BROOKWOOD NEWS

January 2019

THANK YOU



Well done to Trudi and all those who helped make the food bank appeal such a great success again this year

Wow what a campaign it has been this year; it's fair to say that we didn't think we could top last year, but you villagers never cease to amaze me! We can confirm that we have had in excess of £1,200 in cash donations and approximately 100 food parcels. It goes to show that if we work together we can achieve great things.

Many thanks to everyone who donated. We had a lot of food parcels without name tags, so if you have not received a personal thank you card from us, please do get in touch as we would love to know who they were from (trudifletcher@rocketmail.com). Massive thanks to all the companies in the village which showed their support; you are an absolute asset to the village.

Alison Buckland from Woking Foodbank came to Brookwood Club on the evening of 8 December to turn on the lights and the evening was such a success despite the weather. All proceeds from the sale of hot dogs and mulled wine have been very generously donated to Woking Foodbank from Brookwood Club.

Many thanks to our two drop off points: Bakers Dozen/Post Office and, of course, Brookwood Club.

Wishing you all a very healthy and happy 2019.

Love, Trudi and Darren

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the January issue of Brookwood News. I would like to start by wishing you all a happy new year from the newsletter team and thanking all who sent in articles, pictures, adverts and so much more. Without this input from the community the newsletter would not be the same. If you are interested in joining the small but energetic team of editors and distributors, then please go to community@brookwood.org.uk for more information.

Here's looking forward to another year in the village, with all that it may bring, from concerts to fetes, births and marriages. And who knows what new excitement lays ahead in the new year.

Graham Hunt – Editor

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PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ

Time to buy your tickets for the Quiz Night in Lord Pirbright's Hall on Sunday 6 January. Doors open at 6.30pm, buffet supper served from 7pm, quiz starts at 7.45pm. Do make up a table of six people or join in with other singletons/couples. Tickets £10 per head for members and £12 for non-members from James Grimshaw (trocha@clara.co.uk).

VISIT TO CAGNY

We are collecting names for our next trip to our twin village Cagny in Normandy, from Friday 31 May to Sunday 2 June 2019. All Pirbright and Brookwood residents are welcome to join us, adults and accompanied children (return fare £19). You do not need to speak French! Email Chairman Lucy Baker for further details (lucy2477@gmail.com).

If you have a love and appreciation of the arts, in its broadest sense, then why not come to one of our lectures to give us a try?! Then if you like the experience why not joins our Arts Society, Woking? Our members derive enormous pleasure and fun from our gatherings, together with the opportunity to learn and gain knowledge. We meet at the lecture theatre in Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley, from 10am (coffee) until 11.30am on the second Wednesday of the month apart from July and August. The lecture starts at 10.30am and is free for any new visitors. All our lectures and other activities can be viewed on our website (www.wokingdfas.org.uk).

DEFIBRILLATORS

In the light of the recent publicity surrounding the Glenn Hoddle heart attack incident in October, it occurred to me that it possibly it isn't a well-known fact that we have two defibrillator kits in the village – one at the Club and one at the Memorial Halls (I'm not sure of their exact location).

Jenny Stonor

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT





St Saviour's Carols by Candlelight is always one of the highlights of the village year. If you not been before, make sure it's in your diary for next year.

The Christmas tree at St Saviour's donated by the MOD

BROOKWOOD, ATLANTA

Did you know there is a Brookwood in Atlanta, USA? Here is the low-down.

Brookwood is a neighbourhood in Atlanta, Georgia, with a population of 5,919.

Brookwood is in Fulton County and is one of the best places to live in Georgia.

Living in Brookwood offers residents an urban feel and most residents rent their homes.

In Brookwood there are a lot of bars, restaurants, coffee shops and parks.

Many young professionals live in Brookwood and residents tend to be liberal.

The public schools in Brookwood are above average.

Sounds like a home from home, although I'm not sure about the Liberals.w

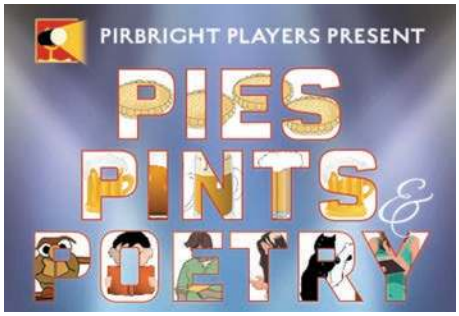
VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR WOKING FAMILY CONTACT CENTRE

We've been operating in Woking for over 25 years and are part of the National Association of Child Contact Centres (Registered Charity Number 1078636). The Centre opens for 2 hours (2–4pm) on the first and the third Saturday afternoon of each month to offer a safe, friendly and neutral environment in Woking, where children of separated families can spend time with the parent they no longer live with. A team of 20 volunteers operates on a rota system, so each volunteer averages one session every 6 weeks.

The quality of volunteering is important, so twice yearly training is provided in subjects as diverse as safeguarding, conflict management and working with dads. That training ensures a degree of professionalism combined with the innate satisfaction that comes from helping the families.

The Centre operates from Woking United Reformed Church. If you would like to know more and think you could spare time to help, we would love to hear from you. There is much more information to be found on our website (www.wokingfamilycontactcentre.org.uk). As you will understand, a Disclosure and Barring Service reference will be requested prior to a successful volunteer application. We will help you complete this process.

You can reach us by contacting Janina on 07469 907320 or at enquiries@wokingfamilycontactcentre.org.uk. Alternatively you can call 07826 745627 to make preliminary enquiries.



Come and cheer up those cold, boring winter evenings with music and laugher from Pirbright Players' latest production Pies, Pints & Poetry. This will be an exciting revue of songs, music, dance, comic sketches and poetry, performed for one night only on 26 January 2019 at 7.30pm at Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £15 each, which includes fish and chips and a mince pie. Special dietary options will also be available. There will be a bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Tickets will be on sale from www.spanglefish.com/pirbrightplayers (or Google pirbrightplayers) from 3 January 2019.

STAR GYMNAST



Congratulations to Elliott Kenny who recently entered his first gymnastics competition. He proudly came away with two gold medals and a bronze medal. Well done Elliott!

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is coming... on the weekend of 26–28 January. This is the world's biggest wildlife survey. If you're feeding the birds over the festive period, why not continue through January? All it takes is an hour of your time to watch the birds that use your garden – then just tell the RSPB what you saw. Go to www.rspb.org.uk for more details and to register.

At this time of year, life can be tough for birds on the heath and in gardens. A cold snap can mean they need more energy just to keep warm, and the short days leave less time to find food. You can give them a helping hand, whether you have a big garden or a small window box. Here are few tips for feeding at this time of year.

Know your birds. Different species eat different things. Sparrows and finches like seeds; tits like fat; and thrushes and robins like fruit and worms. Starlings will eat just about anything. Make sure you're providing the right menu for your diners.

Look out for leftovers. Some of our own food can be good for birds – for example, fruit cake or mince pies, dried fruit, unsalted nuts, or apples and pears past their best. Try sprinkling grated mild cheese under trees and bushes for more timid birds like wrens and dunnocks. Birds probably won't eat your unwanted Christmas day sprouts, and putting out turkey fat is a big no-no – it's so soft it'll stick to birds' feathers and stop them from keeping waterproof and warm. Too much salt is poisonous to small birds.

Don't poison your pets! Birds love dried fruit, but, if you have a dog, don't put grapes, currants, raisins or sultanas within their reach. Vine fruits can be toxic to dogs.

Keep water in bird baths and ponds unfrozen. Birds need to drink and bathe every day, even when it's really cold outside. A pond or bird bath is great, but even an upturned bin lid or plant saucer can give birds the water they need.

BROOKWOOD CLUB



It was a busy Christmas at Brookwood Club, with Santa making a visit and the Christmas Tree Event which raised £340in aid of Woking Foodbank. Big thanks to the Winston Churchill School band and the children from Brookwood School for supplying the music and carols. And to all those who turned out on a wet and windy night to support such a good cause.

Can all club members please remember that your membership must be renewed by the end of January 2019.

Regular events at the Club are Bingo on the first Saturday of the month, eyes down 8.30pm, and a Quiz Night every Sunday, starting at 8.30pm (guests are welcome when accompanied by a member). This month's special events include Broken Bones rock band playing on Saturday 12 January, 8.30pm until late (all welcome), and the Million Pound Quiz on Saturday 19 January, 8.00PM (guests welcome when accompanied by a member).

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Friday 4 January	Village Whist Drive, Memorial Hall,7.30pm
Saturday 5 January	Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm
Sunday 6 January	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 6 January	Twinning Association Quiz Night, Lord Pirbright's Hall, doors open 6.30pm
Saturday 12 January	Broken Bones rock band, Brookwood Club, 8.30 til late
Sunday 13 January	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Saturday 19 January	Million Pound Quiz, Brookwood Club, 8.00pm
Sunday 20 January	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Saturday 26 January	Pies, Pints & Poetry, Lord Pirbright's Hall, 7pm
Sunday 27 January	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Friday 1 February	Village Whist Drive, Memorial Hall,7.30pm
Saturday 2 February	Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm
Saturday 23 February	Comedian Paul Kerensa, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm



Santa's visit to Brookwood Club



Mandy and Billy helping out on the hot dog stand

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