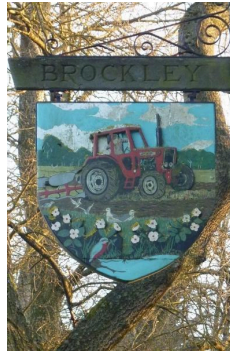


# Brockley Newsletter



## VILLAGE HALL UPDATES DECEMBER 2024

### TALE OF TWO CHRISTMAS TREES

The Village Hall paid for the Village Christmas Tree this year, the Trustees hope that people have been enjoying having a tree back this year. Many thanks must go to Andrew English who sourced the tree and put it up with the lights with a little help from some local elves including his son Alasdair.

Many of you will notice a very nice tree, beautifully dressed, inside the Village hall, many thanks go to Sue Hudson and Jenny Shore for installing this tree for us.  
Ian Robertson.

### HARTEST SINGING GROUP

The Hartest Singing Group have hired out Brockley Village Hall while Hartest Hall is closed during January. They have hired the area on the 18th and have invited anyone interested in taking part to come and join them at 10:30am.

### SATURDAY BREAKFAST

The popular breakfast on Saturday at the Village Hall continues in the new year with the first event to be held on the 4th. All are welcome to attend with a start time of 09:30am.

## Christmas and New Year bin collection days

Usual collection	Revised collection	Change
Wednesday 25 December	Friday 27 December	2 days late
Thursday 26 December	Saturday 28 December	2 days late
Friday 27 December	Monday 30 December	3 days late
Monday 30 December	Tuesday 31 December	1 day late
Tuesday 31 December	Thursday 2 January	2 days late
Wednesday 1 January	Friday 3 January	2 days late
Thursday 2 January	Saturday 4 January	2 days late
Friday 3 January	Monday 6 January	3 days late
Monday 6 January	Tuesday 7 January	1 day late
Tuesday 7 January	Wednesday 8 January	1 day late
Wednesday 8 January	Thursday 9 January	1 day late
Thursday 9 January	Friday 10 January	1 day late
Friday 10 January	Saturday 11 January	1 day late



**EVENTS**

EVENT	WHEN	TIME	WHO
Thurs. Social Bowls	2nd 16th 30th	14:00 - 16:00	All Welcome
Club Bowls	8th 15th	19:00 - 22:00	
Dance	7th 14th 21st 28th	19:00 - 21:00	All Welcome
VE Day meeting	10th	11:00 - 12:30	All Welcome
Hartest Art Group	7th 14th 21st 28th	10:00 - 12:00	All Welcome
Hartest Choir	18th	10:00 - 12:00	All Welcome
Book Club	9th	19:00 - 20:15	All Welcome
Brockley QI	24th	19:30 - 21:30	All Welcome
Private	5th	09:30 - 15:00	
Coffee Morning	16th	11:00 - 12:00	All Welcome
Table Tennis	8th 15th 22nd 29th	14:00 - 15:30	All Welcome
Yoga	6th 13th 20th 27th	19:00 - 20:30	All Welcome
Women in Fellowship	14th	10:00 - 12:30	
Breakfast Club	4th	09:30 - 11:30	All Welcome
Churchgate Sinfonia	12th	10:00 - 17:30	
Cricket Club AGM	22nd	19:00 - 21:00	All Welcome
Parish Council Meeting	23rd	19:30 - 21:30	All Welcome
Craft Club	25th	09:30 - 10:30	All Welcome

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Email: [villagehallbrockley21@gmail.com](mailto:villagehallbrockley21@gmail.com)

Phone: 01284-830730 (leave a message)



The second Sunday in Advent  
**Preparation and Hope**  
 11:00am Sunday December 8th  
 Brockley Chapel



*St. Andrew's and Brockley Chapel invite you  
 to our **United Carol Service**  
 3:30pm on Sunday 15th December  
 at St Andrew's Church, Brockley*

## **Carols round the Christmas Tree Friday 20th December Brockley Village Hall**

This is the re-launch of the old Community Council event. It will be child friendly with craft and card making (for all) and indoor treasure hunt and quiz from 6:00pm. Sausage rolls and mince pies and Christmas quiz from about 6:30pm. Will Farrant is coming to play for us as we sing CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE (indoor and outdoor options) at about 7:00pm


*Tea, coffee, soft drinks and mulled wine will be served. If you want wine or beer or something else, please bring your own and glasses*



11:00am Brockley Chapel Sunday 22nd December

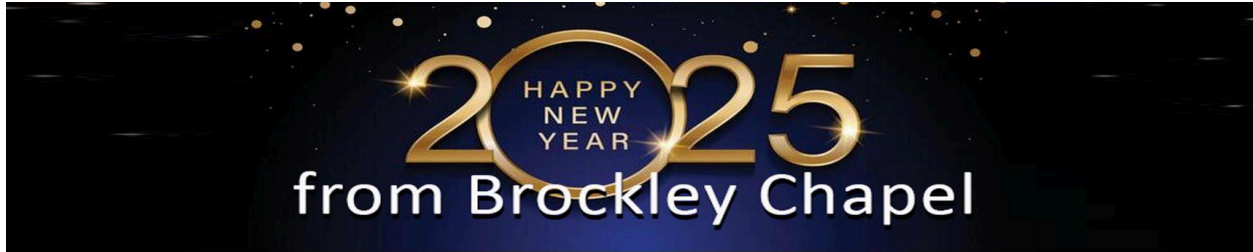
## **Christmas Stories**

Listen to six people as they share their favourite memories of Christmas. Hear about their best and worst presents and their favourite carols and Christmas verses and what it all means to them.



BROCKLEY CHAPEL  
**Carols by Candlelight**  
 6:00pm CHRISTMAS EVE





Thank you everybody. Our Soup Lunch on Friday 13th December raised £285 for the Salvation Army

#### Sunday services at Brockley Chapel JANUARY 2025

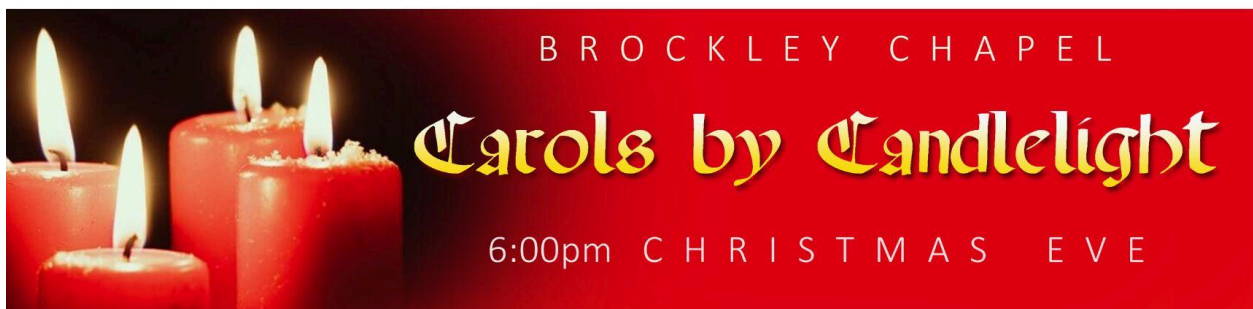
11:00am Sunday 5th - January - Key Text for 2025 (1 Peter 3:14-16) - Simon Ladd

11:00am Sunday 12th January - The Untold Secrets of Christmas - Simon Ladd

11:00am Sunday 26th January - The Passover (Exodus 12) \* - Simon Ladd

\*this service will include Communion.

Just in case this newsletter is published before Christmas - here are the details of the Carols by Candlelight on Christmas Eve.



## CARPET BOWLS

### SOCIAL BOWLS

The Thursday afternoon sessions have been well attended with an average of eleven people taking part. The sessions continue to be a mix of bowling and mixing socially over a cuppa and a biscuit. For the first three months of 2025 sessions are free so why not bring along a friend or neighbour to give it a try or, if you haven't been a long for a while come along again. If you have not bowled before there are plenty of people on hand to show you the basics of Carpet Bowls.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with the sessions this year.

### COMPETITIVE BOWLS

The club now have two members representing Suffolk Carpet Bowls in the playing squad, Club Chairman Neil Jolly and Andrew English, after being successful at the Suffolk trials day. Both have played in the first two matches away against Norfolk and Cambridgeshire which saw Suffolk win both games 26:10 & 25:11.

### 2025 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Just to let you know that 2025 Membership fees are due as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 Full Club Membership for those who play in the league squad is £15.00 which covers playing competitively and attending Social Bowls is £5 which covers the Social Bowls sessions only. This can be paid at the first Social Bowls session in January. The playing fee and Thursday session fee will remain at £2 per session.

### BURN'S NIGHT

Save the Date! Our annual fundraising Burns Night Supper will take place on Saturday 1st February. More details later but if you would like to reserve your place now please contact Sheila Andrew Tel 830520.

### CHURCH TELEPHONE BOX

A total of £165 was given for church funds for 2024. Books, games, and jigsaws are always welcome to replenish stock.

Val Hill

**TAI CHI COMES TO BROCKLEY**

Thrilled to say that I was not the only person who thought I'd like to give this a go! A fantastic response and thank you to everyone who got in touch

Martin Fayers is our Instructor and we begin on the Green in Brockley on January 7<sup>th</sup>  
15:15-16:15.

Ideally, we will be outdoors experiencing the nature around us but we will usually be able to access the hall to avoid cancellation in poor weather

It is a £7 for the hour on a cash pay-as-you-go basis please to Martin.

Here's to strength, balance and calm in 2025!

**ITEMS FOR SALE FROM ROY PARKER**

Royal Air Force Mugs: £1 ex and £2 in box

Green Lamp Shade: £2

Silver Reed Typewriter: £0

Large Green Plastic Dog Basket: £5

Avro Lancaster Bomber Book vol. 1,2,3: £10

22 007 James Bond DVDs: £15

Garden Loppers: £1

Edgems Shears: £1

Wood Axe: £1

Large Dinner Service: £10

Call Roy on

01284 830569

**BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL**

The total collection was £536.20. Thanks for all your generous donations. Thanks to Catherine, for helping with the collection. With the sad passing of our dear friend Margaret who had helped with the poppy collection for 22 years.

Hartest Farmer's Market donated £30,25 to Brockley's poppy appeal.

Val, Vic and Catherine

*After Dark Events*

**ROUTE 66**

*Bring Your Own Booze to Suffolk's Best Five Music Rave for just £12.50*

*Tickets: [afterdarkmusicvents@gmail.com](mailto:afterdarkmusicvents@gmail.com)*

*Saturday 15th February Doors Open 10:30*

*Mill Road, Brockley, Bury St Edmunds, IP29 4AR.*

**BROCKLEY QI**

**SMUGGLING AROUND  
THE EAST ANGLIAN  
COAST**

*A talk by Andy Beharrell about smuggling in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries.*

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**7.30PM**

**BROCKLEY VILLAGE HALL**

**TICKETS; £5 includes refreshments.**

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**BURY ST. EDMUNDS**  
30th December 2024

Brockley Village Hall  
IP294AR  
Session 1: 10:30-11:30  
Session 2: 11:45-12:45

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