BROOKWOOD NEWS

December 2019

EDITORIAL

It's nearly Christmas – where has the year gone? I hope you all have a great time over the festive season and enjoy all the activities and events the village has to offer. It has been a busy year in the village as always, and looking back over the newsletters from this year it seems there have been a number of events held every month, from canal boat trips to belly dancers, fetes and rock bands. There is never a dull moment in the village. If you have something you wish to share or an event you would like to advertise, please contact us at community@brookwood.org.uk. Thank you to our entire volunteer newsletter team for keeping us up to date throughout the year. Just a small reminder that due to the holiday period the January newsletter may be a few days late getting to you, but don't panic – just like Santa it will arrive. That just leaves me to say from all the Brookwood News team we wish all our readers a merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Graham Hunt – Editor

WOKING FOOD-BANK APPEAL

There is still time to support the Woking foodbank appeal for this year. Collection points can be found at the Post Office and Brookwood Club. The collection campaign will continue until 7 December. Trudi will be posting regular updates on Brookwood Club's Face book page.

WRAP UP FOR LONDON



Local village resident Pip Bodilly and her friend Claire have been involved with the charity Wrap Up for London, which collects second-hand coats at this time of year, and hands them out to the homeless and rough sleepers in London. Pip and Claire volunteered to hand out flyers in and around Waterloo station.

Pip then put out a call to her friends and family in the village to ask for any spare coats, thinking she might get three or four she could take up by train to the collection point at Waterloo. However, Pip underestimated the power of the Brookwood village call to action and ended up collecting over 140 coats for the charity. Good job, Pip and Claire.

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NEWS FROM CLLR KEVIN DAVIS

Railway station ticket barriers

I've been informed by the Senior Regional Development Manager of South Western Railway that the gate line at Brookwood station goes live on the morning 22 November. I had further assurances on Monday at a Network Rail/SWR seminar I attended that there will be no impediment to access to Brookwood Cemetery. Please let me know if you do have any problems accessing the cemetery.

Editor's update. I dropped in on Tony at the station on Saturday 23 to get an update. The ticket barriers will go live on Monday 25 November and be manned from 6am to 10pm. Tony had some concerns that the cemetery exit will be shut and locked from 10pm. If you do have any problems please let us know at Community@brookwood.com and we can pass it on to Kevin.



Brookwood Lye Road speed reduced to 40mph

Many of us drive on auto-pilot and don't immediately notice changes to the road network as we are so used to our daily drives. From a safety perspective, I've been working for around two years to try and get the speed limit reduced on Brookwood Lye Road. Since I've lived in Brookwood, I can recall two fatal accidents, with the last just a couple of years ago. It was a delimited road which, if it didn't have the relatively blind bend and the scenario where traffic backs up to the bend from the traffic lights, would probably be quite safe. However, it isn't safe at 60mph and I'm very pleased to see the limit has now been reduced to 40mph. In December 2017, I asked for a review of the speed limit at the SCC/WBC Joint Committee. A review was held which recommended a reduction in the limit. To enact this, a full public consultation was required, and the net result is that this week the limit has been lowered. It won't stop all accidents, but I hope to never see another fatal accident down this road in the future.

MRS SUE PERCY, CBE





On 31 October, local Brookwood resident Mrs Sue Percy received a CBE for services to transport. The Princess Royal was on duty to hand Sue her medal. Sue works for the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation, which helps influence policy and integrated plans. Both Sue and her husband Peter have lived in the village for a number of years, and Peter has been involved with the Brookwood Scouts for the past 12 years. Congratulations Sue – we are all very proud of you.

Does anyone know of any other CBE, OBE or MBE holders in the village? If so, let us know.

CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

Fulk Bros butchers

Saturday 21 December	8am to 5pm
Sunday 22 December	8am to 1pm
Monday 23 December	8am to 6pm
Christmas Eve	6.30am to midday

Post Office/Bakers Dozen

Saturday 21 December	8am to 2pm
Monday 23 December	8am to 5.30pm
Christmas Eve	8am to 1pm, last post midday
Friday 27 December	8am to 5.30pm
Saturday 28 December	8am to 2pm, last post midday

LETTER TO BROOKWOOD NEWS FROM A GRATEFUL NEIGHBOUR

Dear Editor,

Annie and I would like to express our thanks to the residents of 2 Connaught Gate and the Cobham crew from Surrey Fire and Rescue who between them stopped a disaster befalling our garage. At around 4.00am on Saturday morning 19 October the residents of 2 Connaught Gate noticed a fire at the garage and called the fire service – who were there in short order and put the fire out before it really took hold. The fire crew said that it looked as if the fire had been deliberately started – and there was evidence of an accelerant having been used. The firemen not only saved our property but then went to extraordinary lengths to find us to alert us to it, and then to make the building safe. We are very grateful to Surrey Fire and Rescue and to our kind neighbours – we went to thank the neighbours but omitted to get their names, apologies. Of course we called the police but so far no progress has been made in finding out who started the fire. If any other residents have had similar experiences or happened to see anyone behaving suspiciously at around that time in the village please let us or the police know.

Regards,

Chris and Annie (chris@chrisbass.co.uk; 01483 481836)

Thank you for the letter Chris. Sorry to hear about the fire and hope all is sorted before Christmas.

DO WE HAVE A FUTURE OLYMPIC STAR IN THE MAKING?!



Well done to Elliott Kenny on achieving a gold and silver medal in his recent gymnastics competition. The gold was in vault and the silver was for his floor routine.

NEWS FROM THE WI

Brookwood WI met on the evening of 19 November for their AGM. This was an opportunity for the group to look back over the last year and remember all the things that we have done. We have had a very busy year! It was also a time to confirm the committee for the forthcoming year. Mary Cook has decided that, after a second stretch as President, this one lasting 12 years, to step down from the role. Mary has fulfilled this position with passion, dedication and enthusiasm, and all the members of Brookwood WI would like to thank Mary for her efforts. Maureen Gray has been voted by the WI as the new President. Having already held this role once, we know that Maureen will not find it too daunting, but we wish her every luck in her new role, with a committed committee.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

1st Brookwood Scout Group (registered charity number 1019247) will be collecting real trees for recycling on the morning of Sunday 5 January 2020. If you would like your tree collected, please text Mark Kilcullen, our Group Scout Leader, on 07836 638828, or email gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk to book a slot.

The Scouts will only be able to collect trees that have been booked in advance. Book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment! A small donation would be appreciated to cover costs (suggested amount £4) and leave it with your tree on the day. Any profits will go to 1st Brookwood Scout Group funds.

CHRISTMAS AT ST SAVIOUR'S



NOTICE OF PASSING OF ALBERT AND HARRY

Albert "Bert" Beamish sadly passed away on 31 August 2019. Although Bert lived in Knaphill, he was one of the first leaders of the Brookwood Venture Scouts. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Val, Darren and Andrew Clarke would like to thank all their family and friends for their love and support after the passing of Harry John Clarke of 150 Connaught Road, Brookwood, who sadly passed away on 26 September 2019. He will be forever in our thoughts and hearts.

Our thoughts are with all the family and friends of Albert and Harry.



BROOKWOOD CLUB

Saturday 7 December – Christmas tree light switch on, 6pm start. Lights turned on at 6.30pm. Mulled wine and hotdogs available with music from a local school choir and band.

Saturday 14 December – Goldworth Gerry, 8.30pm.

Membership renewals are now taking place. £10 for members and membership closing 27 January 2020. Any memberships not paid will be lapsed. Please check in the Club for Christmas opening hours

Brookwood Club
Christmas tree
Lights switch on.
Saturday 7th December
18.00 start
Lights turned on at 18.30



Hot dogs and mulled wine
Music and carols.
All welcome.

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

Friday 6 December	Village Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
Friday 6 December	Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.15pm
Saturday 7 December	Christmas Concert, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm
Friday 13 December	Greg Chapman's Very Christmas Story, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 7 December	Brookwood Club Christmas tree light switch on, 6pm start. Lights turned on at 6.30pm
Saturday 14 December	Local band Goldworth Gerry, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm

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