

BROOKWOOD NEWS

February 2015

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the February edition of Brookwood News. In writing this edition, it struck me how fortunate we are to have so many clubs and activities available in the village. If that New Year's resolution to be more active or to try something new is waning, check out what is on offer on our doorstep! There are dance and fitness activities in the Memorial Hall and Church Hall, plus cricket on the heath, and guided walks in the Cemetery and elsewhere. For free self-guided walks (including 2 based in Brookwood) see www.walkinginsurrey.co.uk/woking.php.

A resident has passed on her concerns about traffic danger in the centre of the village. She writes 'recently, whilst walking to the post office with my son and niece, a car mounted the kerb near the Club. Thankfully we all managed to jump out of the way and I took the car registration number and called the police. The police told me that every time this happens it should be reported to the police and then they can take it up with the council. I have seen this happen a number of times especially by the Club and also near the two houses by the corner of Heath Drive but did not realise about informing the police and wondered if anyone else in Brookwood knew this?'

Following last month's item about steam trains, a resident has told us that to find out when steam trains are coming through Brookwood, go to www.beholder.co.uk/steam/ and select Woking (Brookwood is not usually listed). The timetables are there to see if the service continues through Brookwood or Guildford after Woking. You can also use the timetable page to follow where the train is in real time. Although most services don't stop, occasionally they will stop to take on water heading north – a chance to see them up close before they depart with a whistle and clouds of steam.

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

Sue Webber – Editor

WE NEED MORE BROWNIES!

1st Brookwood Brownies meet on Mondays for girls age 7 to 10. For more information contact Brown Owl Kate on 01483 487301 or email 1stbrookwoodbrownies@gmail.com.



SUPPORT A LOCAL HERO

Many people will know local resident Andy Coe through his role as compere at the School Summer Fair, and his enthusiastic auctioneer's performance at the St Saviour's Church pew auction last year. Andy has asked us to support him by publicising his forthcoming charity runs.

'As some of you may know by now, I am running THREE half marathons in THREE weeks in March – on the 1st Bath, on the 8th Surrey, and on the 22nd Fleet. I have also given up the booze until after the Fleet run, so that is eleven weeks in total "on the wagon". I am raising funds for Woking Hospice and I am hoping to raise at least £2,000 from all of my kind, generous friends, neighbours and family. Woking Hospice is an independent charity that provides specialist end-of-life care to support local people, their families, friends and carers. My training is in full swing and I am currently running around 20 miles a week (so do wave if you see me).

I would be really grateful if you could please sponsor me – it will really help make a difference, whatever you can afford. Please use the following link to go to my fund-raising page at http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/AndrewCoe2. Many thanks in advance for your kind donation and support.'



NEWS FROM BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

Life at school continues apace with the spring term traditionally being when we settle down and focus really hard in lessons – without the distractions of Christmas productions or sports days! Consequently, there is a purposeful calm in school as children tackle their learning and strive to reach their goals.

On the staffing front, we are saying goodbye to Dawn Turner who has been with us for 15 years. She is going to work with older children in a residential setting – something we know she will be really good at! Many of you and your children will know Dawn and, I am sure, wish her good luck in her new career.

A reminder of how you can help us at no cost to yourself. We recycle old mobile phones, clothes, shoes, old towels, curtains and other household linen (but NOT duvets or pillows) and, of course, we would be delighted to receive Sainsbury's vouchers as this scheme is just starting again. If you have received Christmas gifts which are unwanted and wish to donate them to us, we can use them for raffles and tombolas – just drop them into Reception.

Again, as always, if you want to know more about school or want to see life inside first-hand, please make contact and I'd be happy to give you a tour.

from Jo Green, Head Teacher

NEWS FROM PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS

Pirbright Players present, with kind permission of Casarotto Ramsay & Associates, Revolting Rhymes, Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs, Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf, and Three Little Pigs. Taken from Revolting Rhymes, the book of comic verse for children, Roald Dahl gives these well-known fairy stories a new set of Dahl-esque twists.

This amateur production will take place on Saturday 28 February and Sunday 1 March 2015, both at 2.30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall, The Green, Pirbright, GU24 0JE. Ice creams, soft drinks, tea and coffee will be served in the interval.

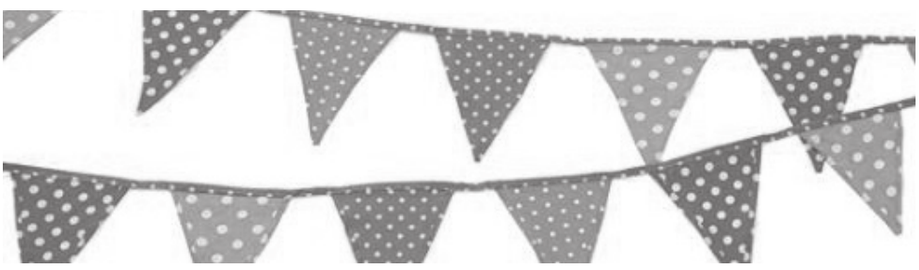
Tickets at £10 each can be obtained by sending a cheque to Nicola Owen, at 32 Benner Lane, GU24 9JQ, or online at www.spanglefish.com/pirbrightplayers.

NEWS FROM FOBS

FOBS (Friends of Brookwood School) are hosting two fund-raising events. On Saturday 31 January it is the Brookwood School Bingo Night, doors open 7.30pm with 'eyes down' at 8pm (please note this is a new date). £7 entry includes 10 games of bingo, with prizes and raffle. Bring your own drinks and nibbles, but over 18s only please.

We also have the Brookwood School Quiz Night, which will be on Saturday 14 March, at 7.30pm. Details to follow next month.

Also a special advance notice! The annual Brookwood School Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 13 June, from 12 noon to 3pm. We are always interested in having external stallholders, so please get in touch with Anna at FobsChair@googlemail.com if you are interested in knowing more. We are also very grateful for any offers of help with set-up, refreshments, running stalls and games. Again, if you are interested in getting involved in the biggest village event of the year, please contact Anna at FobsChair@googlemail.com.



NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

St Saviour's Church, Connaught Road, will be hosting a Jazz and Pop Concert on Saturday 7 March at 7.30pm in aid of the St Saviour's ReGeneration project.

StS ReGeneration

We are delighted to present the new and exciting Academix A Cappella group, who will be giving a lively concert in the church. Join us for an informal evening of musical entertainment. More details to follow next month, but keep the date free! For more information please contact Yvonne Craven on sts@brookwood.org.uk.

NEWS FROM BROOKWOOD SCOUTS

The Scouts and Cubs raised over £270 from the recent Christmas tree collection. Thank you very much for supporting this fund-raising initiative.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

We have two open events coming up at the Club in February. Our regular 'first Saturday' bingo is on Saturday 7 February, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. On Saturday 14 February we will be hosting a special St Valentine's Day 'Mr and Mrs' competition, so come along with your partner and join in the fun! Everybody welcome.

Remember that membership renewals are due by 31 January.

Since April 2014 you have helped us to raise £928 to be split between our joint charities BAN and Woking Hospice, with a further £400 raised for Woking Hospice in memory of Dick Follett.

NOMADS BADMINTON CLUB

We are a small friendly club and we play on Wednesdays from 7.30pm to 10.00pm at Brookwood Memorial Hall. If you would like to come along or would like more information, please contact Nicky Pucci, on 01483 762013 or email us at nickypucci@hotmail.com.

BROOKWOOD AND BRIDLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM (BBNF)

The Neighbourhood Forum team is still analysing your questionnaires and hopes to publish a summary of the findings shortly. Unsurprisingly, concerns about traffic and parking topped the list of responses, but it is good to see that over 90% of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the area as a place to live. 95% feel it important that the village retains its centre with shops and other commercial units, and 90% feel safe in and around the village. Check out our website at www.bbnf.org.uk and see our Facebook page for further information.

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY SOCIETY

Introductory Walk, Sunday 1st March

The first walk of 2015 will be around the Anglican side of the Cemetery. Val Pretlove will lead the walk and describe the formation and history of Brookwood Cemetery. Meet at 2pm at the entrance to the Glades of Remembrance, adjacent to the Cemetery Office on Cemetery Pales. No need to book but a small donation (minimum £3) is suggested. For further details please email info@tbcs.org.uk, call 01344 891041 or visit the website at www.tbcs.org.uk.



BROOKWOOD CRICKET CLUB

Ever wandered up to the fields on Sheets Heath on a Sunday afternoon, seen a game of cricket and wanted to be part of it? If that is you, then read on...

Brookwood Cricket Club members are looking forward to the summer months and a return to Sunday cricket, and we are always on the look out for new players. We have been playing cricket in the village for over 30 years. We play home and away between April and September, and indoor nets sessions have just started at George Abbot school on Tuesday evenings. If you want to see what it is all about, then give Steve (07880 703808) or Adrian (07909 873187) a call and you will be welcomed into the cricket club with open arms.

If cricket is not your thing, but you want to cheer on your local village cricket club, do come up to the heath in the summer months and say hello. We will be posting our results in the newsletter throughout the summer so you can follow our progress after a record-breaking 2014 season.

HERITAGE WALKS

Local historian Iain Wakeford is leading another series of his highly recommended Heritage Walks around the borough in 2015. His next walk is on Sunday 8 February in St John's . The walk starts at 2pm, meeting at Lock 11 at Kiln Bridge over the Basingstoke Canal, GU21 7SQ. All walks are free and open to everyone, and there is no need to book. For the full programme for 2015 see www.heritagewalks.org.

SMALL BUSINESSES IN BROOKWOOD

We have a surprising number of small service and trade businesses in the village community. Here is a summary you might find useful to retain for future reference.

AnD Dance	Dance school, ballroom and Latin American	Darren Kelly		07889 749897
A P Aerials	TV aerials	George Walsh	W 487807	07768 620874
Brookwood Childminders	Childminding	Jane Griffiths	W 826471	07912 648647
Carefully Clean	Carpet and upholstery cleaning	Dave Smith	W 522139	07050 138026
Dalziel Carpets	Carpets	Bruce McLaren	W 772896	07778 855974
Decor Mate	Painting and decorating	Lewis McCombe	W 475620	07877 172066
Ideal Property Services	Improvements and maintenance	Darren Norman	W 824041	07890 201057
J A Moore	Plumbing and bathrooms	John Moore	W 480439	07973 417022
Jenny Reeds School of Dance	Ballet, tap and modern dance classes	Jenny Reeds		07428 517334
New Life Property Solutions	Guttering and roofing	Steve Bullen		07900 333179
Nigel Shields	Property maintenance services and gardening	Nigel Shields		07799 404850
P A Bayliss	Carpentry and maintenance	Phil Bayliss	W 472183	07967 213954
Pop-in Care	Home help and care services	Carol Baker		07795 578904
Sherwood Driving School	Driving lessons	Mandy Sherwood		07980 948977
Surrey Carpets	Carpet supply and fitting	Andy Farmer		07970 782586
Utility Warehouse	Savings on shopping and utilities	Katrina Warne	W 474303	07944 847918
Woking Window Cleaning Services	Commercial and domestic window cleaning	Trevor Gostling	W 488303	07850 176024

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Please let us know if you are not mentioned here and we will try to include your listing in a future edition, provided you are based in the village. You may also be interested in our very competitive advertising rates, starting at a modest £25 for an 1/8 page advert or £45 for 1/4 page. For more information on advertising please contact us on **community@brookwood.org.uk**.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

31 January Brookwood School Bingo Night. Doors open 7.30pm 'eyes down' at 8pm.
7 February Bingo at Brookwood Club. Tickets on sale from 8pm, £1 per book, 'eyes down' at 8.30pm.
8 February St John's Heritage Walk with Iain Wakeford, 2pm from Lock 11, Kiln Bridge, GU21 7SQ.
14 February St Valentine's Day 'Mr and Mrs' Competition, 8pm in Brookwood Club.
28 February Pirbright Players Revolting Rhymes, 2.30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall, The Green, Pirbright.
1 March Pirbright Players Revolting Rhymes, 2.30pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall, The Green, Pirbright.
1 March Brookwood Cemetery Society Walk, 2pm from the Cemetery Office in Cemetery Pales.
7 March Jazz and Pop Concert, 7.30pm at St Saviour's Church, Connaught Road.
14 March Brookwood School Quiz Night, 7.30pm at Brookwood School.

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 March issue is 20 February

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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