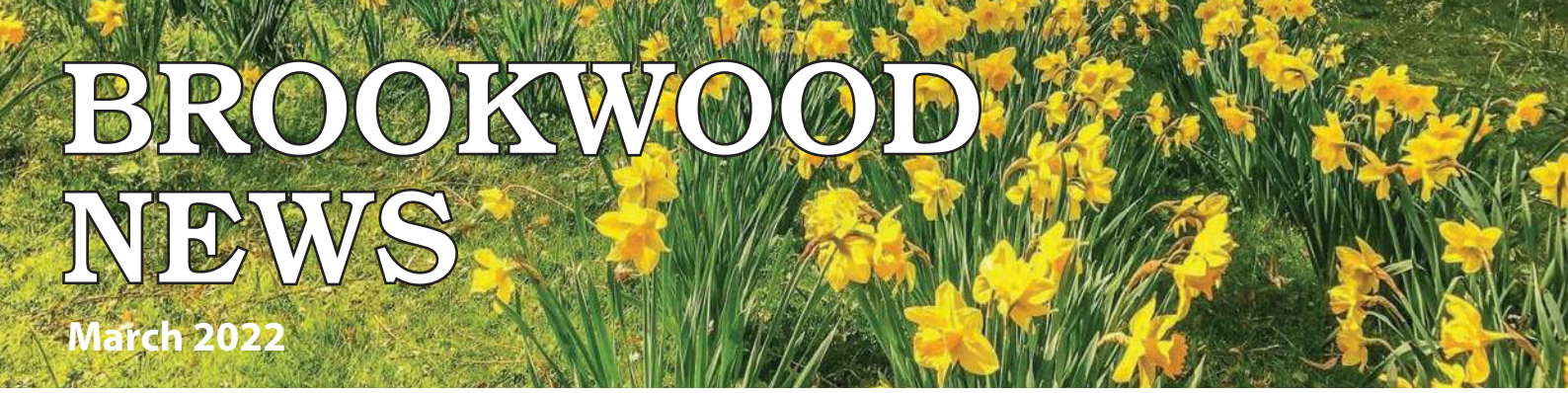


BROOKWOOD NEWS

March 2022

EDITORIAL

Here we are, leaping into spring without any restrictions and hoping for a peaceful resolution in Europe. I hope March finds you well and feeling positive despite the storms and difficulties of recent months. Our village forges on with some changes, but with a closer bond and appreciation of our friends, neighbours and beautiful surroundings. I also hope you enjoy this month's news and items of interest.

Yvonne Craven – Editor

EUNICE AND FRANKLIN

As a result of these storms, over 60 trees came down and blocked the Navigation and towpath of the Basingstoke Canal over the weekend of 19–20 February. The advice was to avoid using the towpath, and car parks remained closed because of the on-going high winds and the need to clear up fallen debris. Two sections of towpath at Frimley Lodge Park and Deepcut cutting were completely closed for safety reasons due to large hung-up trees. The Navigation was littered with debris, fallen trees and branches, and is best avoided both for powered and unpowered boats.

HEARTFELT THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Darren and I are truly humbled by the generosity of everyone who gave up hard-earned money to the Brookwood Village Foodbank Appeal. It has been a campaign full of twists and turns, such as the generosity of a local villager providing cash through a chance conversation, handmade hats, scarves and blankets, three van loads full of food, and a JustGiving page which exceeded our target by double the amount and reached our online target of £750 within a week of going live. We made the front page of Woking News and Mail, and provided over 93 food parcels, worth a staggering £3000. We are a remarkable village and when the chips are down everyone comes to the party to help out. A huge thank you to the Brookwood News team for including the appeal in the last few newsletters.

Darren and Trudi





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NEW SERVICES AND COURSES AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH



Missing Messy Church? On the fourth Sunday of each month, 10am at St Saviour's, we have a new service that combines music, prayer, craft, science experiments, refreshments and chat. Gathered around tables, all generations are invited to explore the monthly theme together. After being separated for so long, this is a great opportunity to reconnect with one another as we connect with our amazing God in Worship for Everyone. We look forward to welcoming you to our next service on Sunday 27 March.

An Alpha course starts on Wednesday evenings, 7.30–9.30pm, for eight sessions. This course seeks to introduce the basics of the Christian faith through a series of talks and discussions. It is an opportunity to explore the meaning of life and ask questions in a relaxed atmosphere.

Other courses running are Prayer and Bible courses, and a Bereavement Journey course for anyone suffering from recent or long-term loss.

Summary of services and events

Wednesday 2 March	Alpha course, 7.30pm
Sunday 6 March	Puppet Church, 10am (all ages/young children)
Sunday 13 March	Reflective Service with Holy Communion, 10am
Sunday 20 March	Café Church, 10am (worship & breakfast all ages)
Tuesday 22 March	Lunch with Friends, 12–2pm (anyone working from home or looking for company mid-week)
Sunday 27 March	Worship for Everyone, 10am (all ages)
Sunday 3 April	Puppet Church, 10am
Every Friday	Pop Up Coffee & cake, 10am–12pm (all welcome)

For further information please contact the church office (01483 473489 or email welcome@htandstschurch.org).

BROOKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL UPDATE

The school has had a great autumn term with highlights such as the expanded offer of music lessons, with piano, saxophone, ukulele and guitar, just a few of the instruments available to learn. We are now joined by a professional singer, who leads a weekly uplifting and energising singing assembly every Wednesday. We have invested in our sport provision and are already seeing the rewards. Our Year 6 football team won a recent tournament at a local secondary school and we are now dedicating Wednesday afternoons to weekly fixtures against local schools. With over 75% of children now attending after-school clubs, there is a real buzz of excitement around sport and we hope this bodes well for the future. In class, children have responded well to our new Heart of Brookwood Values: Happiness, Enthusiasm, Aspiration, Respect and Togetherness, and we're delighted to be oversubscribed for September 2022 once again. As well as all the wonderful things going on in class, building work and maintenance has provided a brand new Wellbeing Hub, Reception classroom, a refurbished Key Stage 2 block, new interactive whiteboards, desktop computers and iPads, and a brand new outdoor gym. We look forward to some warmer weather and exciting weeks ahead!

David Gunning











CONGRATULATIONS



….to the Antill family on the birth of their third son, Cameron, who was born at home in Connaught Road on 22 January. His two older brothers, Max and Benedict, are very pleased to have a new baby brother. So far, he has been kind to his parents and is sleeping a fair bit.

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE IN PIRBRIGHT

As we grow older, loneliness, insecurity and the difficulty of running one's own home can become a daily worry. Many of our residents moved to Cunningham House when life alone became too much of a burden, and are delighted that they did! Located only a short distance away in Pirbright, we are a small and friendly home, offering supported independent living for older people. Our nine rooms with private en-suite facilities open onto private patios and landscaped gardens. With a caring resident housekeeper, we provide delicious home-cooked meals every day, and the companionship of fellow residents, family and our many volunteers. Cunningham House is perfectly suited to those who want to live independently, but want the reassurance of knowing that someone is always close at hand. If this sounds appealing, either for yourself or a loved one, please give us a call to find out more: phone 01483 488751, email cunninghamhousepirbright@gmail.com or visit our website (www.cunninghamhouse.co.uk).

TUNNEL UPDATE

Sarah Dickin's petition, for a safe route through the Brookwood–Pirbright Tunnel, now has 730 names. Sarah met with officials from both Guildford and Woking Borough Councils and showed them the problems first-hand. She was also interviewed by Radio Surrey and heard on 15 February on the early morning show. There is still time to add your name via the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/SafeRouteBrookwoodPirbright/) or the website contact page (https://saferoute.wixsite.com/pirbrightbrookwood/contact).

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Saturday 5 March – Bingo at 8.30pm and then every first Saturday of the month. More information can be found on notices in the club, on Facebook, Twitter and www.brookwood.club.

LOCAL SERVICES AND TRADES

AB Hire Ltd Brookwood *Party & catering equipment*	01276 856440	sales@abhire.com www.abhire.com
Brookwood Barber Box	Richard Hunt 07913 060627	brookwoodbarberbox@gmail.com
Brookwood Design and Build *NICEIC registered*	David Siveter 01483 674547, 07447 947970	brookwooddesignandbuild@gmail.com
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Container Storage Brookwood	07741 631600	www.brookwoodselfstorage.co.uk info@brookwoodselfstorage.co.uk
Dog Training Brookwood	Claire Woodard 07803 294263	brookwoodnormandydogtraining@gmail.com www.brookwood-normandydogtraining.co.uk
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Glassmaster Brookwood	01483 488308	www.glassmasterservices.co.uk
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Skate Station Brookwood	01483 608881	contact@skatestation.co.uk www.skatestation.co.uk
Squeeky Kleen PCS *Window Cleaners*	James Oakford 01483 488078, 07875 044760	squeekykleen@googlemail.com www.squeekykleenpcs.co.uk
Surrey Floors & Doors Brookwood	01483 351430	info@surreyfloorsdoors.co.uk
Wisteria Beauty	Emma Hood 07974 399040	Emma964bell@btinternet.com

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THAMES BASIN HEATHS PARTNERSHIP

We're asking for everyone's help again this season. If you're visiting Surrey heaths from 1 March, we're asking you to keep to main paths and keep dogs out of low-growing vegetation, like heather, gorse and grass. This will help protect the rare birds that nest on the ground here. The birds give the heaths a huge amount of protection, so protecting birds protects heaths! Protecting heaths protects birds! There's a list of the heaths and who manages them on our website (www.tbhpartnership.org.uk/spa-contact-details/).

SUNDAY GUIDED WALKS

Brookwood Cemetery Society guided walks for 2022 start on Sunday 6 March at 1pm:

1) People from the Indian subcontinent featuring those who lived, travelled and worked in pre-1947 India.
2) Scouts and Scouting Tour exploring the history of scouting which dates back to the first camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

Pre-booking is essential by email (walks@tbcs.org.uk) or 07714 289375. A donation of £5 per person includes refreshments. We meet at the Society Lodge adjacent to the Cemetery Office.

Scouts
1st Brookwood

1st Brookwood Scout Group were delighted to be able to donate £605 to Woking and Sam Beare Hospice as half of the proceeds from the Christmas tree recycling. On behalf of the Hospice and Scout Group, many thanks are due to all the residents who generously supported the collection, Henry Street garden centre for the loan of a van, National Grid for matching some of the funds raised and our volunteers who made it all happen.

Mark Kilcullen



THE STORY OF A LION

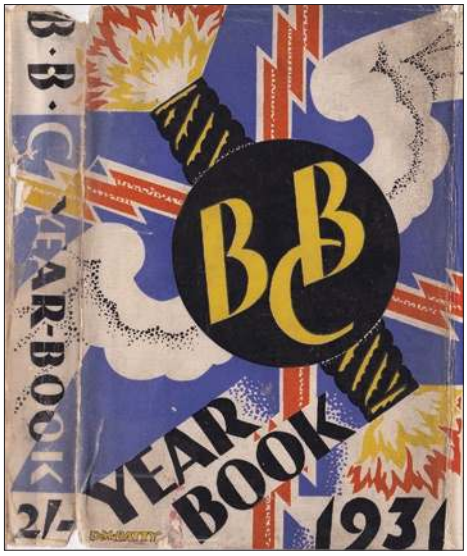
This year celebrates 100 years of broadcasting by the BBC, which started in 1922 as a radio station, call sign 2LO, sending out regular news bulletins. In December, Lord Reith was appointed and he developed broadcasting to further genres of programming and founded the ethos that the BBC follows to this day. When I was 18, I started my working life at the BBC and I know that there are others living in the village who have made their careers in broadcasting. On my shelf, I have a BBC handbook published in 1931; I was flicking through it the other day and came across this extraordinary story about the lengths that broadcasters would go to in order to get a sound effect. Remember that recording equipment was not portable then. This is the story of Poilu, the lion who nearly broadcast.

Poilu was the pride of a menagerie in Kent, and the demand for his services as a broadcaster came about when an Empire Day programme was under consideration. Someone suggested that the Imperial spirit would be suitably symbolised by the roaring of a lion. They must have a genuine lion, no gramophone record or roaring synthetically produced by "Effects" would suffice. The owner of Poilu said that he felt certain that he could be made to growl, but not to roar, as lions only roar when the mood takes them. Despite this, arrangements were made to move him to the studio in a caged wagon. All seemed set for the lion's microphone debut, when the BBC wrote to the owner… 'I take it that it will be possible to get the lion upstairs to the studio, as it cannot be more difficult to move him, than to move a grand piano!' However, it was decided to install Poilu in the yard and let him growl (or roar) from there. Alas, poor Poilu, his hopes of fame were dashed when a telegraphist from London tapped out the fearful words, "please cancel all arrangements in connection with lion." What were the reasons? Perhaps the BBC was afraid that Poilu would eat an announcer and awkward questions would be asked in the House.

Yvonne Craven


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CEMETERY STORIES – BROCK BULLET

In reference to your editorial, several years ago, I stumbled upon a memorial to Frank Arthur Brock, the founder of the incendiary bullet used for shooting down German airships, known as the Brock bullet. It seems he was sadly lost at the raid of Zeebrugge, where he was involved with screening the attack with artificial fog. A pioneering war hero. Brock was a member of the Admiralty Board of Invention and Research, and founded, organised and commanded the Royal Navy Experimental Station at Stratford. I found it intriguing that such a man and his story is tucked away in an overgrown part of the cemetery. It makes you wonder what other nuggets of history are there to find.

Paul Baylis

I followed up Paul's comment and discovered that his memorial is with Arthur Bruce Nesling and Andrew Yule Catto in Plot 57. Frank Brock was also related to the family who made and distributed Brock Fireworks. He was killed while testing smoke screens on the deck of a ship. With thanks to Kim Lowe, Chair of Brookwood Cemetery Society. Ed.



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