BROOKWOOD NEWS

September 2018

Scouts

1st Brookwood

EDITORIAL
– a message from the Group Scout Leader

Welcome to the September edition of Brookwood News. 1st Brookwood Scout Group has been invited to lead the contributions this month. We are a small part of the Scouting movement which comprises over 25 million members all around the world. I've been told that the 1st Brookwood Group has been running almost continuously for 100 years. If any of our older residents are able to provide some historical information about the group we'd be very interested to hear from you. As a group we are very fortunate to have the excellent facilities of the Memorial Hall as our base on Friday evenings, and would like to extend our thanks to the Hall Committee and all the volunteers who help to maintain it. Hopefully we help to repay some of this through our community involvement. The mission of Scouting is to help our members develop skills for life and contributing to the local community is a key part of this.

Mark Kilcullen



New Beavers making the promise

BEAVERS

BEAVER COLONY
(girls and boys aged 6–8)

What a year it has been for Brookwood Beavers. At Christmas we swam Jason up the 'river' to join the leadership team in Cubs, along with Nick as an Assistant Beaver leader to join Flo and Seren and our fabulous young leaders: Laura, Byron and Nathan, who have been a massive support during the last year. This term we are also welcoming Charlotte to the leadership team but there is always room for more…

Our colony has grown from strength to strength, ending the term with 22 Beavers. Seven are due to swim up to Cubs and there is a waiting list of 16 Beavers who are eligible for an immediate start. We have had visits from the Beavers' pets, undertaken team challenges and worked on our disability awareness, when Beavers had a chance to experience some of the challenges faced by people living with a disability. As a colony we have also been well represented at District events with good attendance at the Remembrance Day Parade at Brookwood Cemetery, the St George's Day Parade at Woking Football Club, Science Day and Bazzaz. Bazzaz involved thousands of Beavers from over Surrey enjoying a day of hundreds of activities at Merrist Wood. Over 200 badges have been awarded this year to Beavers who have demonstrated a vast range of skills, including nine bronze awards, which is the highest award that can be achieved at Beavers. It's hard work but worth every minute, especially when a beaver shouts 'best session EVER!' at the end of the session.



The Beavers Carol singing at Brookwood Station



Lining up for Remembrance Day

cubs

CUB PACK
(girls and boys aged 8–10)

Another exciting year in Cubs, with 13 moving up from Beavers and four excellent Cubs moving up to Scouts, whom we were sad to see leave. During the year, we have taken part in the District-organised Science Day and Sports Day. Autumn term saw us outside hiking and

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orienteering whilst the weather was still good, increasing the pack's knowledge of first aid, a visit from some reptiles plus creepy-crawlies, and honouring Remembrance Day. The term finished with carol singing at Brookwood Station. In the spring, new Sixers and Seconders were chosen, who have grown into the roles over the last couple of months. Our programme focused on events including Burns Night, Chinese New Year, bowling plus Chocolate Bingo nights, Quiz and catapult building. This summer we had outdoor skills with campfire cooking, tent-building, and a guest session on air activities, where Cubs learned about physics and built their own planes. There was also a Skills Challenge evening and a village litter pick. Over 150 badges have been awarded during the year and nine of our older Cubs took part in the District Back to Basics Camp. They had to put up their own tents (officially inspected!), take part in survival skill activities, including gutting and cooking fish, building and lighting fires, archery, pioneering, branding, performing a skit, sleeping under canvas and a hike. All survived and went home no doubt tired but full of exciting new experiences. This autumn the Cubs are eagerly anticipating our first whole pack camp for several years. This term, our leaders, Neil, Jason, Nick, Pete and Mark, will also be joined by Kayley.



The Cubs learning how to put up tents



The Cubs practicing their fire skills

Scouts

SCOUT TROOP
(girls and boys aged 10–14)

The Scout Troop numbers were down from 29 to 24 due to 11 Scouts passing the leaving age, six of whom are now in the Challengers Explorer Unit. We fielded teams in the Esher District Night Hike, Woking District Night Hike, District Lightweight Expedition, County Cyclocross, and secured second place in the District Rifle Shooting. The highlight of the year was beating off stiff competition to win the County Lightweight Expedition. Many congratulations are due to the team for becoming county champions, but everyone who has camped or hiked has played a part in this success and given the Troop the experience to make a challenge possible. During our Friday evening meetings the Troop has continued to develop traditional scouting skills including cycling, wide games, fire lighting, night hikes, incident evenings, pantomime, rifle shooting, bowling, survival and environmental work at Fox Corner. Two of our former Scouts have been selected to attend the World Jamboree 2019 in the USA. The camping programme has been substantial with Scoutabout, (thousands of Scouts gather from all over Surrey for a weekend at the South of England Showground doing hundreds of activities), District Canoe Camp, May Camp and Half Term Camp. Summer Camp is planned for early September. Our leaders, Huckle, Pete, Simon, Mark and Ahsan, will be welcoming Stephen to the team from September.



The winners of the Surrey County Lightweight

YOUNG LEADERS
(girls and boys aged 14–18)

Woking District Explorer Units mean young people can continue their adventures. This also gives them the opportunity to train as Young Leaders and return to work with the adult leaders to deliver an exciting programme of activities. Our Young Leaders make a fantastic contribution and develop skills that will benefit them in the future. It would be great to welcome more of them.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Not all roles in Scouting are uniformed and we would be lost without the dedicated support of volunteers who help to keep the group functioning by running the waiting list, meetings, finances, fundraising, website and lots more. Please get in contact with us at www.brookwoodscouts.org.uk or gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk if you think you could spare some time.



Family Camp 2017

BEAUTIFYING BROOKWOOD

A group of parents and children got together to do a litter pick along Connaught Road on Monday 20 August. We picked up loads of cigarette packets, plastic bottles and drinks cans, and got many supportive comments from passers by. All the kids also really enjoyed taking part! There will be another 'local litter pick' for people to take part in on Sunday 4 November at 10am. As part of a larger effort to smarten up the main road through Brookwood, we are currently awaiting permission from the council to plant more flowers and shrubs in the flowerbeds at the junctions with Heath Drive and Connaught Crescent. We have also enquired about railing baskets for outside Brookwood School. We will be looking for local volunteers to help us, so if anyone is interested please do get in touch (e-mail brookwoodinbloom@gmail.com).
Jess Sawyer





WW1 CENTENARY MEMORABILIA

At St Saviour's Church we would like to mark the centenary of the end of the First World War. To do this we will be opening the church from 8am to 6pm on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November. We would like to hold an exhibition of artwork, poetry, letters, stories and any photographs related to WW1. Do you have anything we could use? Maybe you had a Nan who contributed to the war effort by driving a lorry, or a Grandad who took photos, did drawings, or sent letters home. Perhaps you have medals to display or other items of the period. If you do, we would love to showcase them. To find out more, if you have something to exhibit, or any other ideas of how we can commemorate this important date, please call Chris on 07793 032573.
Chris Hunt

AQUATIC HOME NEEDED

I have heard that some goldfish are looking for a new home, so if anyone in the village has a suitable pond then please get in touch with Graham on 01483 836017

NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGM

A reminder that the Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum AGM will be held at St Saviour's Church on Tuesday 18 September from 7.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend.

VILLAGE BIN

A bin has appeared outside the newsagents to collect textiles and shoes. It is run by a company called RTS Textile Recyclers. They are not a charity and collect unwanted stock from charity shops as well. Better quality clothes are sent to Africa, warmer items to Eastern Europe, and the rest gets sold on for cleaning cloths, mattress and sofa filling. I spoke to a representative and he pointed out that this means there is zero landfill. It is useful to know the background of the company so that you can make an informed choice about where you take your unwanted items.
Yvonne Craven



HALLS OVERHAUL



Twelve people and a dog turned up to clean the Memorial Halls on Saturday 18 August. After three hours they were looking beautiful. Thank you very much everyone for all your help!
Judith Male

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Sunday 2 September	Puppet Church, St Saviour's Church, 10am
	Guided walk, start Cemetery Office, 2pm 'Prominent Ladies'
Tuesday 4 September	School re-opens for Autumn Term
Friday 7 September	Village Whist Drive, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 8 September	Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm
Wednesday 12 September	Arts Society Lecture, Lord Roberts Centre, 10am
Friday 14 September	Charity Coffee Morning, Bentley's Garage, 8.00-11.30am
Sunday 16 September	Café Church, St Saviour's Church,10am
Tuesday 18 September	BBN Forum AGM, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 22 September	Stormy Waters, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Friday 28 September	Macmillan Tea Party, Brookwood Club, 3-5pm
Sunday 7 October	Puppet Church, St Saviour's Church, 10am plus Bring and Share Harvest Lunch, after the service

BROOKWOOD CLUB

We have had a quiet August at the Club but things are picking up now in September. Please keep an eye on the notice boards outside the Club for more information on future events. Thanks for all the positive comments and feedback on the Club's floral display. It's all down to the hard work of the steward and his team, and it does look amazing. See the village diary for our regular events, when guests are welcome if accompanied by a member. Quiz Night is every Sunday starting at 8.30pm. Special events include blues band, Stormy Waters, playing on Saturday 22 September, and our annual Macmillan Tea Party will be held on Friday 28 September, 3–5pm, so join us for fizz and cake. If you are interested in becoming a Club member, please drop in and speak to a member of the friendly bar staff or committee member.

Graham Hunt







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