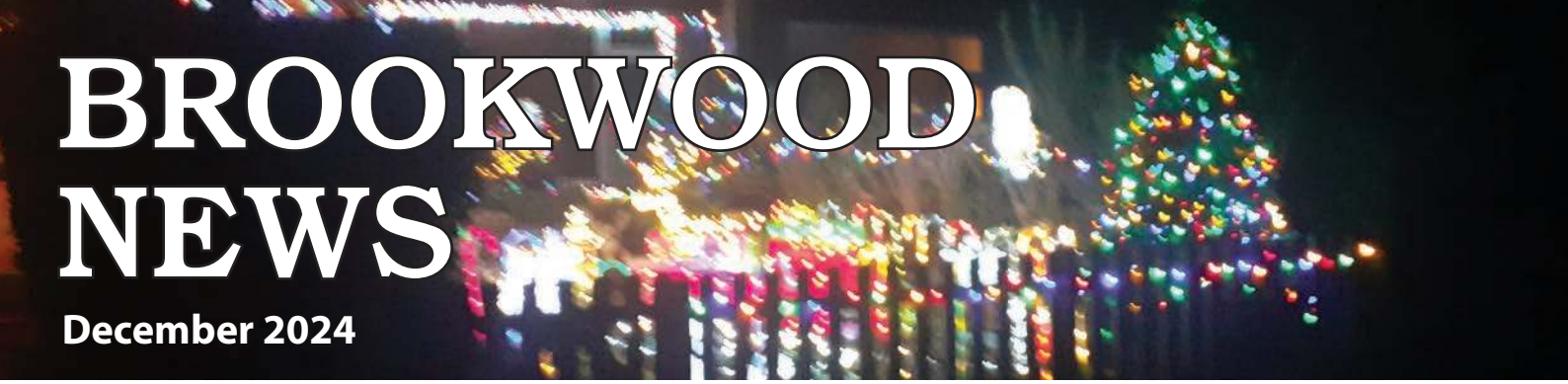


BROOKWOOD NEWS

December 2024

EDITORIAL

The newsletter team would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. There will be no newsletter for January but please continue to send any news, articles and pictures for the February edition by 20 January.

THIS CHRISTMAS AT

woodhill .church

Everyone is welcome at the many services and events happening during the next month at Woodhill Church, Connaught and Chobham Road. There is also the regular pop-up coffee every Friday at Connaught Road, 10am to 12pm. Check the website www.woodhill.church/christmas for further details.

9 December 2pm, Silver Stars Carols, Chobham Road

15 December 7pm, Campfire Carols, Chobham Road

18 December 12–2pm, Lunch with Friends, Connaught Road

22 December 7pm, Carols by Candlelight, Connaught Road

24 December 4pm, Puppet Crib Service, Connaught Road

24 December 11.15pm, Midnight Mass, Connaught Road

25 December 10.30am, Christmas Day celebration, Chobham Road

11 January 2025 10am to 4pm, Hope Explored day, Connaught Road

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALL CHRISTMAS TRAIL



Brookwood Memorial Halls committee is organising a Christmas Trail on Saturday 14 December, 4–6pm. Complete the trail to be entered into our prize draw; the map will be published on our website and Facebook page a week before the event. Then join us in the large hall for some mince pies, mulled wine and hot chocolate. We have crafts and Santa for the children and VoxChoir for all!

Our next Dads and Carers Stay & Play for under 5s will be held on Sunday 26 January, 9.30–11am in the large hall.

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FOBS – QUIZ AND CHRISTMAS FAIR

On behalf of Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS), we would firstly like to thank everyone who helped organise our annual quiz night, including our local quiz master Jon. It was a fabulous evening and our most successful quiz so far, raising over £700 in profit.

We also have our Christmas Fair on Friday 6 December from 3.15pm and part of this will be our Auction of Promises. This has some amazing things on offer, from pub vouchers, canal boat trips, to Wisley tickets. The auction ends at midnight 8 December. Here is the link: https://auctionofpromises.com/ChristmasAuction2024.

All money raised will go to the improvement of Brookwood Primary School, so please get bidding!



HOLY TRINITY PRE-SCHOOL

The pre-school is held in Woodhill Church Hall (formerly St Saviour's Church). We have had a fabulous time this term. We had grandparents come and play with us for a morning in October, and in November we enjoyed Children in Need, wearing our pyjamas to pre-school and making cakes to sell at our bake sale. We are looking forward to celebrating Christmas and hopefully playing in some snow.

We are registered for 40 children and are open for 38 weeks of the year in line with the local school's term times. We take children from two years old until they go to Reception of their chosen school. We offer a fun, nurturing, safe environment for children to develop the skills they need in their Early Years.

Our team is experienced, passionate, Early Years Practitioners qualified to Level 3. They are committed to making each individual child's experience at Holy Trinity Pre-School the best it can be in their formative years.

We accept two-year-old funding (FEET funding), working parent entitlement for 15-and 30-hour funding for two-, three- and four-year-old children. We are registered for some workplace childcare voucher schemes and tax-free childcare payments.

We are open Monday–Friday, 7.30am to 6pm, with funded sessions available during our core hours.

To find out more about our pre-school and what we can offer, please contact the manager Sarah Bowman (07513 875436 during open hours; email sarahb@holytrinitypre-school.com).



BROOKWOOD WI

Brookwood WI have had a busy few months. We had an interesting and delightful talk by Colin Wagstaff titled 'Life of a Cabin Crew'. Colin had worked for over 30 years with British Airways, and talked about his life as cabin crew, his training and flights all over the world, along with anecdotes about some famous people he flew with. We are looking forward to our next meeting on Tuesday 17 December when Natasha from Get Happy Productions will be entertaining us with a musical evening of songs.

BROOKWOOD SCOUTS



1st Brookwood Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have had a wonderful 2024, with many exciting activities and events. 2025 looks to be no different. We begin with our Christmas tree collection on 5 January. This is a great way to make a start on reclaiming your house ready for 2025.

BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

Trudi Fletcher's JustGiving page



CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Jackie Kenny has put together a quiz which will be fun to do over the Christmas period with family and friends.

1 The release of which TV show prompted then PM Rishi Sunak to say he would overturn and compensate hundreds of postmasters?

2 Which English singer finally became an EGOT after winning an Emmy?

3 In February, an unlicensed Willy Wonka experience went viral, but where did it take place?

4 Who performed at the Super Bowl Half Time show?

5 Raye made history at the BRIT awards by winning a record number of awards, so how many did she win?

6 The shirt worn by Colin Firth in BBC's Pride and Prejudice was sold at a charity auction, how much did it go for?

7 Which country became the 32nd to join NATO?

8 Beyoncé released her eighth studio album this year; what is its name?

9 What was the name of the single Sabrina Carpenter released in April?

10 New York was struck by one of its worst earthquakes in over 100 years in April. What was the magnitude?

11 What sport was the movie Challengers based on?

12 In April, Russ Cook, aka the Hardest Geezer, made the news, but for what?

13 On TikTok a baby went viral for wanting to go to a hotel. Which hotel was it?

14 What was the name of the song that won Eurovision?

15 In May what natural phenomenon, previously unable to be seen from the UK, was visible?

16 Which singer allegedly said "This is going to ruin the tour" after being arrested in June?

17 Which fashion designer showed his final collection in June before retiring?

18 A film came out in June which was the first to overtake Barbie in the box office, making $1.46 billion worldwide. What film was it?

19 Taylor Swift toured the Eras Tour in the UK; you get a point for every support act she had in the UK that you can name.

20 Who won the men's singles at Wimbledon?

21 According to Charli XCX, what kind of summer did we all have?

22 Which country won the Olympics?

23 Jason and Travis Kelce signed a new podcast deal with Amazon in August. How much was the deal worth?

24 Which country banned X (formerly known as Twitter) in August?

25 Which Premier League football club did Enzo Maresca join in summer?

26 What is the name of the baby pygmy hippo that went viral earlier this year?

27 Which British royal princess announced her second pregnancy in October?

28 What was the name of the super full moon that occurred in October?

29 What launch did Elon Musk reveal?

30 Which celebrity turned up to their own viral look-a-like competition in New York?

Answers on the back of the newsletter



There remains a significant funding gap for the Basingstoke Canal and it remains at significant risk. We need everyone's help with donations (just £2 per user of the canal would provide valuable funding), or you could become a member, volunteer, or encourage your local council to support it.

The Surrey and Hampshire County Council owners continue to support the canal but some of the local riparian councils have withdrawn their funding support for the foreseeable future. The Basingstoke Canal Society (BCS) remains committed to doing all it can to ensure the future of the canal is secured for generations to come.

In the meantime, thanks for everyone's help. Here are details of some of the projects we have under way:

- QR Codes – we are currently investigating the possibility of implementing these codes along the canal to make donating to the BCS even simpler.
- We now have over 300 volunteers providing over 30,000 hours a year helping maintain the canal.
- Our boat trip income is up 25% compared with last year as increased awareness has led to more people taking advantage of this service, managed by some of our wonderful team of volunteers.
- Kitty 2, our electric replacement for Kitty, is now in the workshop for the completion of the fit-out, with anticipated completion in late autumn.

As a result of a great response to our photo competition, we now have the 2025 Basingstoke Canal calendar on sale. It features 13 gorgeous pictures taken on our beautiful canal. Only £8.50 including p&p. Buy one (or two or three!) and support this great local amenity.

Wish your friends and family a merry Christmas with our beautiful cards created from a photograph at Mychett Moorings by Ella Best. Please visit our website (https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/product-category/seasonal/) for package and pricing details.





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

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The December meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 December and will be the annual general meeting with a social starting at 7.30pm. Philip Barralet has sent this message: 'I am very happy that Steve Hull has agreed to become the new Chairman following our unexpected and unwanted departure from Pirbright after 50 years. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as your Chairman and thank you all for your support and friendship over the years. The latest highlight for me, and what a way to end, was the 125th anniversary tea party which was so well supported and enjoyed by everyone. I would like to thank Lucy, Julian and all the committee for their help over the years and I trust you will all give Steve your full support. Long may PHS continue to thrive.'

WELSH CHOIR CONCERT UPDATE

Many thanks to all who helped at the Cardiff Arms Male Voice Choir concert held at Pirbright Church last month, with sponsorship, donations for the raffle, and buying tickets for the wonderful concert we all enjoyed. The total profit was an amazing £4092. The money will be divided and given to Cure Parkinson's and Shooting Star Chase charities.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1 Mr Bates vs The Post Office
2 Elton John
3 Glasgow, Scotland
4 Usher
5 Six
6 £25,000
7 Sweden
8 Cowboy Carter
9 Espresso
10 4.8
11 Tennis
12 He became the first person to run the length of Africa
13 The Four Seasons Orlando
14 The Code
15 The northern lights
16 Justin Timberlake
17 Dries Van Noten
18 Inside Out 2
19 Paramore, Suki Waterhouse, Maisie Peters, Raye, Sofia Isella, and Holly Humberstone
20 Carlos Alcaraz
21 A BRAT summer
22 USA
23 $100 million
24 Brazil
25 Chelsea
26 Moo Deng
27 Princess Beatrice
28 Hunter Supermoon
29 Humanoid robots
30 Timothée Chalamet

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)
Friday 6 December	Brookwood School Christmas Fair, 3.15–5.15pm
Friday 6 December	Food Bank final donations
Tuesday 10 December	Pirbright Horticultural Society AGM, 7.30pm
Saturday 14 December	Christmas Trail, Memorial Hall, 4–6pm
Tuesday 17 December	WI Musical Evening, Memorial Hall
Wednesday 18 December	Lunch with Friends, Woodhill Church, 12–2pm
Sunday 22 December	Carols by Candlelight, Woodhill Church, 7pm
Tuesday 24 December	Puppet Crib service, Woodhill Church, 4pm
Tuesday 24 December	Midnight Mass, Woodhill Church, 11.15pm
Sunday 5 January	Scouts Christmas tree collection
Sunday 26 January	Dads and Carers Stay & Play, Memorial Hall, 9.30–11am



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