# BROOKWOOD NEWS

November 2019

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the November edition of the Brookwood Newsletter. By the time you receive this I hope you will have survived the ghosts and ghoulish goings-on at Hallowe'en. With the recent miserable weather I think we've been left in no doubt that we are now well and truly into autumn though, happily, many of the trees seem to have retained their foliage as a legacy of summer. There's plenty happening in and around the village in the next several weeks so please read on.

*Ian Angell – Editor*

## BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

This year's Christmas Fair will be on Friday 6 December from 3.15pm at the school. Everyone is welcome, and can expect the usual festivities such as tombolas, games, gift stalls and refreshments. I suggest you contact fobschair@gmail.com if you are interested in having a stall there.

The Friends of Brookwood School would like to thank all who attended the highly enjoyable fundraising quiz on Friday 18 October. The exceptional performance of the Pink Panthers team ensured that they were the evening's winners.

## WILDLIFE CALENDAR FOR 2020




Thinesh at Brookwood Food and Wine has been out and about around the country photographing wildlife, and has produced another beautiful calendar. It is available now from the shop for £10 (the same as last year) and would make a lovely Christmas present. Thinesh also has cards of some of his pictures (£1.99 each) and would be delighted to show anyone who is interested.

Sadly the calendar doesn't feature the barn owl this year as Thinesh hasn't been able to spot it, despite his early morning treks to the fields by the canal. If you have seen barn owls in Brookwood this year, Thinesh and the Newsletter Team would be very pleased to hear from you.

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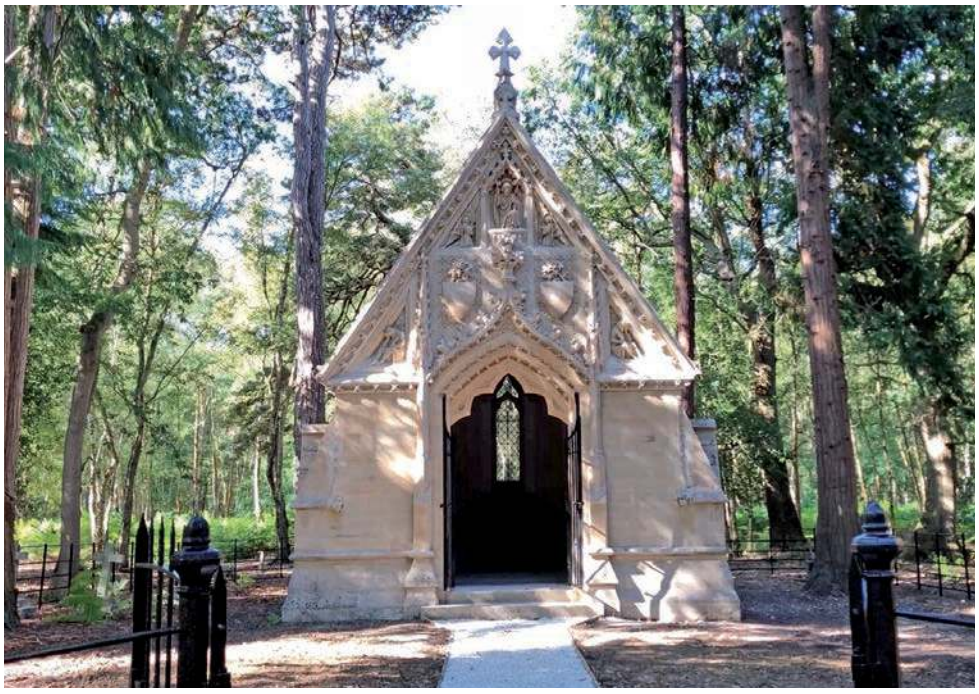
# BROOKWOOD CEMETERY – DOUBLE GOOD NEWS

The cemetery has received a silver accolade at the national Cemetery of the Year Awards in the 'Large Cemetery' category.

Woking Borough Council acquired the 220 acre site in 2014, and has implemented an extensive programme of restoration in order to return the Grade 1 listed park and garden to its former glory. The cemetery manager has said that the transformation isn't just about its appearance, but is about opening up the space to the community and making people more aware of the diversity and wealth of history within its walls.

At this time of remembrance, it is worth noting that twelve recipients of the Victoria Cross rest there with a further three commemorated.

The other good news is that a 'lost' Victorian chapel, which had been discovered in the undergrowth, has now been restored over the past five months.



It was built in the Gothic style by the Colquhoun family in 1858 as their mausoleum, but effectively disappeared behind shrubs and rhododendrons after the 1930s. By reviewing historical images of the cemetery, the chapel's existence was found and concerted efforts in the back woods finally led to it being located in a poor state of repair. Having been discovered, major work was undertaken by a specialist conservation surveyor, stonemasons and a blacksmith.

Still with the cemetery, the Brookwood Cemetery Society will be organising the first monthly walk of the season on Sunday 3 November. "The Boundary Walk" starts from the Glades of Remembrance car park at 2pm. Stout shoes are recommended.

The next programme of walks will start on Sunday 1 March 2020.

# BROOKWOOD FOODBANK COLLECTION IS NOW UNDERWAY

You can now drop off your non-perishable food parcels at Brookwood Club or at the Bakers Dozen/Post Office during working hours. The collection campaign will continue until 7 December. Trudy will be posting regular updates on Brookwood Club's Facebook page to say what the Foodbank particularly requires in the way of stock. Alternatively, you can check the website https://woking.foodbank.org.uk for updates. If you provide a food parcel, please attach a label with your name and address so Trudy can thank you personally.

In addition to the Foodbank collection, this year there will be an opportunity for children to get involved. If they come along to Brookwood Memorial Hall on Sunday 24 November between 12 and 3pm they can undertake some hand and feet painting. The kiddies can make three placemats for £5.00. These would make great Christmas presents for uncles, aunties, grandparents, etc. and all proceeds will go to the Foodbank. So send Trudi an email at trudifletcher@rocketmail.com or call on 07887 565163 to reserve your spaces as numbers are limited. Tea and coffee will also be available for £1.50, so bring some change. All kiddies will get the chance to help colour in the giant gingerbread house too.



## WI UPDATE

Brookwood WI met on 15 October to receive a fascinating and often humorous talk entitled "Tales of a Scotland Yard Detective" given by Steve Roberts. It covered his career in several different departments of the Met Police, featuring some of the characters he encountered along the way. It seems that his police days were not always like "The Sweeney".

The WI will be holding their usual Christmas Bingo afternoon on Thursday 28 November at 3pm in the Memorial Hall.

If you are interested in joining, please feel free to come to the next meeting on Tuesday 19 November at 7.30pm. Alternatively, call Mary the president on 01483 831832.

## MORE ON WILDLIFE

You may recall that we previously reported on Bernard the hedgehog making regular visits to Connaught Crescent. Josey Tranter confirms that he is now feeding in her garden routinely and that one or two others are also making an appearance. It is to be hoped that they hibernate successfully and re-appear after the winter.

## BEAVER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Elliot Kenny who has been named Beaver of the Year by the 1st Brookwood Beavers. Elliott worked hard throughout the year participating in activities and achieving badges.

## STIRRING CHORAL MUSIC CONCERT

The Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir will be performing at St Michael and All Angels Church in Pirbright on Saturday 16 November at 7pm. Tickets costing £22.50 (which includes some refreshments) are available from Philip Barralet at philipbarraletcardiff19@gmail.com or on 01483 473737.

## CRAFT GUILD

The Farnborough Craft Guild has, since 1983, brought people together who enjoy producing their craft to a high standard and selling their quality products at a reasonable price. They are holding a craft show at Lord Pirbright's Hall on Saturday 23 November between 10am and 4pm. Entry is free and refreshments will be available all day. They plan to have a wide range of crafts on display, typically including potters, woodworkers, glass fusers, jewellers, all forms of needlework and many others.

Check out www.farnboroughcraftguild.org.uk if you want to know more about the Guild.

## CHRISTMAS CONCERT



On Saturday 7 December, 7.30pm, the Octavian Singers will be performing a concert of Christmas favourites, alongside some solos and even with some audience participation, at St Saviour's Church. This will be their second visit to St Saviour's as they performed alongside Siobhan Owen during her visit a couple of years ago.

The concert will be free, with a voluntary retiring collection. Keep the date free and come along for a sparkling evening with a seasonal flavour.

# BROOKWOOD TINY FREE LIBRARY




Three years ago Joslyn Hobbis set up a free mini library outside her home in Heath Drive so that passers-by were able to pick up and drop off books as they wished. Sadly Joslyn is moving on and will close the library on 9 November. Well done to those of you who have supported it.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**A big thank you to everyone who supported the coffee morning in St Saviour's Church last month. Your generosity has meant that almost £400 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.**




## VILLAGE DIARY DATES (also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk)

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| **Saturday 2 November** | Brookwood Club monthly Bingo, 8.30pm, guests welcome with a member |
| **Sunday 3 November** | Boundary walk, Brookwood Cemetery, 2pm |
| **Tuesday 12 November** | Horticultural talk, Lord Pirbright's Hall, 8pm |
| **Saturday 16 November** | Broken Bones playing at Brookwood Club, 8.30pm |
| **Saturday 16 November** | Cardiff Male Choir, Pirbright Church, 7pm |
| **Tuesday19 November** | WI meeting, Brookwood Memorial Hall, 7.30pm |
| **Saturday 23 November** | Farnborough Craft Guild, Lord Pirbright's Hall, 10am |
| **Sunday 24 November** | Kiddies Hand and Feet Painting, Brookwood Memorial Hall, 12–3pm |
| **Thursday 28 November** | WI Christmas Bingo, Brookwood Memorial Hall, 3pm |
| **Saturday 30 November** | Brookwood Club Christmas Bingo, 8.30pm, guests welcome with a member |
| **Friday 6 December** | School Christmas Fair, 3.15pm |
| **Saturday 7 December** | Christmas concert, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm |

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