. *Revd Julie Levett*

Having had a close shave with a lorry whilst on foot outside the Club, my wish is for a 20 mph limit to be imposed on Connaught Road and heavy lorries to be encouraged to use other routes.

My wish is for a long hot summer and lots of bbqs... and not to see another turkey for at least 11 months.

My wish is for everyone to respect the beautiful countryside around us by not dropping litter.

We continue to work very hard at preparing all our pupils with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to develop to fulfil their role as local, national and global citizens. My wish for the future is that those who lead education at the highest level in our country continue to value this work, and provide us with the encouragement, support and resources to bring out the best in all our youngsters. They only get one go at primary education, and we strive to make this a rich and rewarding experience. I look forward to seeing many of you during the course of next year.

Mrs Jo Green, Head

I'll be focusing on these objectives:

Ensuring the SADPD (Site Allocations Development Plan Document) process delivers a stable traveller site and the right type of housing on the Coblands area.

Pushing for improvements to Brookwood Crossroads and the traffic management at Pirbright tunnel.

Working with the BBNF to hopefully deliver a referendum on a Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Kevin Davis

I wish that the shops stay open and the empty ones find good businesses who want to live in them, and that any lonely resident finds a friendly face nearby.

I would like the path along the Basingstoke canal to be mended. And it would be great if the Cala homes path was made good so cyclists can actually use it.

TREASURER'S THANK YOU

On behalf of the Brookwood News team (lovely people – you know who you are), could I send our thanks to our sponsor, and all our supporters and advertisers (you also know who you are!) for helping to keep the news on the Streets and Closes of Brookwood over the past year.

Jean Hassell

SAD NOTICEBOARD

Is there anyone in the Brookwood community able and willing to make some repairs to the community notice board so that it can function as a weatherproof display for village matters, and not look tired and dilapidated. It should be possible to cover reasonable materials by a village organisation or voluntary contributions. Please email community@brookwood.org.uk if you can help.



TONY WRITES...



I would like to say a big 'thank you' to the residents in the village who let their drives to regular commuters during the car park rebuild in the summer. Also thanks to everybody who uses Brookwood Station for being so friendly and patient. I have enjoyed the last 4½ years at Brookwood very much. May I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Tony (the Ticket) Burley
Ticket Office Clerk, Brookwood Station

HELLO



We would love to introduce 3 new baby girls to the village. They were all born in 2016 and are already the best of friends!

From L-R in the attached photo- Beatrice Whiteley, Erin O'Brien and Emma Oliver.

END OF YEAR REPORT – BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

It's the end of another exciting and successful year at Brookwood Primary. We continue to enjoy the support of many friends from the village, for which we are very grateful, and love seeing you at various events and on the occasions that we bring the children out into the community.

As well as sending another group of youngsters off to secondary school in good shape and making great progress with all the others, we've managed to fix the clock and improve the fabric of the school in other ways, not least sealing a few leaks and upgrading some of our outside play areas. We've built a new website too. This year we've launched a new curriculum, called the International Primary Curriculum, which is challenging our children to explore some very exciting areas of learning and new topics. We've started a Forest School too, during which pupils work on challenges and tasks outside the classroom – including building shelters, solving problems, learning more about nature and their surroundings, and lighting the odd fire!

As always, there is a standing invitation for you to come in and visit to see us at work should your curiosity get the better of you – just get in touch and we'll welcome you in.

Mrs Green, Headteacher

PIRBRIGHT ARMY TRAINING CENTRE AWARDED FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH



Woking Borough Council awarded Freedom of the Borough to the Army Training Centre, Pirbright, at a Special Meeting of the Council on 8 December 2016.

The Freedom of the Borough recognises exceptional contributions, or distinctive service to the Borough, by an individual or group of individuals. During the Special Meeting Cllr Anne Murray, Mayor of Woking, presented a ceremonial certificate to mark the occasion to representatives from the Army Training Centre. Cllr Murray said: 'The Honour of Freedom of the Borough is not lightly awarded and signifies the esteem that the services and soldiers of the Centre are held in.'

The Army Training Centre is based at the Alexander Barracks in Pirbright. Established in 1875, the Centre delivers training to over 5,000 new recruits and reservists each year. The 14-week course prepares all adult recruits, both male and female, over the age of 17, for service. They will then go on to join a wide range of Military Corps and Regiments, in which they will hone specific skills for their chosen Army trade.

On St George's Day, 23 April 2017, there will be a formal public presentation of a velum scroll. The Centre will be invited to march through the Borough, with Colours flying, bands playing, drums beating and bayonets fixed.