BROOKWOOD NEWS

December 2022

EDITORIAL

It's a real pleasure to be able to report the wide range of Christmas activities taking place in the village during December. A reminder too that the deadline for copy for the January newsletter will remain the same, 20 December, and we hope it reaches our readers around 5 January. In the meantime, thanks from the editorial team to all our contributors, to our distribution team, to our sponsors, Seymours, and those others who responded to our plea for financial support. We look forward to 2023 and another year for the Brookwood News. Merry Christmas to all our readers.

John Wheeler – Editor

A CUT ABOVE THE REST??

By now, many of us will have ordered or bought a (probably) costly, oven-ready bird or joint of meat with which to feed family and friends at Christmas. It's possibly the case too that a number of us will attempt to carve this investment with a knife that, through age or the absence of due care and attention, is ill-equipped for the job.

Fear not, help is at hand. Chris Wright, the son of one of our Brookwood News distribution team members, will be able not only to provide a solution to this problem, but also to offer a solution to the conundrum of what to buy the person for whom finding "something different" as a gift drives us all to distraction.

Chris has turned a life-long interest in knives into a business specialising in the hand-making of unique kitchen knives. These can be individually commissioned or, if the idea of making your own knife appeals, experience days are available, with a 10% discount on any days purchased before 31 December 2022 (quoting the code CHRIS10). See www.teddysknives.co.uk for more information.

BROOKWOOD LYE

Mike Peel, Chair of BVA, welcomed the 54 local residents who attended the meeting at Brookwood School on 14 November. The villagers who attended unanimously agreed that the BVA, working with Kevin Davis, our local councillor, needed to take the BVA petition to Woking Borough Council's full council and ask why they are refusing to build the housing that is required and agreed.

The petition currently has over 200 signatures on the e-petition and the hard copy at Brookwood Post Office, but 400 signatures are required to be able to get it in front of the full council.

What can you do? Please let your friends and neighbours know about the petition and ask them to sign it. The QR code printed here and on the Brookwood Local Area News' Facebook page will take you to the relevant area of Woking Borough Council's website. But if you're a technophobe, please sign the copy at Brookwood Post Office.

BROOKWOOD LAST POST ASSOCIATION

The association meets on the first Sunday of the month at 3.00pm in front of the RAF Memorial in Brookwood Military Cemetery. A short service, and a parade of Standards to honour the fallen in the two World Wars and the many engagements since, is held and the association would be delighted if you could spare an hour or so once a month to join them. More information can be found on the association's website (www.brookwoodlastpost.org).

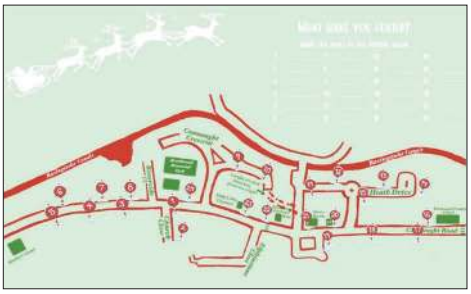
BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS

A reminder that the Christmas Trail starts on 12 December. Follow the trail around Brookwood and find all the Christmas pictures displayed. When you have found all the pictures, you will need to join us on 17 December to enter our competition, where three completed forms will be drawn to win a Christmas prize.

It would be great to see all our villagers on the last day of this trail – 17 December, between 5 and 8 pm – for mince pies, mulled wine, and other Christmas festivities.

Please email us on management@bmhalls.org.uk for a Christmas Trail or to let us know you will be joining us on 17 December, to ensure we have enough mince pies and refreshments!

Brookwood Memorial Halls Committee would like to thank all who have volunteered this year and those who have nominated to place a poster on their window for the Christmas Trail – we are so thankful for your support. We wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.



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BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

This year's campaign finishes on 10 December. We appreciate how difficult it is at the moment for many, but more people than ever in Woking are struggling to afford food, and this situation will only become worse as the current cost of living crisis intensifies.

Anything that you can give will be an absolute bonus, especially some luxury items for the kiddies such as chocolate selection packs, which might be overlooked. Other items particularly needed include tinned mixed vegetables, tinned potatoes, tinned salmon, tinned ham, washing up liquid, bleach, cleaning spray, tinned chicken breast and long-life sponge puddings.

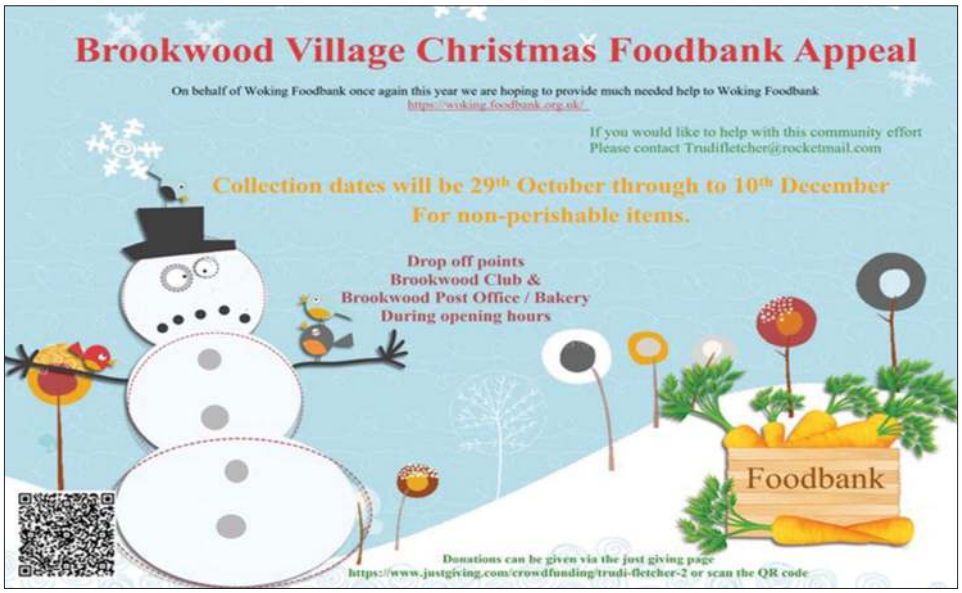
Posters are now being displayed in our drop-off points, which are Brookwood Primary School, Brookwood Club, Brookwood Bakers Dozen/Post Office during opening hours, and also Brookwood Memorial Hall on Tuesday mornings.

If you are struggling to get to the shops we have, as we did last year, set up a Just Giving page to make things a little easier. This can be found by scanning the QR code or at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/trudi-fletcher-2.

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

Thank you for your help and for thinking of others

Trudi & Darren



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

FOBS at Brookwood School are excited to hold their Christmas Fair on Friday 9 December from 3.15 to 5.30pm. We would love you to come along and join us where there will be a number of local stall holders including the body shop, Thinesh photography, explore learning, games, refreshments, mulled wine and much more.

We are having an online auction, which is now also live, where you can bid on a number of great items and pick up Christmas gifts for family and friends if you follow this link – www.auctionofpromises.com/2022ChristmasAuctionFOBS.

THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL SOCIETY

A once in a lifetime opportunity to buy something totally unique. The Basingstoke Canal Society is auctioning original paintings by Nancy Larcombe to help raise funds to replace our community trip boat Kitty with an all-electric boat. The auction is open now and closes on 16 December at 9pm. You can see the paintings and bid for them at app.galabid.com/larcombe.

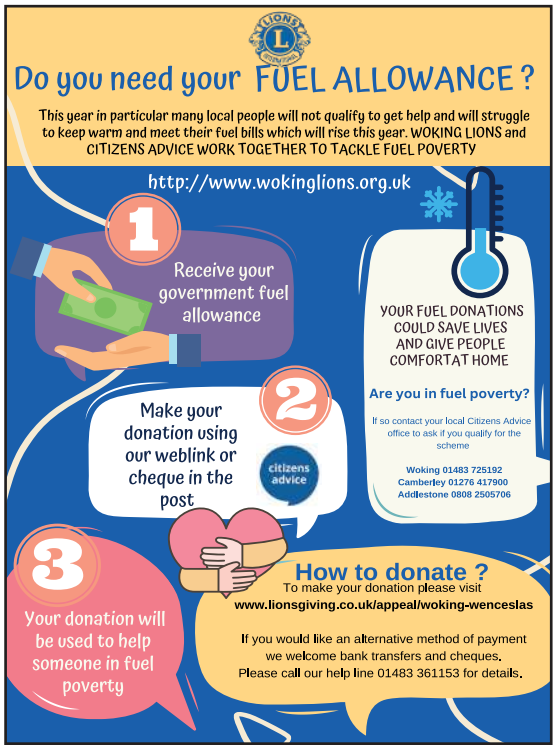
Nancy Larcombe was an artist and author who toured the country in her boats, painting and writing for various magazines. A member of the Guild of Waterway Artists, Nancy lived in a 40ft narrow boat that she named Nancy Bell, moored near the Basingstoke Canal Centre. She died in autumn 2010 and donated all of her unsold artwork to the Basingstoke Canal Authority.

ALMAC BISLEY BRASS BAND

Almac Bisley Brass Band look forward to seeing you at their annual Christmas Concert in Bisley Village Hall on Saturday 10 December. Listen to festive music, sing along with carols, or just sit back and enjoy the atmosphere. Entry and raffle tickets can be ordered in advance by emailing tickets@almacbisleybrassband.org or phoning Lesley on 07769 781255.

The band is always looking to welcome new players, and if you play or have ever played a brass instrument they would be delighted to hear from you. Get in touch with Graham or Vanessa at enquiries@almacbisleybrassband.org or via the contact form on the website (www.almacbisleybrassband.org).





PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that the society's meeting on Tuesday 13 December will be a brief AGM, with seasonal refreshments, and will therefore be a social festive evening. AGMs are important so this will be an opportunity for the membership to express its views on how the society is run so plans can be made for next year.

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION

The Pirbright Players will be putting on a show at Lord Pirbright's Hall on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 December, comprising a revue with poems, sketches, and songs, and a pantomime based upon Stevenson's classic adventure story Treasure Island. Bookings can be made at www.spanglefish.com/pirbrightplayers or by sending your request for tickets (with cheque) to David Greenland, 10 Pirbright Terrace, Guildford Road, Pirbright, Surrey, GU24 0LR.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION – QUIZ NIGHT

The Twinning Association's popular Annual Quiz is back at 6.30pm on Sunday 8 January 2023 at Lord Pirbright's Hall. Tickets are available from Jim Grimshaw (trocha@clara.co.uk) at £13 for members and £15 for non-members. Payment by bank transfer (BACS) to Pirbright Twinning Association, sort code 30-99-80, a/c no. 01174367.

1ST BROOKWOOD SCOUTS CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

1st Brookwood Scouts will be collecting real trees for recycling on the morning of Sunday 8 January 2023. If you would like your tree to be collected, please text or WhatsApp your address to Joe Thorneywork, on 07930 988936, or email gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk to book a slot. Book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment!

Brookwood Scouts is a charity, relying on donations to continue to offer a varied, exciting, and valuable programme for local children and young people. Therefore, a small donation (suggested amount £4) would be appreciated to cover our Christmas tree collection costs and to help raise additional funds for the group.

Once again, the Scouts are fundraising for the Woking & Sam Beare Hospice over the festive period, and a portion of the profits from this collection will go to the hospice. To reduce cash handling, please transfer your donation to 1st Brookwood Scout Group, a/c no. 91311182, sort code 40-47-08, with your house number and surname as the reference.

Alternatively, please put this form and cash donation with your tree. If you would like to gift aid your donation we can send a declaration with booking confirmation or please complete the form below and leave it with your tree on the day.

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Address: .....

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BROOKWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Brookwood WI had their Annual Meeting on Tuesday 15 November. After some quiz time, where we also enjoyed some cheese and wine, we voted for our President. We were all very pleased when Maureen Gray was voted in again.

This year has been very busy for Brookwood WI, as we try to balance keeping our members healthy against some kind of normality! That said, we have had some very fascinating, and funny, talks about the Lumberjills, Sri Lanka and ladies' fashion throughout the ages, to name just a few.

We have been busy planning our Christmas meeting and buffet supper, which is taking place on Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm in the Large Memorial Hall. Our entertainment will be a singer called Frances Fry.

Looking to the new year, we are also looking forward to our 70th birthday! Plans are being kept under wraps for now, but it promises to be a lovely anniversary evening, and there is a very exciting programme of activities being planned throughout the year.

If you are interested in coming along, please just turn up on the third Tuesday of the month, for a 7.45pm start. Alternatively, ring Maureen on 01483 475543. Why not come and join us? Visitors are always welcome.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Club events in December

3 December	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: BBQ, carols and music at 6.00pm, lights on at 7.00pm.
9 December	Christmas Meat Raffle with extra prizes. The next meat raffle after this will be Friday 6 January 2023.
16 December	Christmas Raffle. £1 a square now on sale at the bar.
31 December	New Year's Eve Disco. Tickets available from 1 December. Members £2, guests £4, and children free.

Please note there will be no bingo in December. The next bingo will be on Saturday 7 January 2023.

Members' renewals are now open, until 31 January 2023. All memberships run from 1 January to 31 December annually.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Saturday 3 December	Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with BBQ and carol singing at Brookwood Club, from 6.00pm
Sunday 4 December	Advent Puppet Church Service, St Saviours, 10.00am
	Brookwood Last Post Association, RAF Memorial, Brookwood Military Cemetery, 3.00pm
Friday 9 December	Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.15–5.30pm
Saturday 10 December	Pirbright Players Christmas Production "A Revue & Treasure Island Pantomime" at Lord Pirbright's Hall, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Saturday 10 December	Almac Bisley Brass Band Christmas Concert, Bisley Village Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday 11 December	Pirbright Players Christmas Production at Lord Pirbright's Hall, 1.30pm
	Candlelit Carol Service at St Saviours, 7.00pm
Saturday 17 December	Christmas Trail through Brookwood, finishing at Brookwood Memorial Hall, 5.00–8.00pm
	Campfire Carols at Holy Trinity, 7.00pm
Sunday 18 December	Nativity Service at Holy Trinity, 10.00am
	Christmas Cafe Church at St Saviour's, 10.00am
Tuesday 20 December	Women's Institute Christmas meeting, Large Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 24 December	Puppet Christingle Service at St Saviour's, 4.00pm
Saturday 24 December	Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion by candlelight at St Saviour's, 11.15pm
Sunday 25 December	Christmas Day Celebration at Holy Trinity, 10.00am
Saturday 31 December	Brookwood Club New Year's Eve Disco
Sunday 1 January	Brookwood Last Post Association, RAF Memorial, Brookwood Military Cemetery, 3.00pm
Sunday 8 January	Brookwood Scouts Christmas tree collection

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The cost of advertising is £30.00. The advert will feature on the back of the newsletter and will be no less than a 1/4 of a page. We do not normally put advertising anywhere else in the newsletter. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk

NB: DEADLINE FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20 DECEMBER 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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