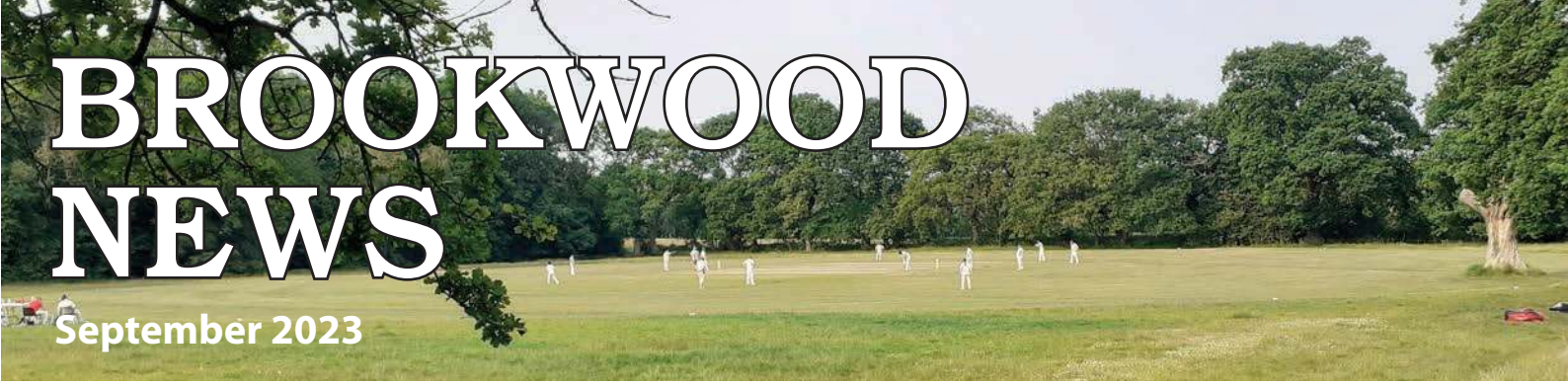


# BROOKWOOD NEWS

September 2023

## EDITORIAL

**Welcome to the September edition of Brookwood News. Not by much, but I think August's weather was a marginal improvement on July's. The Met Office reports show that, for many parts of the UK, July was the wettest on record; their summary for the month was cool, wet and windy. Having said that, at one point in July, nearby Abbey Mead in Chertsey was the warmest place in the UK at 30.2 degrees. Judging by the weeds in my garden, they have clearly found the July and August weather to be much to their liking!**

**At the time of writing, the A-level results are much anticipated. Let us hope that the young candidates in the Brookwood area get what they have been hoping for. Similarly for those anticipating the GCSE results.**

***Ian Angell – Editor***

## GARDEN COFFEE MORNING

the FOUNTAIN CENTRE living with cancer

Pirbright WI are holding a fund-raising coffee morning in aid of the Fountain Centre. It will be on Friday 22 September between10.30am and 12.30pm in the garden of York Cottage, Pirbright Green, GU24 0JT – under cover if wet. All are welcome, bring a friend or two. Entry is by donation for refreshments. There will be a raffle and bring & buy stall (all contributions welcome – books, bric-a-brac, garden produce, etc.).

The Fountain Centre is a small charity based in St Luke's Cancer Centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital with some therapeutic services also at Frimley Park and Ashford St Peter's hospitals. It provides information and support for those living with and beyond cancer. It offers counselling, complementary therapies, support groups, bereavement support, yoga, meditation, creative arts and beauty workshops.

## NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

Your local church at the heart of Brookwood is continuing to flourish




under the guidance of Vicar Neil Hopkins, with the help of the leadership team, Associate Minister, Julie Levett, Curate, Dawn Lucas, and Youth and Young Adults Minister, Pete Hewlett. There are regular Sunday services at 10am, which almost always involve coffee, tea and food of some kind. If you wander past the church around 10am on a Sunday morning and catch a whiff of cooking bacon, it will be the monthly Café Church service, where breakfast is available and worship takes place over bacon butties, pastries and fruit. If Sunday mornings are full of family activities or other commitments, then the 6.30pm Worship Service is a contemporary worship service. It is the newest service in the church timetable and has proved popular. It runs for about an hour, after which the older youth meet. The monthly Puppet Church has now been running an amazing 25 years and begins again on Sunday 1 October. This is a family friendly service with music and crafts and of course starring the Puppets.

Anyone is welcome to drop in to the Friday Pop-Up Coffee between 10am and 12pm, where around 25 people regularly meet for a sociable morning chatting over

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coffee and cake.  Lunch With Friends is also another opportunity to meet neighbours and friends, and takes place in the church once a month.

Holy Trinity Pre-School opened a second setting this year in St Saviour's Hall and now has over 30 children on its books due to the longer available hours and flexible arrangements.

Over the past 18 months we have run the 'Bereavement Journey' course, which aims to help anyone struggling with the grief of the death of someone they know. We will be running the sessions again in November.

St Saviour's and Holy Trinity, Knaphill, are all part of the same church family and work together for the communities they are in. If you want to know more about all that goes on at Brookwood and upcoming courses, please check out the website – www.htandstschurch.org  – or you can contact the church office at welcome@htandstschurch.org, or call 01483 473489.















**Pop-Up Coffee St Saviours**

# VIEW FROM THE ARCTIC CIRCLE



This photo was taken by a Brookwood resident on a 10-day recent holiday camping and kayaking high up in the Arctic circle in Finland. I'm told the lake water is so pure and unpolluted you can drink it with impunity.

# THE NHS – A REMINDER

'Making the most of our NHS' is the title of an open meeting to be presented by The Friends of Pirbright Surgery at Pirbright School on Thursday 14 September at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to come along and hear speakers talking about what specialists attached to the surgery can do for us, such as social prescribers, community pharmacists, physiotherapists, and the Bedser Hub.

There will also be an opportunity for visitors to talk to these and other experts individually about a wide variety of local supporting services, and the benefits of appropriate exercise for mental and physical health. Parking will be available at the school for those less able to walk, with additional parking in the village.

# PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A reminder that the next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 September at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall when the speaker will be Andrew Halstead talking on 'Beneficial insects in the garden'.


## Portrait Classes

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Half day fee for 12 weeks: £312 – (Pay as You Go Fee: £30 per class)

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## VILLAGE DIARY DATES (also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk)

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| **Every Sunday** | Evening Service, 6.30pm, St Saviour's |
| **Every Monday** | Brookwood Babies and Toddlers Playgroup, 9.45am, Brookwood Memorial Hall |
| **Every Friday** | Brookwood Art Group, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Brookwood Memorial Hall |
| **Every Friday** | Pop-Up Coffee,10am to 12pm, St Saviour's |
| **Wednesday 27 September** | Lunch with Friends, 12 noon, St Saviour's. To book phone Ros Webster on 01483 831881 |

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**NB: DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 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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