

BROOKWOOD NEWS

June 2020

BLOOMING MARVELLOUS.....

A Brookwood resident, Justine Jaeger, whose creative home studio business is called Little Blue Shed, was recently invited to supply a piece of art in support of a domestic abuse charity EDAN Lincs, whose objective is to bring together women creating art for survivors of domestic abuse. The resulting Creative Freedom project has attracted the active support of over 30 women with creative



EDITORIAL

A warm welcome to the June newsletter. Sadly, the recent Prime Ministerial broadcast didn't lift the restrictions that we were perhaps hoping for so we'll just have to be patient – hopefully not being a patient at the same time!

Mindful of social distancing rules, many of us had the welcome opportunity on 8 May to get together over a drink or two with neighbours to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day.

Regarding newsletter deliveries, we are pleased to be back to normal deliveries this month. We hope everyone was able to pick up the last two issues which were left in strategic positions around the village. Many thanks to Bakers Dozen, Fulks, Brookwood Food and Wine, Tudor News and the Esso garage for their help with this. And thanks as always to our trusty deliverers.

Best wishes to all

Ian Angell – Editor

gifts. Because of the lockdown there will be a virtual exhibition first followed by a gallery exhibition. Finally the artwork will decorate the walls of one of the charity's refuges.

Justine wishes to thank the Brookwood in Bloom group who provided a wonderful array of flowers so that she could use the pressed flowers to produce this artwork.

The charity's website is at <https://edanlincs.org.uk/> and Justine's link is at <https://www.facebook.com/littleblushed.retro/>.

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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

→ The bunting was crocheted

Bottles of fizz and some splendid home baking were the order of the day →

Whilst our thoughts were focused on VE day, there was a reminder that there is another important day to come.....





.....AND MORE BLOOMING GOOD NEWS

The Pirbright Horticultural Society has suspended all meetings for the time being and, sadly, cancelled the plant sale in May and the annual show scheduled for July.

However, as a thank you to members for their continuing loyal support they have decided that any 2020 subscriptions already paid (as well as any paid from now on) will be valid until the end of 2021. So, if you are a member who has not yet paid or would like to join the society as a new member, take advantage now of this goodwill gesture. Individual subscriptions

are £15 or £20 for a family. Payments can be made to Julian Didyk – 07799 207 059 or juliandidyk@sky.com. He can provide details of how to make BACS payments.

Special announcement – instead of the annual show this year there will be a virtual show at the end of July. Several classes will be judged from photographs – there will be no entry fee and they will be open to all whether you are a member or not. Please contact philipbarraletcardiff19@gmail.com for further details.

NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILLOR

You may have seen that a couple of ponies have been left to graze on the small parcel of land at the crossroads. Kevin writes:

I've been in contact with various people regarding the ponies, including our County Councillor. Essentially, I'm not particularly bothered by the ponies being on the land at the crossroads; however, I do draw the line at the fence being electrified, as that is dangerous. The issue has been reported to the Health and Safety Executive but officers do not hold much hope that anything will be done by the HSE. Surrey are unlikely to do anything as land owners and in any case the land is currently in the process of being sold to Woking Borough Council to enable the improvements to the

crossroads and the housing development I've discussed in the past.

What is currently being proposed, and is something I support, is that a field within the Brookwood Farm area be licensed to enable Travellers to safely keep their ponies temporarily. This makes a lot of sense, as the land has traditionally had ponies grazing there, which is good for the environment, and it provides the borough with an area that illegally grazing horses elsewhere can be easily moved to. Still leaves me frustrated that the law is not on the side of the law-abiding resident, but unfortunately, we are where we are.

Kevin Davis



USE OF THE CANAL

Horse riders and motorcycles have been recently seen along the stretch of canal towpath between Brookwood crossroads and Pirbright lock. I have checked with the Basingstoke Canal Authority and both activities are against their byelaws.

They advise that antisocial behaviour should be reported to the local police on 101.

However, most users of the canal do so quite legitimately like these parents....



BROOKWOOD CLUB

As previously reported, the Committee continues to monitor the Club's circumstances. The AGM will be held soon after we are permitted to reopen. We anticipate some delays in sourcing supplies as all licensed premises will be doing the same. Members should check the website (brookwoodclub.wordpress.com).

BROOKWOOD FISHERIES

Andrew from Brookwood Fisheries reports that he is now frying 3 days a week (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). He hopes to add extra days as soon as his staff shortage is sorted out. Bon appetit.

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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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