BROOKWOOD NEWS

April 2015

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the April edition of the Brookwood newsletter.

Spring is slowly creeping up on us, and with the lighter evenings it's good to see a few more people out and about on the heaths and along the canal. It would seem that we already have some new visitors to the village in the shape of a pair of swans on the canal along with a pair of Canadian geese. Hopefully they will settle and raise some young. With this in mind the Canal & River Trust published an article about the dangers of feeding bread to young waterfowl. It seems that feeding ducks bread could be damaging their health and habitats.



The Canal & River Trust charity estimates that, each year, six million loaves of bread, equal to 20 double decker buses full, are being thrown into canals and rivers in England and Wales, potentially polluting the water. Bread can also be harmful to a duck's health as it is the equivalent of junk food to a duck's diet. The uneaten soggy bread can also cause a build-up of bad nutrients, creating harmful algae that can spread disease and attract pests such as rats.

In response the Canal & River Trust has published a free information pack detailing how to feed ducks responsibly by swapping bread for more natural treats such as oats, corn, defrosted frozen peas and even a bit of limp lettuce. For more information visit the Canal & River Trust website: https://canalrivertrust.org.uk.

Graham Hunt – Editor

BENTLEY'S GARAGE



This month's newsletter has been sponsored by Bentleys Garage.

Bentleys Garage is one of the longest running family businesses in Brookwood. This is their 30th year of trading from their Connaught Road workshop. Graham and Sarah are proud to announce that by the end of this year their two sons who work alongside them will be Bosch Master Technicians. The garage has the very latest diagnostic equipment for all makes and models of vehicles. They offer MOTs, servicing and all mechanical repairs. If you have any enquiries or need advice please contact Sarah or her daughter Natasha who works alongside her in the office. Telephone 01483 888882. Graham, Sarah and the staff of Bentleys Garage would like to thank all their customers for their support over the last thirty years.

NEAR MISSES OUTSIDE BROOKWOOD CLUB

We had a phone message from June Jemson who said she has nearly been run over twice by cars mounting the pavement by the Brookwood Club. This information was passed on to Councillor Kevin Davis who has been collecting information on this problem and has kindly responded.

Dear all,
I have been gathering evidence of this problem since last year. Train arrival times and the extension of the parking bay are causing real havoc. It's been difficult to gather photographic evidence during the winter months. I am working on a possible solution to swap round the entrance and exit to the station. I have discussed this with the Chief Executive of WBC, who seems amenable.

The Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum will likely bring forward proposals for the exact same solution in due course as this problem was mentioned in some of the questionnaires received back.

Regards,

Kevin

MAKE A WILL FORTNIGHT
13 to 24 April 2015

Woking and Sam Beare Hospices are running a new scheme where you can write or update your will with a local solicitor in return for a donation. Between 13 and 24 April participating firms have kindly agreed to give appointments for free to support our local Hospice. Don't delay and book today! Find out more by visiting www.wsbhospices.co.uk/make-will-fortnight, or call 01483 881752.

WOKING & SAM BEARE HOSPICES

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Want to play some friendly, competitive tennis? Keen to meet new people to play? The Woking 'Martian' Tennis League welcomes men and women of all standards for this singles league. Players arrange their own matches at a mutually convenient time over 8 weeks (Monday 23 April to Wednesday 17 June) and can use any court that suits them both. Prizes! Free balls for everyone who completes three matches by the halfway point! Entry £15. If interested you can find out more at www.localtennisleagues.com/woking/joinnow, email wokingtennisleague@gmail.com, or phone Sally or Nigel on 07503 281732.

BROOKWOOD'S RUNNING MAN

In January's issue we ran a piece on Andy Coe, a long-term village resident who was planning to run three half marathons in four weeks. I'm pleased to announce that he has now successfully completed all three (with a personal best time of 1:50:23 at Surrey) and has managed to raise over £2,800 for Woking Hospice. Well done Andy; not bad for an over 50.

NEWS FROM BROOKWOOD CLUB

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Our regular 'first Saturday' cash bingo evening is on Saturday 4 April, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. Everybody welcome.

A limited number of club memberships are now available; cost is £10 per year. Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club. There is also a vacancy for a part-time bar person at Brookwood Club. Please see Chris the Steward during opening hours if you are interested. Please note that our Annual General Meeting will be on Monday 27 April at 8pm.



NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S

St Saviour's Church ReGeneration team would like to thank all those who came to the Academix Pop and Jazz concert last month. Over 100 people attended and we raised the amazing amount of £960. The performers said they had enjoyed the concert too and are keen to make a return visit sometime in the future.

St Saviour's now has new carpet, chairs and lighting, and is available as another venue for events in the village. For further information contact the church office at Holy Trinity, Knaphill, on 01483 473489. The next step is to improve the catering and toilet facilities.

Our next event will be a Table Top Sale in the church on Saturday 25 April from 9.30am to 1pm. Tables will cost £10–15 depending on size, and refreshments will be available on the day. So clear out your cupboards, prick out those plants, stack up those books, tell all your friends and reserve your table.
Email sts@brookwood.org.uk, or telephone 01483 480273.

MOGUL'S FUTURE SECURED

The threat of a punitive rent increase that had cast a shadow over the future of Brookwood's well-known restaurant has been lifted. The Mogul will continue to serve its outstanding selection of cuisine – drawn from all across the Sub-Continent and beyond.

Proprietor and head chef, Mohan or 'Bob', was delighted to hear that his business will be able to continue and looks forward to welcoming all Brookwoodians and their friends to enjoy his menu, which is constantly updated with new fusions of spices and herbs, and offers a wide choice of vegetarian as well as meat and fish dishes.

The Mogul has been in Brookwood for nearly 30 years. As well as winning many awards for its food, it also has an exemplary record in the mandatory hygiene tests applied to all restaurants. In addition to its main dining room, the Mogul also has a private room for parties. Like all local businesses, it depends on your support to thrive, so call 01483 472610 to book a table and celebrate the future of one of the village's major assets.



GOLDSWORTH PARK ALLOTMENTS SOCIETY



The allotments are situated on Sheets Heath Lane just past the canal towards the playing fields. It's an ideal spot to grow your own fruit, flowers and vegetables, and enjoy fresh air and exercise as a bonus. Currently we have a few vacant plots to let, an ideal time to start to plant and sow. If you are interested give the chairman John a ring on 01483 821974. First come, first served.



are welcome. Please contact community@brookwood.org.uk by the 20th of the month

UPSTARTS ART CLASSES

Have you ever wanted to try your hand at drawing the human form?

Life and portrait drawing has been regarded for centuries as one of the main stays of art, and an essential aspect of any artist's, professional or amateur, artistic education.

If you have ever thought you would like to give this challenging but rewarding activity a go now is your chance.

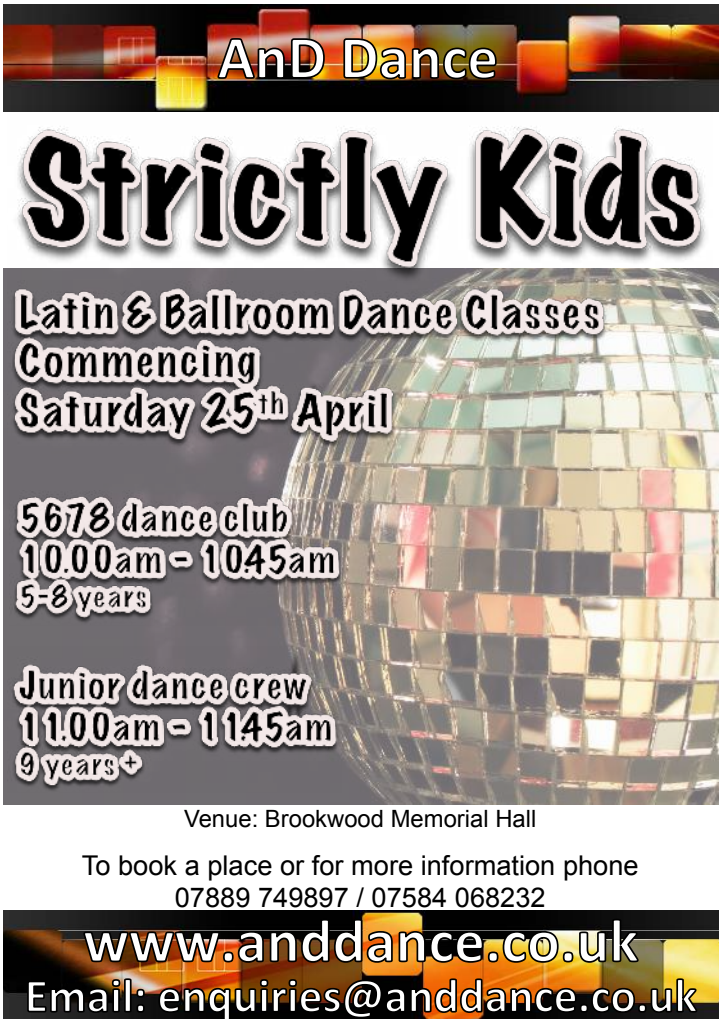
Upstarts art classes run a life and portrait drawing session on a Monday evening at Brookwood School between 8 and 10pm. This is a drop-in session so there is no need to book; just show up with your chosen drawing or painting medium. The session is facilitated by a fully qualified art teacher and working artist. The sessions are designed to accommodate all levels from the total beginner up to the professional.

The cost is very reasonable at only £12 per session. There is also an option to book for the whole term, if you wish, which would reduce the cost to £10 per session, £50 for the term. Our next term commences on Monday 13 April 2015 and will run for five weeks, three weeks prior to the May bank holiday and two weeks after.

Teas and coffees are supplied before the start of the class as well as during it and, for those not watching their weight, biscuits are also available.

We like to think of our sessions as an opportunity to practise the art of figure and portrait drawing/painting in a relaxed, non-pressured and social environment.

If you would like more information regarding our classes please contact Marcus on 07770 372723, or via email at upstartsclasses@outlook.com.





VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

4 April	Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm.
12 April	Heritage Walk around Horsell, 2pm from Arthurs Bridge over the Basingstoke Canal, Bridge Barn Lane, GU21 6NL. (Please note there is no street parking.)
25 April	St Saviour's Church Table Top Sale, 9.30am to 1 pm.
27 April	Brookwood Club Annual General Meeting, 8pm.
3 May	Brookwood Cemetery Society Walk, 2pm from the Cemetery Office in Cemetery Pales. The Cemetery Railway, led by Ian Devine. Visit the route of the Necropolis Railway.

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.

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