BROOKWOOD NEWS

October 2023

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the October edition of Brookwood News. The great British weather did not disappoint and gave us plenty to talk about in September. Our Australian relatives were over for a few weeks and they did not know which clothes to put on or take off. We survived the summer with NO hosepipe ban and thankfully no major fires on the heaths. At the time of writing, England were still in the Rugby World Cup. Let's hope at least one of the home nations can make it to the final.

Graham Hunt – Editor

FAREWELL TO BROOKWOOD STAR: BRIDGET MARY COE

4 March 1936 - 27 July 2023



As most of you will already be aware, we are sad to report that Bridget Coe passed away peacefully on 27 July at Kingsbury Court Care Home in Bisley, where she had spent the last 9 months of her life. Bridget's funeral took place on 31 August at Woking Crematorium, with a gathering after at The Gorse Hill Hotel and there was a very big turnout to remember this lovely lady.

Bridget was a long term resident of Brookwood, although she was born and grew up in Tetbury, Gloucestershire. Upon her marriage to Mervyn in August 1961 they then moved to Brookwood to be nearer to Mervyn's work in London. Bridget's

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BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS

The Brookwood Memorial Halls volunteer management team need your help.

We are considering the future of the Halls and we value your input.

This survey has eight questions, which will take just a few minutes of your time to answer.

If you would like to offer any additional thoughts, please leave your contact details at the end of the form and we will be in touch.

Thank you!

Brookwood Memorial Halls Management Committee.

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maiden name was Jones and she used to love telling people that she was "the original Bridget Jones" long before the fictional version came along!

Bridget lived at 167 Connaught Road from 1961 until 1988 when she moved to 9 Heath Drive where she stayed until October 2022 when, unfortunately, her health had deteriorated so she moved into Kingsbury Court to receive the help and support that she needed. She was an active member of Brookwood WI for many years and made a number of very good friends through this association and enjoyed much fun, a lot of which seemed to involve lots of dressing up in various fancy dress!

Although she had some difficult times to deal with in her life, she loved living in Brookwood and remained active for as long as she could manage. Andrew, Dawn & David would like to thank everyone who has sent their sympathies and memories of Bridget. Whilst she will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved her, she will be remembered above all else for her wicked sense of humour! RIP Bridget x

BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

CAN YOU HELP?????? This year's Christmas campaign for Woking Foodbank will commence on 27 October and finish on 8 December. The cost-of-living crisis is hitting all areas and we appreciate how hard it may be to help out this year but, with your help, we can try to ease the burden of those who are struggling. If you can help in any way by supplying non-perishable items/a cash donation or indeed a donation via our JustGiving page (www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tf2023 or scan the QR code), your donation could make a huge difference to a family that is in dire need. The cash will be used to purchase non-perishables and essential items.

We have found that the JustGiving page has been a great success in the past, especially for those less able to visit the shops. If you do donate via this page, please ensure that you leave your donor name! If you would like to provide a food parcel, please attach a label with your name and address so we can thank you personally. Drop-off points are currently Brookwood Club and Bakers Dozen/Post Office during working hours, both within the village. If you would like to be a drop-off point too, please do let us know and we can get the word out.

If you are a local company and would like to get involved, please do let us know. I will be undertaking regular radio interviews with Jon Andrews at Radio Woking, based at Winston Churchill School, so I am more than happy to promote your business through all variations of social media throughout the campaign.

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. As this is being typed, we are dusting off the sleigh in anticipation of collecting all those heavy food parcels.

Thank you for your help and for thinking of others

Trudi & Darren



HELP A HEDGEHOG

Hedgehogs are found throughout the UK, save a few Scottish islands. Gardens, hedgerows, woodlands, grasslands, parks and cemeteries are all important hedgehog habitats, and adult hedgehogs travel between 1 and 2km per night over home ranges between 10 and 20 hectares in size searching for food and mates – that's entire housing estates and neighbourhoods!

Hedgehogs usually hibernate between November and mid-March, but they can sometimes be seen out and about during this period changing nesting sites. It is unusual to see a hedgehog around during winter or in daylight.



How to check your bonfire for hedgehogs

Bonfires are very dangerous for hedgehogs as woodpiles are ideal places for shelter. Sadly, many hedgehogs fall foul of unchecked bonfires and are killed because of it. With fireworks night approaching, here are some tips to make your bonfire hedgehog safe:

- Build it on the same day that you will light it. The longer it's left, the more likely it is that a hedgehog will wander in.
- Place chicken wire 1 metre high, at an outward angle, all the way around the bottom while you're building it.
- If you have stored materials for your bonfire outdoors, move them to a different patch of ground.
- Always place the bonfire on open ground – never on a pile of leaves as a hedgehog may be hiding underneath.
- Always check the entire bonfire for hedgehogs before lighting it. They tend to hide in the centre and bottom 2 feet in particular.
- When checking, lift parts of the bonfire section by section using a pole or broom. Do not use a fork, spade or rake as this may injure a hedgehog.



- Use a torch to look inside the bonfire and listen for a hissing sound, as this is the noise that hedgehogs make when they are disturbed or distressed.
- Always light your bonfire from one corner, rather than in the centre, in order to give hedgehogs a chance to escape if they need to.

If you do find a hedgehog, move slowly and calmly. Pick it up with gardening gloves, along with any nesting material it may have been sitting in, and place it in a cardboard box lined with newspaper. Move the box to a safe location that is far from any fires, or wait until the bonfire is over and dampen down the fire site with water before releasing the hedgehog under a bush or a log pile.

Make your garden a wildlife haven – everyone's contribution is important. Combined, our gardens provide a space for wildlife larger than all our national nature reserves, so by gardening in a wildlife-friendly way, we can help our spiky companions move around safely and find a home.

Download our free 'Get creative for hedgehogs' booklet from www.wildlifetrust.org.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Saturday 7 October – Bingo. Eyes down at 8.30pm. All welcome.

Saturday 28 October – Halloween Disco from 8.30pm. Talk to staff about tickets.

Join us for the Rugby World Cup.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our second meeting after our summer recess will be on Tuesday 10 October at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, GU24 0JE. Our speaker will be A. Valsecchi, who will be talking on 'Life experience of growing vines around the world'. Do come and join us for another interesting evening. Refreshments will be available as usual. Bring a friend! Visitors, members and guests very welcome. Support your local society to keep going!

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

SAINT EDWARD BROTHERHOOD

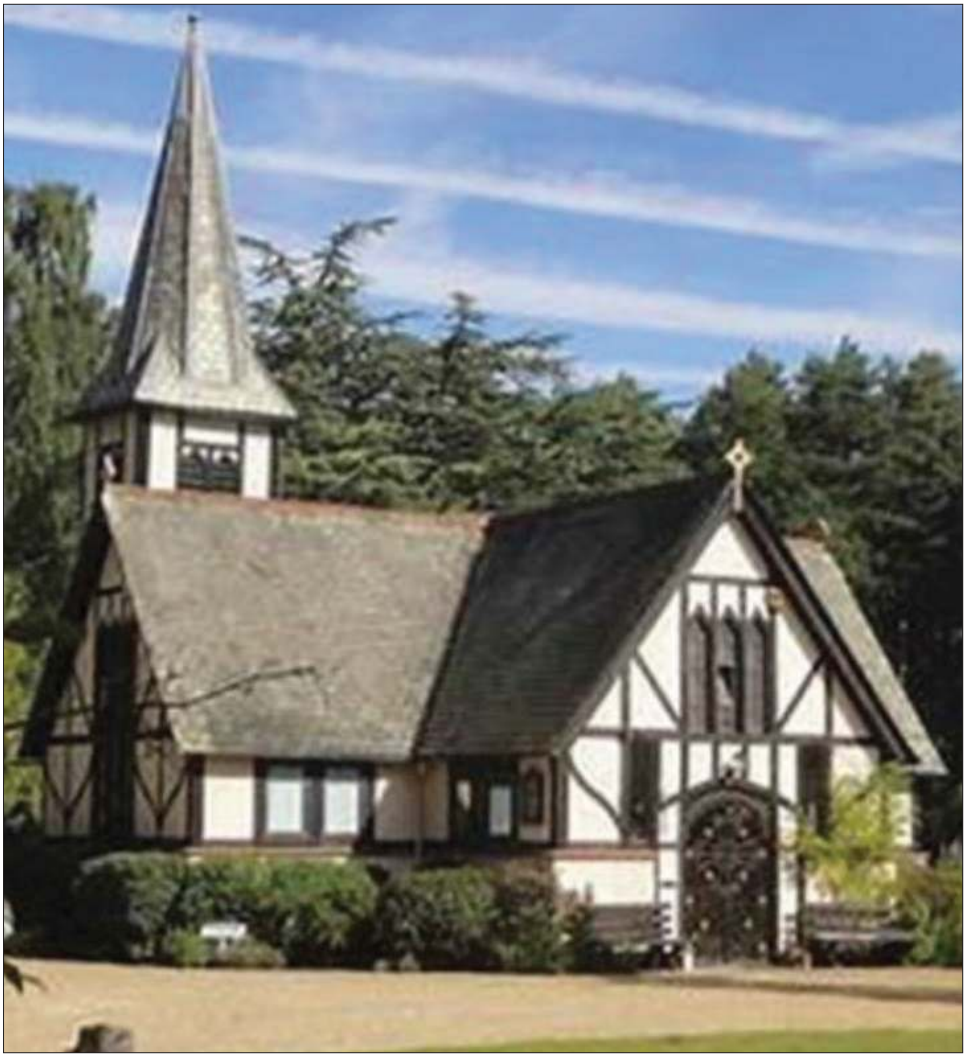
It's been a while since we mentioned the brothers at Saint Edwards. You may have seen them driving along in their little car or in the Post Office. If you get a chance, have a walk over to the church – the brothers are always happy to greet visitors.

About the Brotherhood

Saint Edward Brotherhood was founded in 1982 to act as custodian of the sacred relics of Saint Edward the Martyr, King of England, which were enshrined at Brookwood, Surrey, in 1984. The relics had been presumed lost during the Dissolution under Henry VIII, but were discovered by John Wilson-Claridge in 1931, who later donated them to the Orthodox Church.

Saint Edward was martyred in 978, and quickly became one of the most venerated saints of Anglo-Saxon England. At this time, England was still Orthodox in belief; in 1983, the Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad (ROCA) decreed that Saint Edward should be added to the calendar of the saints and that his relics should be venerated.

In 2007, the ROCA Synod submitted to the Moscow Patriarchate despite the latter failing to renounce Sergianism (Russian State control of the Church) or ecumenism. The Fathers of Saint Edward Brotherhood could not agree to this union, and are now members of the Church of Genuine Orthodox Christians under Archbishop Kallinikos of Athens.



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

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
Saturday 7 October	Bingo. Eyes down at 8.30pm. All welcome
Saturday 28 October	Halloween Disco from 8.30pm. Talk to staff about tickets

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NB: DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20th OCTOBER 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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