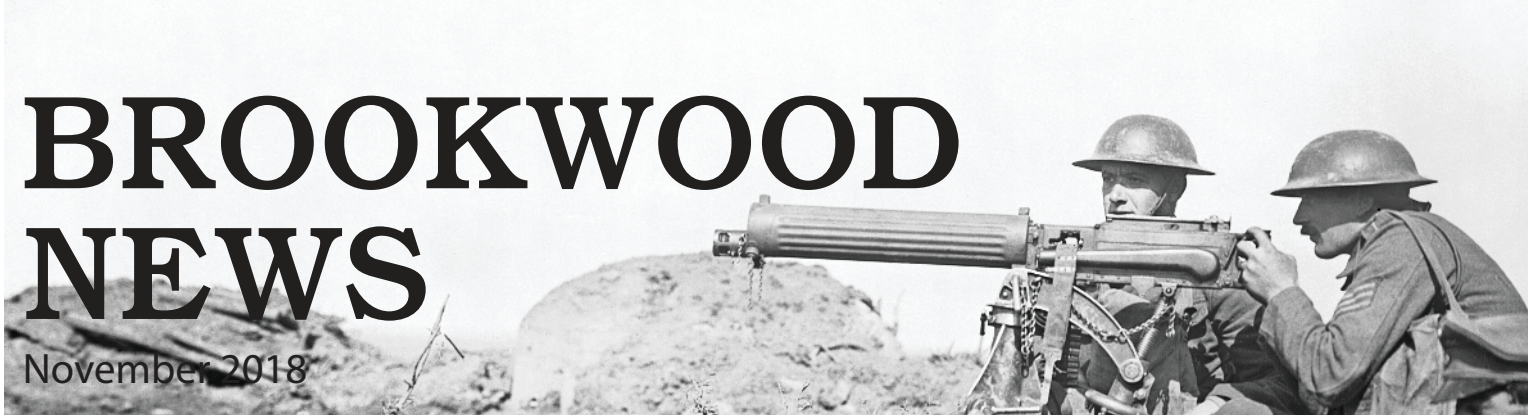
BROOKWOOD NEWS

November 2018



CAN YOU HELP WOKING FOODBANK?



Santa's Foodbank helpers Eloise, Molly-Anne and Amber

The Christmas Foodbank Collection is now under way – here's a message from Trudi, the Organiser.

So can you help? Hopefully yes. How can you get involved? It's really easy: when you are doing your regular food shopping could you spare a few non-perishable items? If so, that would be great. I am now taking food parcels and donations. The latter will enable me to purchase the non-perishables on your behalf.

The staff at Brookwood Club and Bakers Dozen/ Post Office have kindly offered to take in the food parcels during working hours throughout November. Regular updates will appear on Brookwood Club's Facebook site during this period saying what the Foodbank currently requires; alternatively, check their website (https://woking.foodbank.org.uk). If you provide a food parcel, please attach a label with your name and address so I can thank you personally.

Here are some of the items that will help someone have a better Christmas:

Tin of biscuits, Christmas cake, biscuits for cheese, savoury snacks, Christmas chocolate selection boxes, long-life sponge puddings, healthy bars, long-life juice, long-life mini rice puddings, canned rice pudding, long-life custard, canned fruit, long-life milk, canned spaghetti, canned pies, canned casserole meat, canned vegetables, powdered potato, instant coffee, vegetable oil, ketchup, brown sauce, mayonnaise, Marmite, peanut butter, honey, clothes washing detergent, washing up liquid, toilet paper, personal toiletries.

If you would like me to collect your parcel please drop me an email at trudifletcher@rocketmail.com or leave a message at one of my drop off points – I now have a sleigh, yes that's right, a sleigh as pictured, created by Brookwood villager Phil Bayliss of PA Bayliss Carpentry!!!!!

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the November edition of Brookwood News. Happily, an abundance of material this month means that the editorial is mercifully brief. Thanks to all the contributors and to you for reading it!

John Wheeler - Editor

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Every year we remember with gratitude, pride and no little sadness the courage and the sacrifice made by so many people in the First World War and in conflicts since then. This year is the Centenary of the Armistice and it coincides with Britain's Remembrance Sunday. There will be a Remembrance Service at St. Saviour's Church on Sunday 11 November, which will include communion, commencing at 10am and concluding with the minute's silence at 11am. If any organisations wish to attend and/or lay wreaths they are very welcome to do so but it would be helpful if they could inform Revd. Julie Levett of their attendance (levtherev@htandstschurch.org).

Remembrance ceremonies will also take place in the UK, Canadian and German sections of Brookwood Military Cemetery, which are open to the public. Limited parking at Brookwood means visitors may be directed instead to the train station, which is a short walk from the cemetery. The Commonwealth exhibition housed in the Canadian Records Building continues and Sunday tours are being hosted until Christmas (see www.cwgc.org for details).

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Woking Lions Club and the Citizens Advice Bureau's Project Wenceslas invites those receiving the Winter Fuel Allowance to donate some or all of the payment to those in fuel poverty. Payment can be by cheque to Woking Lions Club/CA and posted or taken to Project Wenceslas, Citizens Advice Woking, Provincial House, 26 Commercial Way, Woking, Surrey, GU21 6EN or on-line (https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/wokinglionsclub). More information is available from Lion Roger at 01483 723832

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY SOCIETY

The Society is looking for volunteers. If you have an interest in research, meeting with the public, and feel you are confident in taking on a guided tour please contact the Society via their email info@tbcs.org by the end of January 2019.

The Society's next walk starts from the Cemetery Office entrance, off Cemetery Pales, on Sunday 4 November at 2pm; details are in the Village Diary. A donation would be most welcome. There will be no monthly walks in December, January and February

NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to James and Sarah Burt on the arrival of their daughter Isabelle Dickin, born 28 September 2018, weighing 7lb 3oz.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Brookwood WI Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 24 November from 2pm. Admission for adults is 50p, children are free. Join us for refreshments, Christmas raffle, Tombola, Christmas stalls, children's games, homemade cakes, books, jewellery and a visit from a very special person.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the small Memorial Hall, starting at 7.45pm, so if you would be interested in coming, do pop along for more details or ring the President, Mary, on 01483 831832

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

In October Brookwood Cemetery won Gold in the Large Cemetery category at the prestigious National Cemetery of the Year Awards, for its high industry standards and good practice.

Philip Potts of the Memorial Awareness Board, promoters and organisers of the Cemetery of the Year Awards for nearly 20 years, said: "The team at Brookwood Cemetery performed exceptionally throughout the extensive judging period which is focused on industry standards, good practice and freedom of choice."

Since December 2014, the Council has implemented an extensive restoration programme, including removing vegetation, returning previously overgrown areas of the cemetery to use, building a new mausoleum and creating a landscaped Garden of Remembrance and an additional 100 burial plots featuring carefully selected trees and shrubs, including a specimen Cedar of Lebanon, that reflects the historic nature of the Grade 1 listed cemetery. The cemetery lake has also been rebuilt and extensive improvements made to the office and public facilities. Currently works are ongoing to replace sections of the historic perimeter wall.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT Saturday 8 December 7.30pm

A date for your diary next month when local group, Academix, will be giving another concert at St Saviour's Church. This one will be full of seasonal sparkle, so come along with your friends and family for a relaxing musical evening. Academix are a close harmony contemporary a cappella band that love to sing well-known pop and jazz hits, covering several decades. Regulars at Guildford Fringe festival, and the Brandenburg Fringe club nights, their unique style comes from their diverse talents, with arrangements that are written almost exclusively by the band members themselves. More details next month..



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

When Ofsted visited Brookwood School early in September staff and pupils were thrilled to show the inspection team the fantastic work that happens every day. They were very proud that the inspectors recognised the real strengths in the way that the children learn and behave. The team noted that the pupils behaved "impeccably", were "extremely tolerant and respectful of each other" with "impressive maturity". Ofsted's report, which can be read in full on the school's website (www.brookwood.surrey.sch.uk) also noted the "skilful teaching" and "interesting and varied curriculum" which "successfully stimulates pupils' learning".

Parents considering Brookwood for their child's first 'big' school are encouraged to contact the School to arrange a visit. The Reception intake for 2019 will be open for children who will be 5 years old between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020. The website contains a list of pre-planned dates for a tour of the school, but other times may be available.

The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 7 December from 3.15pm. As well as a variety of games for younger visitors there will be Tombolas, a BBQ, cakes and refreshments. There are a number of external stallholders coming, so a great opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done. Raffle tickets will be sold and prizes donated so far include vouchers for the Watercress railway, Birdworld, a Jakes Family Day voucher and a Claire Bemister photography family photo shoot voucher. Father Christmas will also be in attendance, and you can have a photo taken with him (please book in advance by contacting the school office). We look forward to welcoming you there. Contact fobschair@gmail.com if you would like a stall at the fair.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

The Club is delighted to report that £453 was raised for Macmillan at the recent Cake and Fizz event, which the Club has rounded up to £500. Thanks and congratulations to Lee and all the staff and everyone who came along for cakes, coffees, tea and bubbles on the day.

Events planned in November are the regular Quiz nights, starting at 8.30pm every Sunday, Bingo on Saturday 3 November, eyes down at 8.30pm (guests welcome at both these events when accompanied by a Member) and singer Emma Baldwin on Saturday 17 November at 8.30pm, performing a mixture of new and old classic cover songs.

NEWS FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN DAVIS

Woking Borough Council's latest Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SADPD) was approved in October and the proposals will now be submitted to an inspector for approval.

My on-line blog explains in detail the SADPD process. For Brookwood, there are no proposals for the 2027 – 2040 period so we can expect no development other than minor changes to the already built area.

The treatment of the Five Acres site was rather devious in the original SADPD in 2016, with officers considering doubling the number of authorised pitches to around 30. I campaigned ferociously against this disgraceful plan and achieved some significant victories.

Even now, Five Acres has 13 authorised permanent pitches, and two temporary pitches, although they are currently not in the location that planning permission has been granted for.

The proposals for Traveller accommodation at Five Acres in the latest SADPD are for an increase from the current 15 pitches to 19 pitches, an increase of 4 overall. There will likely be an additional transit pitch allowing some flexibility for visitors to legally visit.

This appears to be the best outcome that could have been achieved for Brookwood and is approximately 11 fewer than had previously been suggested. The planning application for these 19 pitches is currently making its way through the system. The Planning Department is dragging its heels on the illegal pitches on the back of the site but now with the publication of the SADPD, they will struggle to justify doing nothing about it.

ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH – 10 MESSY YEARS

10 years, 110 celebrations, 786 different crafts and activities, over 700 different visitors, 75 volunteers. There was much to celebrate at St Saviour's as they looked back over 10 amazing years of this incredibly fun way of growing in faith together as families.



Messy Church was developed for those families who were unable to commit to coming along to church every single week or for whom Sunday was often the day for family visits and activities. They meet on the second Saturday of every month between 3.30pm and 5.30pm. Every month, Messy Church @ St Saviour's has around 8 different activities in the first hour – ranging from edible crafts, science experiments, collaborative art, team games, creative ways of praying, sculpting, junk modelling, slime making….you name it, they've done it! The afternoon is rounded off with a delicious tea for everyone down in the hall.

So, if you're new to the area or if you've heard of Messy Church but haven't popped in for a visit yet, why not come along on Saturday 10 November? Messy Church will be in the newly refurbished hall to the rear of the church, taking Remembrance as the theme in their own Messy way; at the same time, take a look at the exhibits in the WW1 Exhibition in the Church.

There's no need to book but if you want to know more, go to www.htandstschurch.org/messy-church or contact Jo Birkby (jo@htandstschurch.org).

BROOKWOOD SCOUTS



In late September a contingent from 1st Brookwood Cubs ventured away on an Autumn Camp at Bentley Copse Activity Centre near Shere. After much planning and practicing putting up tents, departure day dawned and with a mountain of equipment loaded into a hired van and parents' cars, the journey began. On arrival, the first task was to construct the kitchen tent and mess area, while the 18 Cubs were divided into "sixes" – small groups that were named after animals – and set up their own tents in those groups.

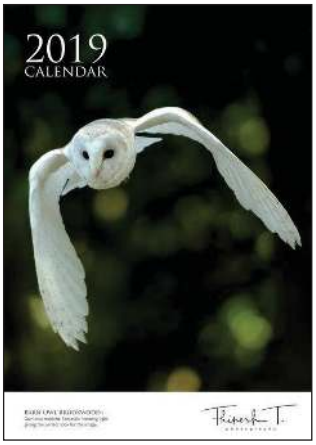
Afternoon activities began following a quick tent inspection and lunch, with lessons about the Countryside Code, shooting air rifles in the indoor range and an amazing 3D maze complete with spooky surprises in the dark! The traditional campfire followed supper, with the young people all making up and presenting skits, as well as joining in all the songs. It was fantastic to hear the 100 or so voices around the campfire!

After a chilly night the Cubs were up bright and early for breakfast and a 7.5 km hike through the Surrey Hills taking in Pitch Hill and its wonderful view. All too soon after lunch came the daunting task of clearing away the campsite and loading the transport – which the Cubs all helped with superbly.

This was the first Camp for many of our Cubs and for the Leaders it was the first that most of them had organised from scratch. We were delighted to see the Cubs develop their skills, teamwork and confidence over the weekend. Well done to them all, and a huge thank you to the organisers and parent helpers, without whom these events would not be possible.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Tickets are now available for the Annual Beaujolais Supper on Sunday 18 November at 7pm, comprising a delicious two course meal and a free taste of this year's Beaujolais Nouveau. There will be a bar selling a variety of other wines, hopefully including some from the Beaujolais region. Tickets are £14 for members and £16 for non-members. Apply to James Grimshaw for tickets (email trocha@clara.co.uk).



WILDLIFE CALENDAR

Thinesh, from Brookwood Food and Wine, has produced a new calendar for 2019 featuring one of our barn owls and the cormorant on the canal. The calendar is available to view and buy at the shop, price £10. This year he has also produced really beautiful blank greetings cards of both birds, price £1.99.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Friday 2 November	Village Whist, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 3 November	Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm
Sunday 4 November	Village litter pick, meet outside the school at 10am
Sunday 4 November	Military Walk in the Former Anglican section, including VC's and other military graves, 2pm at the Cemetery Office entrance, off Cemetery Pales
Sunday 4 November	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club – 8.30pm
Friday 9 November - Sunday 11 November	WW1 Exhibition, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 10 November	Messy Church, St Saviour's, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Sunday 11 November	Remembrance Day Service, St Saviour's Church, 10.00am
Sunday 11 November	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club – 8.30pm
Wednesday 14 November	The Arts Society Pots and Frocks - The World of Grayson Perry, Lord Roberts Centre, 10.30am. For further details call Roger on 01483 233861
Saturday 17 November	Emma Baldwin singing at Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 18 November	Pirbright Twinning Association Annual Beaujolais Supper - 7pm
Sunday 18 November	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club – 8.30pm
Tuesday 20 November	WI Meeting, Small Memorial Hall – 7.45pm
Saturday 24 November	WI Christmas Fair, Memorial Hall – 2pm
Sunday 25 November	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club – 8.30pm
Saturday 1 December	Knaphill School Christmas Fair between 12 noon and 3pm**.**
Saturday 1 December	Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm
Friday 7 December	Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.15pm.
Friday 7 December	Village Whist, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 8 December	Academix, Christmas Concert, St Saviour's Church 7.30pm
Wednesday 12 December	The Arts Society The Journey of the Magi: 1700 years of the Three Kings, Lord Roberts Centre, 10.30am.

Exhibition to Commemorate the End of WW1 St Saviour's Church Brookwood

The Church will be open on:

Friday 9 November 10am - 12noon

Coffee morning

Saturday 10 November 9am - 3.30pm, followed by Messy Church 3.30pm - 5.30pm in the hall with Messy Remembrance themed crafts.

Sunday 11 November 9.30am - 2pm

Service of Remembrance, with Communion, at 10am, a minute's silence at 11am. Refreshments available

If you would like to contribute to the exhibition please call Chris on 07793 032753 or come to the Church on Thursday 8 November when we will be setting up from 7.30pm.

On display will be work from the children at Brookwood School, St Saviour's Pre-school, the Brookwood Art Club and personal items from friends and family of war veterans.

LOST PROPERTY

Found on Connaught Road at the end of September – an envelope containing cash. If you think it may be yours, please contact Judith (male.judith@sky.com) She will need to know the name on the envelope and the amount of cash before handing it over.

NOMADS BADMINTON CLUB

Nomads Badminton Club, a friendly non-league club, is looking for new members. The club plays at Brookwood Memorial Halls between 7.30pm and 10.00pm on Wednesday evenings. Contact chrisanngiles@gmail.com for more details.

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