

BROOKWOOD NEWS

January 2021

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.

We all know what a difficult year it has been and one that I don't think will be forgotten. History in the making as they say. Any new parents out there should make a file and keep it safe as I have a feeling the COVID-19-year 2020 will be on the A-level syllabus in 2037.

This Christmas really brought home to me in particular some of the things I take for granted and how lucky we are to live in such a fantastic community. Although I missed Carols by Candlelight, the club Christmas tree turn on and just celebrating with friends, I know these happy and important village events will return, and we should take time to pause and think of those within our community who have suffered loss and hardship in these difficult times. Our thoughts are with you all.

Now's the time to look forward, and a time of the NEW Normal. If any of you new work-from-home people fancy a challenge, why not consider joining the small but energetic team of editors and distributors of the Brookwood News? If interested, please go to community@brookwood.org.uk for more information. Here's looking forward to a better year in the village, with all that it may bring, from concerts to fetes, births and marriages, and so much more.

Graham Hunt – Editor

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

Cllr Kevin Davis

Antisocial behaviour at the station

Residents are still experiencing antisocial behaviour at the station, as sadly predicted four years ago when the additional level was added. I've been working with Jonathan Lord MP (he has more clout than I do), and we've been calling for a joined-up approach, as the piecemeal approaches taken in the past have been largely a failure.

The Crime & Community Manager at South Western Railway has been proactively engaged with residents, has visited the railway station car park and taken the issue up with the British Transport Police. As a result of this, the BTP have had a greater presence in the car park and have responded more proactively when they have been contacted recently. They have taken personal details of the people and have promised to follow up repeat offenders. They are also contacting the company who operates the car park to ask them to monitor the car park more regularly.

The BTP are keen to take statements from any residents who want to lodge a complaint. If you are able to provide additional evidence, please come via me in the first instance and we'll go from there.

As usual with antisocial behaviour, action only occurs when residents consistently complain. There has been some good progress in recent weeks, but momentum must be maintained. If you are disturbed by antisocial behaviour at the station, please call it in.

Evidence collected by the BTP shows only a small number of complaints have been made, which is why little action has been taken previously. The simplest way to complain to the BTP about the antisocial behaviour at the car park is via text to 61016. There is also an online form: http://www.btp.police.uk/contact_us/report_a_crime.aspx.

Potholes

I've been asking the Council to do something about the potholes down Sheets Heath Lane for a while. It's a difficult road to deal with as it is actually in private ownership; however, I do believe the Council has a responsibility to keep good access to the recreational ground.

Fortunately, this past week, some of the worst areas have been filled in with what looks like good quality repairs. I'm hopeful that they last and that the better surface doesn't encourage people to drive too fast.

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BROOKWOOD VILLAGE FOODBANK APPEAL 2020



It turns out that a global pandemic was not going to stop the Christmas Foodbank appeal this year. We thought long and hard about whether to run the campaign, but we are so pleased that we did.

This was our fifth year and we had no idea how it was going to pan out. Despite the pandemic we collectively provided Woking Foodbank with food vouchers for Sainsbury's, Morrisons and Asda of £15 and £25 to the value of £730; these will enable the service users to top up on fresh fruit/veg.

We also provided in excess of 60+ bags/boxes of shopping and a very impressive £1700 through various donations. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you so much for wanting to share your Christmas with a vulnerable family this year and being part of this campaign.

As a community we have achieved so much and that's all thanks to you lovely lot.

Massive thanks to Brookwood Post Office for being our only drop-off point this year. They did an amazing job taking in all the food parcels/donations as well as having to deal with the Christmas rush too.

Wishing you all a happy new year and a healthy 2021

Darren & Trudi

What a fantastic effort. Well done Trudi and Darren and all those who support the food bank each year.

Scouts

1st BROOKWOOD SCOUT GROUP
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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Scouts will be collecting real trees for recycling on the morning of SUNDAY 10th January 2021

If you would like your tree to be collected, please text your address to **Mark Kilcullen, on 07836 638828, or email** gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk to book a slot. Book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

A small donation (suggested amount £4) would be appreciated to cover costs –**Half the funds raised will go to Woking & Sam Beare Hospice as we were unable to Carol Sing for them at Brookwood Station this year.**

To reduce cash handling if you can please transfer your donation to 1st Brookwood Scout Group a/c **91311182** sort **40-47-08** with your **House Number and Surname** as the reference.
Alternatively, please put this form and donation with your tree.
To gift aid your donation we can send a declaration with booking confirmation or fill out below and leave it with your tree on the day.

I enclose £ ..... as my donation to 1st Brookwood Scout Group.

Name:.....

Address: .....

Postcode: .....

If you currently pay UK tax, sign below and we'll receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate at no cost to you.
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Signature:..... **Date:** .....

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 29–31 JANUARY



Join us for the Big Garden Birdwatch and discover the drama on your doorstep. The great thing is that you never know what birds you might see. Will you enjoy a flock of fluffed-up long-tailed tits, will you be charmed by a group of goldfinches or will a cheeky robin steal the show?

Taking part is easy.

- Pick a time: You can choose any hour between 29 and 31 January. So whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part.
- Tell us what you see: Count the birds that land in your garden or park, or on your balcony. Ignore any birds that are still in flight. To avoid double-counting, just record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time – not a running total.
- Submit your results: You can submit your results online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch from 29 January until 19 February.

Every count is important so, if you don't see anything, please still submit.

Please visit rspb.org.uk/birdwatch for more information on the Big Garden Birdwatch.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION



Brookwood News is holding its first ever photography competition! The theme is 'Brookwood', allowing participants to show what Brookwood means to them, whether it is nature, family and friends, something historical or simply home. Thinesh, from Brookwood Food and Wine, has kindly agreed to be our judge. There are three age categories: 0–11, 11–16 and 16 plus. Please email your fabulous photos to community@brookwood.org.uk along with your name, age and contact details. Thinesh will only be receiving the photos, and contact details will be deleted after the winners have been chosen. The closing date is midday on Saturday 20 February 2021. Good luck!

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VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Yet again the village has put on a great display of Christmas lights. Lots of the lights seemed to go up especially early this year, which cheered a lot of people up including me. Here are some of my favourites from around the village











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NB: DEADLINE FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20 January preferably by e-mail to community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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