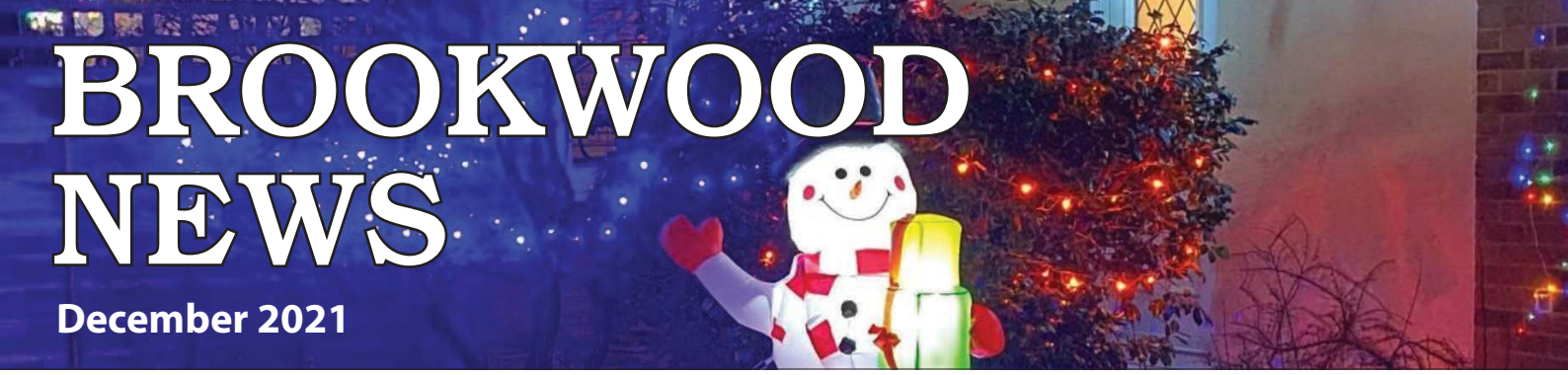


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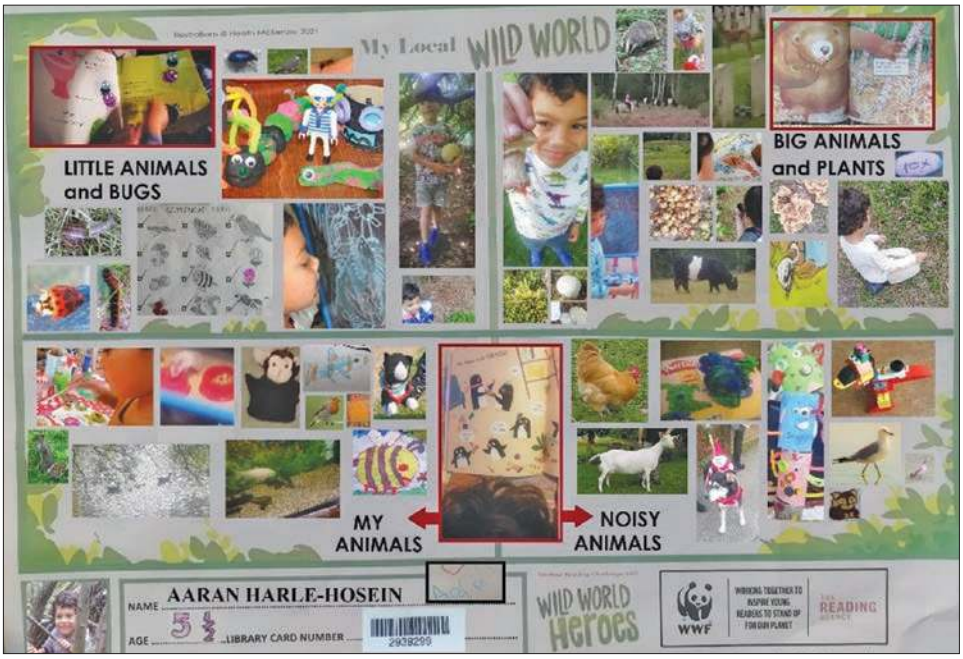
December 2021

EDITORIAL

So, we have made it to December without Christmas being cancelled, no shortage of turkeys and plenty of toilet rolls on the shelves. I hope you all have a great time over the festive season, and enjoy all the activities and events the village has to offer and that were sadly missed last year. It has been a busy year in the village as always and, looking back over the newsletters, there seems to have been plenty going on from celebrities on paddle boards, to fetes and concerts. 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. Unfortunately, due to the holiday period, there will be no January issue, but we will be back in full swing in February keeping you informed about what's going on in and around Brookwood village. 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

WILD WOOD HERO



Young villager Aaran Harle-Hosein saw his entry to the Woking Library/World Wildlife Fund "Wild Wood Heroes" summer art competition score big with the judges recently, and scooped a top prize.

The competition involved drawing or photographing local wildlife. Aaran – known as AHH – is the 5-year-old local creator of many of the painted shells and stones you may have seen dotted around the village this summer. In the holidays, he also created this montage of local animals and plants encountered in nearby summer adventures, all themed around his favourite books. With a few pounds' top-up as a parental reward, he's bought a go-kart with his winnings. Go Super Aaran!

BROOKWOOD PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Bentleys Garage are looking for nominations for the "Brookwood Person of the Year" award. If you know of an unsung hero in the Brookwood community who goes above and beyond, and you feel they do not get the recognition they deserve, please contact us by email (brookwoodaward@gmail.com) with their name and what they have done, or alternatively drop your nomination into Bentleys garage in a sealed envelope. All nominations to be submitted by 28 February 2022.

The recipient of the title "Brookwood Person of the Year" will receive a trophy and a £100 donation to charity of their choice in their name. The winner of the award will be announced in the April 2022 edition of Brookwood News.

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PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Pirbright Horticultural Society will be our annual general meeting on Tuesday 14 December 2021 at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall. The AGM will be followed by a social session with seasonal refreshments. Apart from the general discussions, there will be an item to set the rate of subscriptions following the lack of one year's payments. Do please come and join us for this meeting.

Pirbright Horticultural Society has donated a mountain ash tree to commemorate the Platinum Anniversary of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II (1952–2022). The tree was planted on the Little Green on 6 November 2021 by Philip Barralet, Chairman of PHS, and Steven Fidgett, Chairman of Pirbright Parish Council. An engraved brass plaque was provided with the help of Surrey County Councillor, Keith Witham.



TALES FROM THE VILLAGE

A couple of Sundays ago, my wife Christina and I were making our way up Connaught Road on foot when we were approached by a little old man in beige trousers and jumper (and no it wasn't Ian Durkin before anyone asks) and, most weirdly, an authentic American Civil War cap. He asked us in broken English the way to Farnborough. We pointed out that it was a long walk and it was just about to start raining. I asked him where he had come from and he replied – **Greece in 1953!**

Blimey, I said you have been walking a long time.

It turned out he had been over to see the brothers at St Edward's Orthodox Church in the cemetery, his train had been cancelled, and he had no money. Christina and I stuck him in a taxi and sent him on his way. Kept me laughing all week.

If you have a village tale you'd like to share, please forward it to community@brookwood.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

Fulk Bros Butchers

Monday 20 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Tuesday 21 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Wednesday 22 December: 8am to 6pm
Thursday 23 December: 8am to 6pm
Friday 24 December: 6.30am to 1pm
Closed from Christmas Day until Thursday 30 December
Thursday 30 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Friday 31 December: 8am to 1pm
Closed Saturday 1 January until Wednesday 5 January

Brookwood Bakery and Post Office

Monday 20 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Tuesday 21 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Wednesday 22 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Thursday 23 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Friday 24 December: 8am to 12.30pm
Closed from Christmas Day until Wednesday 29 December
Wednesday 29 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Thursday 30 December: 8am to 5.30pm
Friday 31 December: 8am to 12.30pm
Closed New Year's Day until Tuesday 4 January
Tuesday 4 January: 8am to 5.30pm

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Saturday 4 December: Christmas Tree light switch on. Everyone is welcome to join from 6pm for the light switch on at 7pm. We will be joined by the Brookwood School Choir and there will be a BBQ and mulled wine for sale.

Friday 31 December: New Year's Eve Disco. We are limiting numbers to 70 tickets, two guests per member. Everyone must purchase a ticket before the event, including children. Tickets on sale from 1 December behind the bar.

Saturday 8 January: Bingo will be restarting at 8.30pm. Going forward, it will be the first Saturday of every month.

More information can be found on notices in the club, at www.brookwood.club, and on Facebook and Twitter.

GARDEN WASTE UPDATE

I believe there were green bin collections for the two weeks from 22 November up until December.

Below is an extract from Councillor Kevin Davis regarding the future of green waste collection. The full report can be read on the link at www.brookwood.org.uk.

'The future is looking more positive, and by continuing to follow our winter plan, we expect to run a January collection service, probably towards the end of the month. We're still on track to get back to service normality mid to late Spring.

Of course, things can change and we will keep everyone up to date on where we are, together with sufficient notice of when a collection will take place. Letters and emails will begin to be sent out shortly confirming this latest collection.'

Pirbright Players

Pirbright Players will present four showings of Dick Whittington, a pantomime by Ben Crocker, in January 2022. Performances will be on Saturday 29 January at 1.30 and 6.30pm, and on Sunday 30 January at 1.30 and 6.30 pm. The shows will be at Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright. Tickets are £14 for adults, £8 for children (14 and under).

This is a charming traditional pantomime with a modern feel for all the family. Dick and Alice are falling in love and King Rat uses Idle Jack's jealousy to further his evil schemes. Tommy the cat is Dick's constant brilliant companion. Follow their exciting adventures on the ship "Sweet Marie" and enjoy the fabulous songs.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks served at matinees; wine and soft drinks in the evening. Ice creams and lollies are available at all performances.

Email: david@davidgreenland.plus.com for information
Online booking (from 3 December): www.spanglefish.com/pirbrightplayers

REMEMBRANCE

POPPIES

Dear Editor

I imagine you are already aware of the imaginative way in which our village post box has been decorated to commemorate Armistice Day and promote the British Legion Poppy Appeal. I suspect that it is the work of several kindly folk, who deserve our thanks.

Best wishes – David Stonor



David, Thank you so much for the photos of the post box. I can confirm (on good authority) that the poppies were made by the lovely ladies and gentlemen of the WI.

REMEMBRANCE EVENTS

November is an important month in the military calendar, as we remember our fallen heroes, and honour the courage, bravery and commitment of our serving Armed Forces and their families. This year, it has been wonderful to see representatives from the military and the Royal British Legion back in our communities selling poppies to raise vital funds for our Armed Forces, particularly as 2021 marks 100 years since the nation's collective Remembrance traditions were first brought together.







It was also nice to see a fantastic turn out at the Remembrance Day service in Brookwood Cemetery.

GREAT GRANDAD HENRY WILLIAMS LION, ENLISTMENT

Whilst searching through some old papers, my sister came across our great grandfather's enlistment papers for the First World War. He was 44 when called up, with a chest size of 36 inches when fully expanded, and a height of 5 ft 3 inches. He ended up serving in the Pioneer Corps. My grandfather Edward Petit (who was also only 5 ft 2 inches tall and from the east end of London) ended up serving with the Scots Fusiliers as they had a special unit for short men. For those of you in the village who know me, this explains a lot. I am pleased to say that both Henry Lion and Edward Petit survived the war with only minor injuries.



DESCRIPTIVE REPORT ON ENLISTMENT.

Name William Henry Line

Apparent age 44 years months. Height 5 feet 3 inches.

Chest measurement: Girth when fully expanded 36 inches. Range of expansion 2½ inches.

17 JUN 1916

Distinctive marks

INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY RECRUIT.

Name and Address of next of kin Alice Maude Line

Commercial Road London E. Relationship Wife

Particulars as to Marriage.

Alice Maude Stewart Spinster

Particulars as to Children.

Christian Names | Date and Place of Birth

STATEMENT OF THE SERVICES

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CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Scouts will be collecting real trees for recycling on the morning of SUNDAY 9 January 2022

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 lot. 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:
Account name: 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.

GIFT AID DECLARATION: I would like 1st Brookwood Scout Group to reclaim tax on all qualifying donations made this year or 4 years prior to this year. I confirm that I am a UK tax payer and have paid UK income tax or capital gains equal to the tax reclaimed by the charity on the donation.

Signature: .... Date: ....

ST SAVIOUR'S PUPPET SERVICE

An advent puppet service will be held at St Saviour's on Sunday 5 December at 10am.



SING WE NOW OF CHRISTMAS

PIRBRIGHT SINGERS

We are excited to invite you back to come and join us for a wonderful evening of joyful and fun Christmas music performed by the Pirbright Singers on Saturday 4 December at 7.30pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright. Tickets are available on the door at £10 per person and £5 for children under 12 years (payment cash or card). Tickets allocated first come first served and doors open at 7pm.

Proceeds are going towards St Michael and All Angels Church. Contact ThePirbrightSingers@gmail.com for further information.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Brookwood WI has enjoyed trying to find ways to meet up again over the last month. We have enjoyed a very interesting talk by Thinesh about his photography and had our AGM. We have also been busy creating poppies to go on our village post box. It created an excited stir throughout the village when it suddenly appeared overnight!! Well done to all the ladies who contributed. We have plans for a Christmas meeting, our fingers are crossed that it can go ahead!

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Sage / Plain sausage meat
Pigs in Blankets
Cheese • Chutneys
Jams • Goose Fat
Eggs • Milk
Pate • Stuffings
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Friday 24th December: 6.30am–1pm
Christmas Day – Wednesday 29th December: Closed
Thursday 30th December: 8am–5.30pm
Friday 31st December: 8am–1pm
Saturday 1st January – Tuesday 4th January: Closed
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