

BROOKWOOD NEWS

November 2022

EDITORIAL

In the last newsletter we asked for new businesses to reach out for advertising and donations to help us continue to produce and distribute this wonderful community newsletter, and I'm very happy to say that we have indeed been contacted by local business and individuals and received some donations for which we are very grateful. We'd love to hear from any businesses that would like to advertise in future, and any organisations or individuals that feel they might be able to make a donation to help with our costs. If you'd like to advertise or donate (or both!), or have any other thoughts on other funding sources, please email us at community@brookwood.org.uk. Thank you all for your continued support.

Ciará Nasseri-Chahpar – Editor

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BROOKWOOD LYE ROAD UPDATE

Woking Borough Council are looking at other options for Brookwood Lye that include dropping all the affordable housing, a back-door approximate doubling in size of the Traveller site, and not making any highway improvements. Most people in the village have been supportive of the previous plans as laid out by Cllr Davis and they have been widely consulted on. The Brookwood Village Association is unimpressed with this change and has initiated a petition that can be signed in the Post Office or online using WBC's e-petition on their website. The BVA has booked the school hall for 14 November at 7.30pm for the village to discuss this. Cllr Davis will be there and able to answer questions. We need your help; please email brookwoodnews2@virginmedia.com for more information or to volunteer to help with the campaign against this.

SWEET NEW BUSINESS

Two brothers who grew up in Brookwood have set up a business selling quality pick 'n' mix sweets online. snackdealer.co.uk was set up by Alex and Chris Greenwood in May 2022 and operates from premises on Connaught Road. They offer free, personal delivery within two miles, or by Royal Mail for non-local orders, and will be adding pick 'n' mix nuts to their stock this month. It's a great idea for birthday parties, film nights, presents, or just keeping in a dish on your work desk.



BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALL – CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Anyone can take part in the Christmas Trail between 12 and 17 December. If you would like to nominate your house to be part of the Christmas Trail or would like to take part in the trail around Brookwood, email us at: management@bmhalls.org.uk.

On the last day of the Christmas Trail, 17 December 2022, we'd like to invite all villagers to join us to take part in the trail. Wrap up warm and follow our trail, taking in the festive sights of Brookwood village, and ending back at Brookwood Memorial Hall between 5 and 8pm to warm up with mince pies, mulled wine, and other festivities, including voting for the 'Best Dressed' house on the trail in Brookwood.



Please do email us if you would like to attend on 17 December, so that we can ensure to send you the trail map closer to the time, and also to ensure we have enough mince pies!

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BROOKWOOD CLUB

Christmas is approaching and the Brookwood Club will again host the Annual Brookwood Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with BBQ, carol singing, fun and laughter for all ages! Save the date: Saturday 3 December 2022

Regular events at the Club are:

Sundays – Pub Quiz at 8.45pm

Mondays – Brookwood Poker nights

Fridays – Brookwood Meat Raffle!!

First Saturday of every month – Bingo!

Members' renewals open from 1 November 2022 to 31 January 2023. All memberships run from 1 January to 31 December annually.

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

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION



We will be putting on a show which consists of a revue with poems, sketches and songs. After the interval, Long John Silver is recruiting pirates for treasure. Where will he find the most ferocious pirates in all of Bristol? Why, the Smuggler's Cove Women's Institute of course! In what promises to be fun packed afternoons and evening, the Players' Christmas production will include a pantomime by Ben Crocker, based upon Stevenson's classic adventure story Treasure Island.

The show will have three performances on Saturday 10 December afternoon and evening, and on Sunday 11 afternoon at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Full details are in the attached leaflet, including how to book online. Alternatively, you can send your request for tickets with your cheque to David Greenland, 10 Pirbright Terrace, Guildford Road, Pirbright, Surrey, GU24 0LR.

SOUTHWEST RAILWAYS TRAIN STRIKES

We have been notified that the RMT union will be taking further industrial action on:



The industrial action will involve Network Rail and SWR members of the RMT on 3 and 5 November, with a further strike action day for Network Rail on 7 November, which will significantly limit the infrastructure available to us.

Customers should expect major disruption throughout the strike period from 3 November to 8 November, and should consider changing plans now if possible.

We expect to run a severely reduced strike timetable on a limited number of routes, which will see large parts of the network closed entirely.

The TSSA union has announced that it will join the industrial action on 3 November only.

In separate disputes, RMT members on London Overground and London Underground will also take part in industrial action on 3 November.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our November meeting is on Tuesday 8 November at 8pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall when our speaker will be Jim Buttress on Greenwich Park, the Naval College, the Old Royal Observatory and the National Maritime Museum. Jim was formerly in charge of some of the Royal Parks in London.

The meeting is open to anyone interested. Visitors and guests most welcome. Refreshments available. Don't forget our AGM and Christmas social at 8pm on Tuesday 13 December, 8pm, Lord Pirbright's Hall, Clubroom.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION

BEAUJOLAIS SUPPER FUNDRAISING EVENT, SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER



We are looking to extend our membership reach to Normandy based on the close historic and current links between the two villages. We run four fundraising events annually to support the host and visit our French friends in Cagny.

Pirbright Parish Council | Pirbright Twinning Association (pirbright-pc.gov.uk)

REVIEW: THE ESSENTIAL FAIRY QUEEN

In October, Brookwood was host to its first ever sell-out opera, 'The Essential Fairy Queen'. A talented group of local musicians performed for a packed audience in St Saviour's Church, which was the perfect setting. The audience, which included many families, was delighted by the show, which encouraged them to join in the celebrations of Oberon's birthday party. Children were given balloons decorated with streamers and glow sticks; the balloons told us that we were witnessing Oberon's 3000th birthday!



The Fairy Queen is a semi-staged opera and the beautiful open space of St Saviour's, lit by fairy lights, was the perfect setting. The original score is incidental music to be played around a performance of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. 'The Essential Fairy Queen' is a short and snappy version with the best tunes and a story focused entirely on The Fairy Court. The party is going well as the guests arrive to celebrate with Oberon and Titania but they later fall out, resulting in vengeance and heartache, but ultimately a happy ending.

Purcell's wonderful music shone as we were delighted by the sound of the harpsichord played by Eralys Fernandez leading a string quartet, recorder and flute ensemble. Callie Gaston and Simon Wilson, as Titania and Oberon, delivered expert performances. Richard Johnson swaggered as Phoebus, the God of the Sun as he was followed around by his rock star entourage, The Seasons. Ramani Langley and Marion Barton were a perfect pairing, duetting as the fairies Secresy and Mystery who caused much mischief. The highlight was the hilarious Harry Heaven as Mopsa, dressed in full drag tottering around in heels being chased by a very amorous Tom Griffiths as Coridon.



Most of the Woking Baroque Opera Ensemble who staged 'The Essential Fairy Queen' are reuniting as the Not Just Opera Company to stage the show in London in November and there will be further performances in 2023. Not Just Opera hope to be able to perform in Woking again very soon.

Please go to: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100086451005417 to find out where you can catch this unique and hugely entertaining show again. or contact the Director, Ramani Langley, at ramanilangley@hotmail.com.

BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

By the time you read this article, this year's campaign will already have launched and will continue to run until 5 December.

Listening to all the sad news of late, it is becoming increasingly clear that things are not going to get any easier any time soon for those people who have found themselves in crisis, what with increasing fuel costs, the cost of living and now the possibility of mortgage rates increasing. These things alone could mean that some families may have to make the sad choice over the winter quarter whether to feed their family or put the heating on to keep them all warm. With your help, we can hopefully make that burden a little easier by supplying Woking Foodbank with as much non-perishable food as possible this year.

Posters are now being clearly displayed in our drop-off points: Brookwood Club, Brookwood Bakers Dozen/Post Office during opening hours, and also Brookwood Memorial Hall on Tuesday mornings. If you are struggling to get to the shops, we have as we did last year set up a JustGiving page to make things a little easier (https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/trudi-fletcher-2).

Or you can scan the QR code clearly displayed on all the posters and this will take you directly to the fundraising page.

There are various ways to get in touch: email trudifletcher@rocketmail.com, telephone 07887 565163 or leave a message at one of my drop-off points if you would like us to collect your parcel or you have any questions. The website for Woking Foodbank is https://woking.foodbank.org.uk.

Thank you for your help and for thinking of others

Trudi & Darren

HOLY TRINITY & ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 11 December 7.00pm
Candlelit Carol Service at St Saviour's

Saturday 17 December 7.00pm
Campfire Carols at Holy Trinity

Sunday 18 December 10.00am
Nativity Service at Holy Trinity

Saturday 24 December 4.00pm
Puppet Christingle Service at St Saviour's

Saturday 24 December 11.15pm
Christmas Eve Holy Communion at St Saviour's

Sunday 25 December 10.00am
Christmas Day Celebration at Holy Trinity

e welcome. Please contact community@brookwood.org.uk before the 20th of the month

LOCAL POLICE AND BASINGSTOKE CANAL SOCIETY WINS NATIONAL TILLEY AWARD



The Basingstoke Canal Society

A small stretch of the Basingstoke Canal was the location of less than positive news over recent years and therefore local groups came together. The collaborative effort to jointly work towards improvements, and a solution to make the Basingstoke Canal towpath in Woking a safe place for all to enjoy, saw the Basingstoke Canal Society work with Surrey County Police.

The Tilley Award, a prestigious award from the Home Office, was awarded to the local Police force for the Business Support and Volunteers category.

In addition to a local award-winning programme, this last week the project has also been awarded the National Prize at the National Problem Solving Conference after being up against countrywide local award winners. As a result, CanalWatch now moves forward to the International Awards which will take place in the coming months.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

This award celebrates their work along with volunteers from the Basingstoke Canal Society for setting up CanalWatch and placing volunteer patrols along the towpath. This vital volunteer work helped to make canal users feel reassured and safer walking along the canal during the day and evening

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