

BROOKWOOD NEWS

November 2014

EDITORIAL

Another month gone by, and we hope you will find lots to interest you in this issue of the community newsletter. You will notice that the layout is rather different this time. We are very grateful to Steven Hunt, a local graphic designer living in the village, who has designed this issue of the newsletter. As ever, do provide us with any feedback by contacting us at community@brookwood.org.uk, or ring the number on the back page.

It's great to see the school going from strength to strength and the dedication of the staff being recognised by OFSTED – we all knew that anyway, of course.

Please try and find time to fill out the questionnaire that will be dropping through your letter box any moment now, if you haven't already received it. This is your chance to have a say in how you would like to see the village develop. When you have completed the questionnaire pop it into the post office – another valuable service that Shaun and his team offer.

Thank you to Fulks for sponsoring this month's issue. We are fortunate indeed to have such a quality butcher in the village. It is good to know too that the Chinese takeaway, New Garden, is back in business. Please try and support all our local shops. If we don't use them, we'll lose them and that can't be good for anyone.

We are trying to make a regular feature of the Village Diary. If you have any events coming up that you would like included, please let us know.

Finally, next month we would like to welcome all the babies born in the village in 2014. If you have had a baby this year and would like his/her name included, then please contact us with details of the baby's name and date of birth.

Judith Male

BREAK-IN AT THE POST OFFICE

Burglars broke into the village post office in the early hours of Thursday 16 October. They gained entrance at the rear of the building between 4.30 and 5.30am, and took Cornish pasties, sausage rolls and cakes. They then ransacked a storeroom where parcels and letters were awaiting delivery. They did not have access to any cash. Shaun Roker at the bakery/post office says, "We are really sorry that this has happened. If you have a Royal Mail 'Something for You' card dated 15/10 or before and have not received the item, please come and see me."



The police are investigating. If you have any information that may be of help please contact them on 101.

Shaun and his staff work hard to maintain the village post office, which we as a community really value. It is distressing for everyone when incidents like this happen.

POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

If war was not invented
Each to his own would keep,
And be not thus demented
But always keep the peace.

If, instead of fighting,
We do our best to be
A little more inviting
To lands across the sea.

If it goes the way it's going
And others do the same,
This will start the blowing
This world right into flames.

So all men in high places
As strong as you may be,
Remember the others' faces;
The dead we cannot see.

In war we lose our dear ones,
In thousands do they pass.
Way out front I had a chum –
What will his dear mum ask?

I'll say a prayer to God above
And ask Him in his grace,
To guide us as he did the dove,
Make this world a better place.

This poem is contributed by a resident of the village who was an evacuee in World War 2 and experienced the London bombing as a messenger boy.



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Fulks Family Butchers

BROOKWOOD AND BRIDLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM - *Have your say!*

We hope you will find time to complete and return the questionnaires that will be delivered to you at the end of October. This will help the Forum to produce a vision for the future of Brookwood and Bridley that reflects YOUR views and aspirations for the area. Please post the questionnaire to us in the envelope provided, or drop it in at the post office by 30 November.

Extra copies can be collected from the post office or downloaded from www.bbnf.org.uk. You can contact us by e-mail at info@bbnf.org.uk or phone 01483 488109 if you have any queries, would like help in completing the form, or would like extra copies for your household. Thanks to the Woking District Jamboree Scout contingent for distributing the questionnaires.

STRICTLY COME DANCING PROFESSIONAL ROBIN WINDSOR COMES TO BROOKWOOD



Robin Windsor with Anita and Darren

Dancers in Brookwood were given a Strictly treat on Sunday 12 October when Robin Windsor came to the memorial hall to take three master classes for local dance school AnD Dance.

Robin Windsor has had to pull out of TV's biggest entertainment show Strictly Come Dancing due to a back injury, so he decided to tour the country visiting dance schools to help get him back on his feet. Robin's post on Facebook was picked up by Paulene Leese who attends classes at AnD Dance. She sent the link to AnD teachers Anita and Darren Kelly who invited Robin to come to Brookwood.

Robin gave three master classes based on the cha-cha-cha routine he performed with Deborah Meaden in last year's show. As well as teaching the master classes, Robin held Q&A sessions and gave dancers the opportunity to have their photos taken with him.

Anita and Darren said, "This was an amazing experience for our dancers. We were the first of ten dance schools that Robin is visiting. Normally SCD professionals are off limits to most people, so to be able to give our dancers the chance not just to meet, but to be taught by someone from the show is fantastic. Everybody had a brilliant time and they all loved Robin, he made it so much fun for everyone."

To see a short video clip of Robin in action taking one of the master classes visit AnD Dance Facebook page: www.facebook.com/anddance.co.uk.

AnD Dance is based at the Memorial Hall. Anita and Darren are qualified professional teachers (IDTA) and have many years' experience in teaching people to dance. They pride themselves on not just the quality of their teaching but also on the friendly and relaxed atmosphere they have built within their school. So whether you are a beginner or an experienced dancer you are sure to have fun.

For more information visit their website: www.anddance.co.uk.

SCOUT QUIZ

The quiz was very well attended and raised over £500 for the group's funds. This will be used to support activities and equipment. Many thanks to everyone who took part, to the ever helpful crew of Pam Forbes, Dan Horsfall and Anna Blackwell, and to Jane and Andrew Pettinger for all the preparation and quiz mastering.

Nick Gair

GOING, GOING, ALL GONE!

St Saviour's Church would like to thank Brookwood residents for being so generous in buying up all the church pews at our auction in September. An amazing £2000 was raised towards the cost of the new chairs and flooring, with a further £1000 raised in the promise auction. Special thanks go to Andrew Coe who turned the auction into such an entertaining evening with a splendid performance as auctioneer from the pulpit! It is reassuring to know that many pews are staying in Brookwood homes; in fact, look out for some in the bakery/post office.

Also, many thanks to all those who came to the Loveday Singers' Concert on 18 October, which raised further funds. It was a magical evening, performed by wonderfully talented young singers who have a bright future. Their songs, solos and varied repertoire held us spellbound throughout, with many of us feeling privileged to hear such musical professionalism in the centre of Brookwood. A stunning evening right on our doorstep.

Look out for further events in the New Year! www.brookwood.org.uk/church

Yvonne Craven

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

Things go from strength to strength at Brookwood Primary School. We were recently visited by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors to see whether we continue to make progress as a school, and it was confirmed that we are. Those interested can see the published letter at http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/124998.

The Brookwood & Pirbright Children's Centre has recently had its OFSTED inspection. This will be published on that website too in due course. The Children's Centre works with all families with children under 5 years old and those expecting babies. If you fall into this category and do not know about what we do, please drop in on Monday to Wednesday mornings when we can show you how the Centre works.

We enjoyed welcoming lots of Brookwood residents to our Craft Fair. This raised much appreciated funds which we will be spending on new computing equipment.

Our new teachers have settled in well and are already feeling part of the wider community. We took the children to St Saviour's Church for our Harvest Festival, which is one of the highlights of our year. Our Harvest Festival donations are joining others from the congregation going to Woking Food Bank.

We are increasing our group of volunteers to help us with lots of things around school. If you can offer a regular hour or so, please could you pop in and see Mrs Cook. You could train up to work alongside the children, or help out with a range of vital jobs from keeping our library tidy and up-to-date to helping the office team with admin tasks. Thank you.

Finally, Surrey CC have now confirmed that they have withdrawn the planned expansion of the school. Although we had made lots of plans already, we can now focus our attention back on what we know and love - the school at the heart of the village!

Mrs Green, Headteacher



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

We would love to see people from the wider community at our annual Brookwood School Christmas Fair, Friday 5 December, 3.15 to 5.30pm. Attractions include Santa's Grotto, games, stalls, cakes and BBQ.

Please be aware that Father Christmas will be very busy so we have to book slots with him. If there are any pre-school children who would like to visit him, please contact the school office before the Fair and book a time.

Come and hear the children sing carols on the last day of term, and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. Friday 19 December, 1.30pm at the school. All proceeds to Childline.

Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS)

BROOKWOOD CHILDREN'S DRAMA

We have had a very busy year with rehearsals and workshops all leading up to our grand show 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children have been learning to explore and play within the fantasmagorical world of Willy Wonka. The audience were treated to two special performances with songs and dances which the kids had worked very hard to produce.

To help some of our newer members build up performance confidence before the show, we jumped in at the deep end and performed a small selection of show pieces to a packed audience at St John's Lye Fete. The kids all really enjoyed themselves and we even had the audience on their feet!

This term the young performers will once again be preparing for a busy year of performances and rehearsals. Brookwood Children's Drama runs every Saturday at the Memorial Hall and is aimed at boosting performance and confidence skills of 5–16 year olds. For more information please contact the group manager Laura-Anne Putterford on 07512 866300.

BROOKWOOD ASSISTING NEIGHBOURS

Please note that our AGM is on Tuesday 25 November at 7pm in the committee room of the large hall.

Before the meeting, from about 6.30pm, anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can come along and talk to committee members, who will be delighted to explain how the scheme works. It really isn't very onerous!

All current volunteers are welcome to attend the meeting. Light refreshments will be available.

Skip Mugridge, Chairman

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

There will be a Remembrance service at the large Memorial Hall on Sunday 9th November starting at 10.30am. Wreaths will be laid at the memorial stone in the hall. All are welcome.

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Fulks Family Butchers

Connaught Road
Brookwood
(Telephone 01483 473187)

We are now taking Christmas orders for:

- Fresh farm turkeys from Appledore in Kent
- Fresh farm geese and chickens
- Hams and pork
- Christmas beef and lamb
- Sausages, chipolatas and sausage meat

Tony and Stuart will be pleased to help and advise you.

Cleaner required (part time)
- Woking, West Byfleet and Ripley areas

Pop-In Care has been trading for just under three years and due to expansion we need to find an additional cleaner.

The successful applicant will have experience in this field, will need to be able to give examples of doing this type of work and provide references or some form of confirmation to back this up. Car owner/driver essential.

At present this is a part-time role and will grow to meet the needs of the business. You will need to be self-employed and provide monthly invoices to Pop-In Care.

Please contact Carol Baker on 07795 578904 for a job description and an initial chat.

POP-IN CARE
HOME HELP

VILLAGE DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk

Friday 31 October, 8.30 to 11pm
Halloween Party – fancy dress optional – with disco, at Brookwood Club.

Saturday 1 November, 8pm
Prize Bingo at Brookwood Club. Tickets on sale from 8pm, with 'eyes down' at 8.30pm.

Sunday 2 November, 1.30pm
Walk around the Military Cemetery led by Paul Rason.

Saturday 8 November, 8pm
Round Table Fireworks Display at Woking Park. Gates open at 6pm. Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £12 if you pre-book, or £15 on the gate. For further enquiries, please contact fireworks@wokingroundtable.co.uk or call 07807 760779.

Sunday 9 November, 10.30am
Service of Remembrance at the Memorial Hall and laying of wreaths.

Tuesday 25 November, 7pm
Brookwood Assisting Neighbours AGM at the Memorial Hall.

Friday 5 December, 3.15 to 5.30pm
Brookwood School Christmas Fair.

Saturday 6 December, 8pm
Prize Bingo at Brookwood Club. Tickets on sale from 8pm, with 'eyes down' at 8.30pm.

Friday 12 December, 7pm
Village Christmas Tree Charity Event at Brookwood Club, with the Bisley Band, local singers and hot refreshments.

Friday 19 December, 1.30pm
Christmas Carols at the School to raise money for Childline.

Would you like to sponsor a newsletter?

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring the newsletter. Please contact us by email: community@brookwood.org.uk

Deadline for the December issue is 20 November

Preferably by email to: community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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