

# BROOKWOOD

# NEWS

March 2017

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March edition of the Brookwood News. Spring is just around the corner and as ever there are a huge number of activities coming up for all ages in and around the village.

Amongst the events this month are a chance to dance the night away watching the ever popular Stormy Waters blues band as well as an opportunity to get rich quick at the monthly Cash Bingo night. There are also details of some exciting future events including Brookwood's first Comedy Night and the annual WI Village Spring Lunch.

For those looking to keep up with the latest news in the village in the weeks between receiving your copy of the Brookwood News, you can now keep up with all the latest news online. Don't forget you can find out about all of the clubs and groups in the area, see a calendar of village events as well as catch up on any previous editions of the Brookwood News you may have missed ([www.brookwood.org.uk](http://www.brookwood.org.uk)).

Thanks to all the contributors and to you for reading it. Please continue to give feedback and let us know your local news.

**Andrew Prout – Editor**

## BASINGSTOKE CANAL UPDATE FROM CLLR KEVIN

Much of their surveying work has been done and contractors will soon be starting work on repointing the brick works around the locks. One of the locks has had some woodwork done as well. There were no crayfish found in this section which is good news as they burrow into the banks and cause horrendous problems further upstream.

One interesting thing, if not sad, is the fact that four catfish were found when they were draining the pounds. Obviously catfish aren't native to the canal, so it is clear that people have dumped them in the canal when they've become too big for a domestic tank. I've never understood why people don't fully research the pet they are acquiring before buying it so that putting animals under stress can be avoided. The Canal Authority is confident the canal will be full of water and open to navigation again by Easter.



## HORATIO NELSON COMES TO BISLEY CAMP

Liven up a grey March morning with friends and be transported into the world of Nelson for an hour or so. Meet Peter Warwick who will tell us tales of Britain's greatest naval hero, who sat for more artists and sculptors than most famous people other than royalty. These pictures tell us his life story, and reveal a man of many parts and moods that reflected on his public and private life, including the scandalous ménage à trois with Sir William and Lady Hamilton. The lecture asks who was the real Lord Nelson?

In a multimedia talk combining paintings and sculptures, Peter, who has written books on Nelson and Trafalgar, will transport us back in time when Britain ruled the waves!

Why not pop along to Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley Camp, on Wednesday 8 March at 10am and have a coffee. The talk starts at 10.30am and entry is free.

See [www.wokingdfas.org.uk](http://www.wokingdfas.org.uk) for details of future monthly talks.

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# SPRING EVENTS AT ST SAVIOUR'S

Spring promises to be a busy time at St Saviour's church with a number of events taking place; amongst the highlights are:

## Saturday 18 March – Stormy Waters blues band



Local blues band, Stormy Waters, are back by popular demand at St Saviour's Church on Saturday 18 March at 7.30pm. Their repertoire includes all your favourite blues numbers and last year had the audience dancing in

the aisles. So get together friends and family of all ages and come along for a lively evening of music. Entry is £5 in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support and the ReGeneration Project.

## Saturday 1 April – Comedy Night with Tony Vino

We are very excited to be holding our first Comedy Night in Brookwood, with renowned comedian, Tony Vino, who will be appearing at the church on Saturday 1 April at 7.30pm. Originally from Preston, Tony has been touring the comedy scene since 2005. His style combines social and political comments, mixed with observational humour and audience interaction. This will be a free event open to everyone, with donations on the night. Our cabaret-style tables will be set out for you to come along, relax and listen to this hilarious performer. You can see him on YouTube – search 'Tony Vino Church Showreel'.

For both events, please bring your own drinks and nibbles.



## BROOKWOOD WI MEETING

Brookwood WI will be holding their annual Village Spring Lunch on Saturday 22nd April in the large Memorial Hall. Tickets are just £9 and must be bought in advance from either Mary Cook (831832) or Maureen Gray (475543). Please meet at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a wonderful time, and a chance to catch up with friends.

## ALLOTMENT PLOTS AVAILABLE

Beat the vegetable shortage and grow your own! The Goldsworth Park Allotments Society in Sheets Heath Lane, Brookwood, will have a few vacancies shortly. If you've not grown vegetables before, we do have smaller half plots approximately 6m x 10m for you to rent. You can cancel your gym membership and enjoy the fresh air as you get a good workout digging your plot ready for planting this spring. If you would like more information or to view the site, please contact Yvette Ness (01483 762995 or vicechairman@gpasbrookwood.co.uk).



# KINGLY REMAINS

Brookwood Cemetery is many different things to many different people in the village. Many of you will know that Brookwood grew up around the station where coffins were brought by train from London, when the cemeteries in the city were full. There were two stations in the cemetery: one near the current site and the other, formerly the station for the Anglican burials, is now the residence of Saint Edward Brotherhood, and the Orthodox Christian Church.

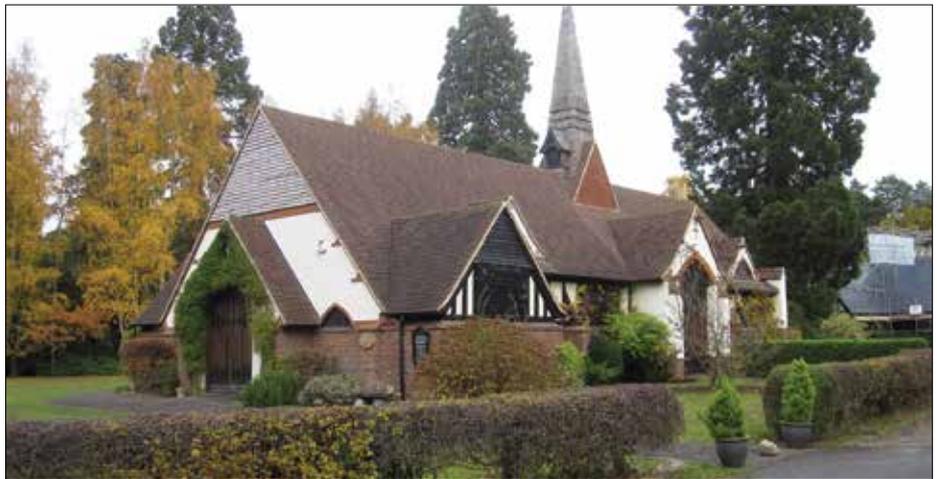
The original chapel, built in 1854, was the Anglican Church, and the station platform was for Anglican burials. At the height of the Empire days, plans were drawn up to build a cathedral-sized church in the cemetery. However, the cost was too great and the plans were shelved. In 1982, the current chapel, built in 1910, became a Orthodox Christian Church and the monks took up residence in what was the mortuary building. To begin with, the congregation was small, but now they welcome around a 100 to their services. At Easter people of all nationalities attend, many travelling from London and surrounding areas. Father Alexis very kindly showed me round their beautiful chapel, with many paintings and icons on the wall

and an ornate altar screen. For the past eight years, the monks have lived in a purpose-built house next to the mortuary, which is now being refurbished as an additional congregation room.

Why 'St Edward' Brotherhood though? If you are good at your English history, you will know that King Edward was murdered near Corfe in 975 A.D. whilst he was still a teenager. His body was taken to a nearby hut where the blind owner could suddenly see. A spring appeared near his grave in Wareham and all those who bathed in it were cured. Due to growing recognition of these miracles, his body was taken to a convent in 981 in Shaftesbury. Edward's brother declared him a saint and he was

canonized as St Edward the Martyr on behalf of the Church in England. The convent was eventually pulled down, and his remains were kept by nuns and then buried under a monument, in a casket.

In 1931, this was found again by the landowner. Finally, in 1984, the relics were offered to the Orthodox Church in Brookwood as a safe place to keep them. The relics are now securely kept in the chapel and are brought out twice a year for special services. They consist of a half skeleton with injuries consistent with the story of how he died. It really is amazing to think that we live so close to such ancient history and a story that is rarely told today. It makes you want to get back to those history books!



# FOBS UPDATE



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Wednesday 29 March 3.15pm at Brookwood School. Come along and hunt for eggs, play games and enjoy some tea and cake, £1 entry per child with free entry for adults.

The Brookwood School Summer Fair includes a BBQ, beer tent, Pimm's tent and tuck shop, games, stalls and entertainment. If you would like to have a stall at this event, or get involved in any way, please contact Anna (FOBSChair@googlemail.com).

Did you know FOBS runs a 100 Club? For just £1 per number per month you will be entered into a monthly draw to win half the pot. It's a great way to support the school and you might just win! We are selling 6 months for £6 starting from 1 March. Please contact Anna at FOBSChair@googlemail.com to join.

## BROOKWOOD CLUB

Congratulations to Graham and Christina Hunt in winning our 'Mr and Mrs' competition last month, and to worthy runners up Lara and Liam Brennan. Thanks to everybody who supported this fun event, and to all the volunteer couples who took part.

Our next Cash Bingo evenings are on Saturday 4 March and Saturday 1 April, both 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members.



The Club will be showing all the Six Nations rugby matches that are being played during opening hours until 18 March, with a selective drinks promotion for all members during the games.

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## VILLAGE DIARY DATES (also see the village website at [www.brookwood.org.uk](http://www.brookwood.org.uk))

<b>Saturday 4 March</b>	Cash Bingo, 8 for 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
<b>Sunday 5 March</b>	20:20 Puppet Service, 9.30 to 10.30am, St Saviour's Church
<b>Saturday 11 March</b>	Messy Church, 3.30 to 5.30pm, St Saviour's Church
<b>Saturday 18 March</b>	Stormy Waters at StS, 7.30 to 10.00pm, St Saviour's Church
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	Café Church, 10.30 to 11.30am, St Saviour's Church
<b>Wednesday 29 March</b>	Easter Egg Hunt, 3.15pm, Brookwood School
<b>Saturday 1 April</b>	Comedy Night, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church
<b>Saturday 1 April</b>	Cash Bingo, 8 for 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
<b>Saturday 22 April</b>	Village Spring Lunch, 12.30 for 1.00pm, Large Memorial Hall

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