BROOKWOOD NEWS

December 2018

EDITORIAL

I can't believe it's that time of year again! It seems only yesterday that I was planning, preparing and getting excited for the Christmas festivities! When I look back over the past year, we, as a village, have celebrated, remembered, come together and grown stronger. It is lovely to walk through the village and see friends walking together chatting, parents and families laughing with their children, and happy children on their way to school.

Well done Brookwood on a fantastic year, keep up the good work

Jackie Kenny – Editor

NEXT ISSUE

The deadline for the January newsletter will remain the same, 20 December, and we hope it reaches our readers around the 5 January.

The Brookwood club Christmas tree event 2018
Saturday 8th December.
Event starts at 18.00
Lights turned on at 19.00
All welcome



Come join us at the Brookwood club for the grand Christmas tree lights turn on.
Carols from the children of Brookwood school support by the band from Winston Churchill School.

Hot dogs and mulled wine.
Followed at 20.00 by local band
Stormy waters.

All proceeds from this year's event will go to support the FOOD BANK appeal.

Santa's sleigh will be outside the club for anyone who wishes to bring something along to support the Food bank appeal.

LOCAL SPORTING SUPERSTAR!



James and Rachel have both been Brookwood residents for the last 10 years, having met 18 years ago at a Savate kickboxing class in Guildford. They run a French kickboxing 'Savate' club in Farncombe and compete on a national and international scale.

Savate (pronounced Suh-vat) is a kickboxing sport that has its roots in 19th century French fighting styles. It is a fast paced and accurate form of combat – a mixture of French kicking and English boxing. The strikes are taught to be precise, effective and fluid.

Rachel came back to competing in the London Open in June, having given birth to their second child in January, winning both of her fights against English and French competitors.

After winning the British Championships in May, James trained hard all year to compete in the World Savate Assault Competition in October this year in Bulgaria. He won both of his pool fights in the first two days of the competition to get through to the semi-finals on the third day. He fought hard, but just lost out to the French fighter by a split decision, with James going on to win the Bronze (James is on the left in the photo).

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QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH CANOPY

Local areas have been enhanced with new saplings, which have been donated to over 500 MPs across the country as part of the Queen's Commonwealth Canopy, a network of forest conservation initiatives to mark Her Majesty's lifetime service to the Commonwealth.

It follows a very interesting documentary which aired in April called 'The Queen's Green Planet' which brings together her commitment to the commonwealth and her love of trees.

Jonathan Lord, MP for Woking, said: "It is a privilege to accept the gift of these trees from the Woodland Trust in order to participate in such a prestigious project, whilst at the same time nurture some of Britain's most beloved tree species."

FOODBANK CAMPAIGN

Trudi Fletcher will once again be collecting items to be taken to the Foodbank. The deadline is Saturday 8 December which is the same day as the Christmas Tree Event! If you would like to donate, non-perishables please. Drop-off points are Brookwood Post Office, 8am to 5.30pm, and Brookwood Club, 4–11.30pm. Any cash donations will be used to purchase other essentials, which will be delivered along with the food parcels. If you have any questions or queries, or a food parcel that needs to be collected please contact Trudi on trudifletcher@rocketmail.com. She also has a blog at brookwoodfoodbankcampaign.blogspot.com if anybody should wish to read more.

BROOKWOOD WI

Brookwood WI have once again been very busy! They recently held their famous annual Christmas Fair. There were an amazing array of stalls and goodies, so tempting that even Father Christmas couldn't resist popping in!

BROOKWOOD CLUB

With Christmas nearly on us, it's a busy time at Brookwood Club with lots going on.

All are welcome to join us on Saturday 8 December at 6pm for the Christmas Tree Event. See advert for more details.

On Saturday 15 December, The Ukerholics will be playing and the Christmas meat draw will take place. All welcome.

On Friday 21 December, it's the members' Christmas draw.

There are also our regular events; guests are welcome to join us when accompanied by a member. Every Sunday night there's the Club Quiz, starting at 8.30pm. On the first Saturday of the month it's Bingo; eyes down at 8.30pm.

CHURCH HALL IMPROVEMENTS



Over the past year, volunteers and professionals have spent many hours working on St Saviour's Hall improving the facilities with a new kitchen, double-glazed windows and new flooring. However, the acoustics and old fluorescent lighting remained a financial problem until, we are delighted to say, a grant from the Armed Forces Covenant Fund was obtained to put in a new acoustic, thermal ceiling with LED lighting. The grant is given to help local youth projects and, as there are no specific facilities on Pirbright camp for young people, they agreed that money could go to the local community for this purpose. On Tuesdays an after-school youth group for school years 5–8 is held from 3.30 to 5.30pm when around 30 young people come to play games, do crafts and chat to each other. Messy Church sessions for families are also held once a month. As you can imagine, the noise in the hall was deafening until the ceiling was done! Some of the grant will also go towards new equipment for the youth sessions. As well as St Saviour's Pre-School, the hall now regularly hosts several types of fitness, music and dance sessions. Many thanks to everyone who helped to get this local hall up to scratch and fit to be used by all.

CHRISTMAS IN BROOKWOOD

A local group, Academix A Capella singers, will be performing at St Saviour's Church on Saturday 8 December at 7.30pm. This Christmas concert will include pop and jazz numbers as well as seasonal songs. Come along with friends and family, and relax cabaret style to enjoy the music of this popular group. Special guests, folk trio Iscalis, will also be performing. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Mulled wine, tea and coffee also available. Tickets are £5 in advance or on the door. For further details contact Yvonne Craven (Yvonne.brookwood@gmail.com, 01483 480273) to buy or reserve your tickets in advance.



Christmas Church Services at St Saviour's: everyone welcome

Sat 8 December:	**Messy Church, 3.30–5.30pm**
Sun 16 December:	**Christmas Café Church, 10am**
Sun 16 December:	**Carols by Candlelight, 7pm**
Christmas Eve (Mon 24 Dec):	**Puppet Crib Services, 3.30 and 4.45pm**
Christmas Eve (Mon 24 Dec):	**Midnight Holy Communion, commencing at 11.15pm**
Christmas Day (Tues 25 Dec):	**Family Celebration, 10am**

REMEMBRANCE CENTENARY – BROOKWOOD AND PIRBRIGHT REMEMBER

Brookwood and Pirbright commemorated this special day in several ways last month with events happening in both villages and Brookwood Cemetery. Thankfully the rain held off that morning for the ceremonies held at the war graves attended by hundreds of people, including soldiers, civilians, Scouts, Guides and parents. In Pirbright, St Michael and All Angels' bells rang out before and after the church service with the traditional muffles attached to the clappers to create a distinctive echoing sound. St Saviour's Church held an exhibition over the weekend with displays by Brookwood Art Group, Brookwood School and Pre-School, and local people brought in photographs, stories, poems, medals and artefacts, including a drum used by the 33rd Battalion Manchester Machine Gun Corps, and two Bibles with shrapnel holes in them, which saved the lives of their owners, as they were always carried in the left breast pocket of their uniform. The stories behind the names of Brookwood soldiers on the plaque at the Memorial Hall were displayed too. At 7pm, when the guns fell silent 100 years ago, a beacon was lit near Lord Pirbright's Hall and the church bells rang out once again, joining in with a county-wide initiative to commemorate the moment in this way. The hall also had a display of local soldiers who had lost their lives and their histories researched by Pirbright Local History Society.













are welcome. Please contact community@brookwood.org.uk by the 20th of the month

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Friday 7 December	Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.15pm
Friday 7 December	Village Whist, Memorial Hall,7.30pm
Saturday 8 December	Deadline for Foodbank donations
Saturday 8 December	Christmas Tree Event, Brookwood Club, 6pm. Lights turned on 7pm
Saturday 8 December	Academix A Capella singers, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 8 December	Messy Church, 3–5.30pm
Sunday 9 December	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Saturday 15 December	The Ukerholics, Brookwood Club
Sunday 16 December	Christmas Café Church, St Saviour's Church, 10am
Sunday 16 December	Carols by Candlelight, St Saviour's Church, 7pm
Sunday 16 December	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 23 December	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 30 December	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Friday 4 January	Village Whist, Memorial Hall,7.30pm
Saturday 5 January	Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm

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

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POSSIBLE STATION CHANGES

There has been much speculation recently over the possible closure of the entrance to the train station from the cemetery. A recent email from the Managing Director of South Western Railway (SWR) has tried to ease concerns and fully share possible plans. There are many things to consider in updating our station, but at the moment they are trying to make it clear that the entrance will not be blocked, merely updated and manned. This will increase the hours that the station as a whole is manned, and reduce people using that entrance and not buying tickets. This is very much an ongoing process and it appears that no firm decisions have yet been made. If you have any thoughts and opinions on this, please contact SWR to share them.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BROOKWOOD AND PIRBRIGHT CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Many of you may have seen or heard through the local or national press Surrey County Council's proposal to close the majority of Children's Centres. Unfortunately, your Children's Centre here at Brookwood and Pirbright is one shortlisted to close.
There is a questionnaire online (www.surreycc.gov.uk/consultations) and the consultation is open until Friday 4 January 2019. It would be appreciated if you could complete it, if you have ever used the Children's Centre or value its importance in the village.

The more views the better!

DAWNEY'S FIELD

There has been a lot of action towards the Pirbright end of the village as contractors work in Dawney's Field, repairing part of the bank which has slipped away. We expect to see them there until Christmas.

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