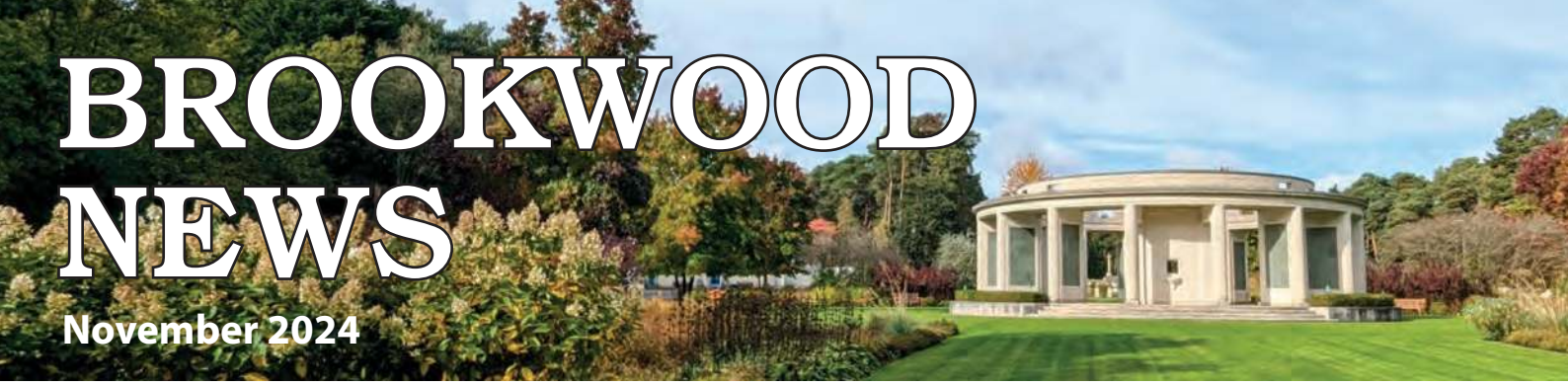


BROOKWOOD NEWS

November 2024

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the November edition of Brookwood News. If there is a common theme this month, it's that many items relate to remembering or helping others. This is fitting as we start thinking about Christmas (there, I mentioned it!) and of course, that's just the way we are in Brookwood.

John Power – Editor

COMMUNITY FUNDING

As mentioned in last month's edition, a couple of suggestions were recently made to use this funding for the benefit of Brookwood's residents. Councillor Leslie Rice has since been in touch to say that he has received the request to consider providing some Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds for the play area in Connaught Crescent. He is happy to take this forward and looks forward to receiving any other suggestions. Please feel free to contact him on 07932 700586 or at CllrLeslie.Rice@woking.gov.uk.

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR CONCERT

Many thanks to everyone who supported and attended this concert in October in aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices and Cure Parkinson's. Thanks also to the volunteers who provided the interval refreshments and our sponsors: Seymours Estate Agents, W. Davies Solicitors, Clive and Helen Watson, and Graeme Marks. We'll share the final financial results as soon as we can.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

Woking District Scouts and Surrey Scouts will hold their annual Remembrance parade at the November Brookwood Last Post ceremony at 3pm on Sunday 3 November. This has become an annual tradition now and this will be the ninth time the Scouts have attended. The 1st Claygate Scout and Guides band will lead the parade through the cemeteries beginning at Brookwood railway station around 2.50pm.

There will also be other remembrance services on this day, Sunday 10 November and Monday 11 November; please see the calendar on the back page for more details. All of the ceremonies mentioned are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Brookwood Last Post Association has held ceremonies on the first Sunday of every month at 3pm in the Brookwood Military Cemetery at the RAF Memorial for over 80 years, beginning in January 1941 when the Nazis occupied Ypres, Belgium.



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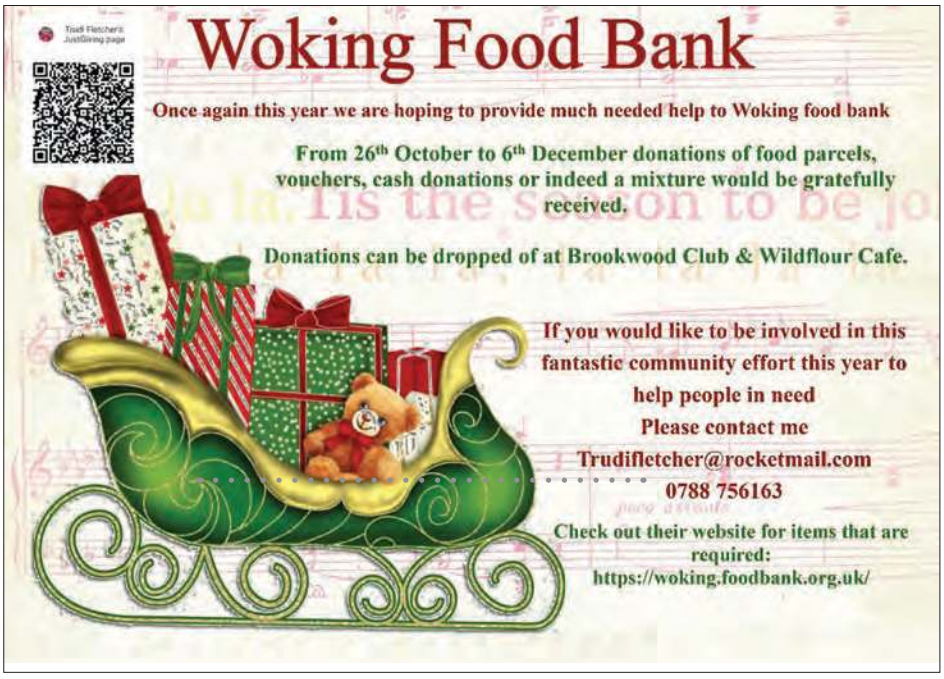
BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

We appreciate how difficult it is at the moment for lots of people, but, if you could spare any non-perishable items, it would be appreciated. In particular chocolate selection packs are a luxury for many families; more people than ever in Woking are struggling to afford food and, if a parent has to pick between providing dinner or some chocolate, they would usually choose the dinner. Donating a chocolate selection pack would mean a child would not miss a treat at this time of year.

You can drop off food parcels during opening hours at Brookwood Club, Holy Trinity Pre-School or Brookwood Wildflour Bakehouse. If you are struggling to get to the shops, we have once again set up a JustGiving page to make things a little easier; you can get to it by scanning the QR code. Please also get in touch if you would like us to collect your parcel or if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help and for thinking of others

Trudi & Darren



You may wish to note the dates of the Advent and Christmas services at Chobham Road, Knaphill and Connaught Road, Brookwood:

Sunday 24 November, 10.30am, Around the Table All Age Advent Service, Chobham Road

Wednesday 4 December, 7.30pm, Little Red Riding Hood Theatre Production, Chobham Road

Sunday 15 December, 7pm, Campfire Carols, Chobham Road

Sunday 22 December, 10.30am, Pop-Up Nativity, Chobham Road

Sunday 22 December, 7pm, Carols by Candlelight, Connaught Road

Tuesday 24 December, 4pm, Puppets Crib Service, Connaught Road

Tuesday 24 December, 11.15pm, Midnight Holy Communion, Connaught Road

Wednesday 25 December, 10.30am, Christmas Day Celebration, Chobham Road

For more details see www.woodhill.church.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 12 November at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall. The speaker will be talking on 'Autumnal Aspirations and looking forward to Spring'. All members, guests and visitors will be most welcome. Refreshments will be available as usual. The meeting in December will be our AGM and social.

A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

Do you love the sound of festive music and carols to get you in the mood for Christmas? Come and join us at 7.30pm on Saturday 30 November in St Michael & All Angels Church, Pirbright, for a wonderful evening of joyful and festive Christmas music. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the church room. Doors open at 7pm and tickets will be available on the door at £10 (cash or card) per person. Children under 18 years are free.



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

It is hard to believe we are already halfway through our first term back at school! Time has flown by, and we have had an exciting few weeks filled with learning, community spirit, and new beginnings. Here are some highlights from the first half term:

Welcoming Our Newest Students
Our Year R (Reception) students have settled in beautifully. They have quickly made new friends and begun their exciting journey of discovery in the classroom. We're so proud of how well they are adapting to their new environment.

Harvest Assembly and Community Fridge Donations
We recently held our Harvest Assembly, where our children showcased their talents through songs, art, poetry and harvest facts. We were thrilled to see so many families contribute to Knaphill Community Fridge, providing essential food items to support those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

Tours for Year R Families
We are currently offering tours for families interested in Year Reception admissions for September 2025. These tours provide an opportunity for parents and children to explore our school and meet our dedicated staff. Tours are bookable via our school website.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon:

FOBS Quiz Night
Join us for a fun-filled evening at the Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS) Quiz Night on Friday 15 November. It is a great opportunity to test your knowledge while supporting our school community.

Christmas Events
As we approach the festive season, please mark your calendars for our upcoming Christmas events, including our FOBS Christmas Fair on Friday 6 December at the end of the school day. Shortly after our return from half term, we will begin planning and rehearsing for our EYFS/KS1 Christmas productions, and the much-anticipated KS2 Carols by Candlelight held at Woodhill Church.

This is always such a busy half term but definitely one of our favourites!









BASINGSTOKE CANAL SOCIETY: WILLS

The Basingstoke Canal Society has partnered with will writers Kept Assets to help our members and supporters write new wills or review existing ones, all free of charge. While this offer is without obligation, it also gives the opportunity to leave a gift in your will to help preserve the Basingstoke Canal for future generations. Gifts in wills can also be very tax efficient for the beneficiaries of the will.

If you do not have a will, Kept Assets will write a simple will for you free of charge. If you already have a will, Kept Assets will review your existing one free of charge. Free Wills Month will continue right through November.

To make an appointment for a no obligation meeting, just contact Kept Assets on 01635 959111 or grant@keptassets.com. Quote code BCS001 and ask for a meeting with Grant Notman.

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

Every Sunday	Evening Service, 6pm, Woodhill Church (Connaught Road)
Every Monday	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, Woodhill Church (Connaught Road)
Saturday 2 November	Bingo from 8.30pm, Brookwood Club, all ages welcome
Sunday 3 November	Italian Remembrance Service, 11.15am–12.55pm, Brookwood Military Cemetery
Sunday 3 November	Woking District Scouts and Surrey Scouts Remembrance Parade, 3pm, at the Brookwood Last Post ceremony by the RAF memorial
Sunday 3 November	Polish Remembrance Service, 3.30–4.30pm, Brookwood Military Cemetery
Sunday 10 November	ATC Pirbright Remembrance Service, 10.30–11.30am, Brookwood Military Cemetery
Sunday 10 November	German Remembrance Service,11am to 12.30pm, Brookwood Military Cemetery
Monday 11 November	French Remembrance Service, 10.15–11am, Brookwood Military Cemetery
Monday 11 November	Canadian Remembrance Service, 10.40am to noon, Brookwood Military Cemetery
Tuesday 12 November	Pirbright Horticultural Society meeting, 7.30pm, Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall
Friday 15 November	Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS) Quiz Night, 7–10.30pm, Brookwood School
Sunday 24 November	Dads & Carers Stay & Play, 9.30–11am, Brookwood Memorial Hall. A morning of fun for children under 5 and coffee for the Dads. A free event but donations welcome
Sunday 24 November	Around the Table All Age Advent Service,10.30am, Woodhill Church, Chobham Road
Saturday 30 November	A Christmas Gloria performed by the Pirbright Singers, 7.30pm, St Michael & All Angels Church, Pirbright

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