BROOKWOOD NEWS

June 2015

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BROOKWOOD FAIR

Brookwood School,
Saturday 13 June, 12pm to 3pm

All are welcome to Brookwood Fair, which is the biggest event in the school calendar and is an event for the whole village. Entertainment will be provided by the children of Brookwood School, the Winston Churchill School Session Band and a puppet show from 20:20 church, while representatives from our local Army Training Corps will be running a mini assault course. Other attractions include a penalty shootout, coconut shy, welly wanging, plant stall, tombola and many other games, activities and stalls, plus a raffle with a top prize of £100 cash. The ever popular bar will be available, run by Brookwood Club, plus a Pimm's stall, barbecue and other refreshments. We will be selling programmes and raffle tickets outside Sainsbury's on Saturday 6 June, or just turn up on the day. Entry £1.

If you would like any more information or would like a stall at this event, please contact Anna and Greg on fobschair@googlemail.com

EDITORIAL

This month sees the longest day and suddenly we are halfway through the year. It is also amazing to realise that we have achieved a year of the new Brookwood News. To thank all those involved with producing, distributing and sponsoring the newsletter, a celebration was held last month, which gave Brookwood residents the opportunity to meet the team. We also invited some special guests: our Councillor, Kevin Davies, and the newest and oldest residents. Max Antill, aged 6 weeks, and Brian Kinder, aged 88, were there to cut the cake and we were glad to welcome around 50 residents at the Memorial Hall. Please see more information about Max further on. Brian lives in Church Close and has lived in Brookwood all his life, apart from five years when he was in the RAF.

We were delighted to have some sponsors for the last few newsletters and have gained some funding from the Brookwood Village Association, but fundraising is something that we need to continue with. Many of you have offered to make a donation, which is always welcome, and we are making arrangements for residents to give regular, or one-off contributions. Cash collection boxes will be available soon at some businesses in Brookwood, so if you see one and have some spare cash, please feel free to pop some money in! See the back page for further details.

Yvonne Craven
- Editor







NEWS FROM BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

Brookwood School goes from strength to strength. Eleven years ago, there were just 134 pupils in school; we currently have 196, with more expected by the start of September next year. We have some great new teachers who have settled into school life very well and who are bringing new skills and ideas to our teaching and learning. Over half-term, a major refurbishment took place with new carpets, furniture and on-going re-decoration. There will also be new interactive screens in use in all classrooms before the end of the summer. A generous grant from the Army has allowed us to upgrade the IT suite, refurbish the outside toilet, brighten up the games painted on the playground and provide new equipment sheds. We would like to thank everyone who has donated their Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to school. If you have any more lying around, please rush them in as the deadline for cashing them in is upon us. You can also help by donating unwanted clothes, shoes and household linen (but NOT duvets or pillows). We recycle mobile phones for extra cash too. If you receive any unwanted gifts, we can usually use these as raffle prizes.

There is some breaking news about the status of the school. The Governors have decided to convert the school into an Academy and to join the Bourne Education Trust www.bourneeducationtrust.co.uk. The school will retain its name, vision, values and ethos, uniform, curriculum and place at the heart of the village but, behind the scenes, we will work very closely with the other schools in the Trust and, through school-to-school support, share ideas and resources, and continue to improve teaching and learning. Sythwood School is the Primary School partner in the Trust – a local, highly respected school with which we already have strong and growing links. The Governors believe that joining this group of forward-looking and ambitious schools will secure the best long-term future for Brookwood, its children and its staff.

Jo Green, Head Teacher

QUACKING NEWS!

Three ducklings have been seen on the canal near Sheets Heath Bridge. Walk along the canal towards Deepcut and you will see a few more, providing they have survived the May downpours, cold weather and other predators. We have even noticed two mallards on a neighbour's pond – very exclusive! The Basingstoke Canal Authority reminds us of some basic rules in their leaflet: the towpath is a Greenway, which is a shared use route where pedestrians have priority. It is a great place to walk, jog or cycle, but be courteous, slow down, clean up after your dog and don't block the towpath.

The Authority is also looking for volunteers to help maintain this historic waterway.

Contact 01252 370073, or www.basingstoke-canal.co.uk



UPDATE ON NEW FOOTPATH

Since editing last month's newsletter, Judith Male received a letter from Sid Bhamra of Cala Homes concerning the new footpath running north from the canal near the school, past the recreation ground and towards the new housing estate. The letter states that the footpath should be open for public use in June, although a final date has not yet been decided.

WELCOME TO THREE NEW RESIDENTS

We received a lovely letter last month and congratulations to the happy parents!

'I've been a resident of Brookwood for the last seven years and love reading through Brookwood News. Thank you very much for starting it up again and happy anniversary.

I wanted to let you know about a recent Brookwood event. James, my partner, and I live on Connaught Road and had our first born, a little boy called Max, at home on 7 April, so he really is a Brookwood baby. He weighed 6 pounds 8oz when born and has been growing very well since! We used the Royal Surrey Home Birth team who were brilliant. I lived in Brookwood up to the age of four and went to the school here as well, so it was lovely to move back and buy my first house in the village. I look forward to Max growing up here too.'

Rachel Shore

We would also like to congratulate Andrea and Kevin, who live in Connaught Road, on the birth of their twin girls, Alexandra and Gabriella in March.

MIKE'S FACEBOOK PAGE

Former Brookwood News editor, Mike Peel, has set up a Facebook page covering news in Brookwood. Mike has said please feel free to post and use the site for information and events that you would like help or promotion with.

MIDNIGHT WALK

Friday 19 June 10pm – 'Let's Glow Girls' new neon theme



I have been fundraising for Woking Hospice since my father passed away some 10 years ago, mainly by entering the Midnight Walk. This year is no different, except it has become a family concern with sister, nieces and friends also entering. We decided to call our team 'Let's Do This'; the theme this year is neon, so we have gone all out to accommodate that. By the time this goes to press, we will already have been in the Surrey Advertiser to help promote the Midnight Walk, so the big question is ladies.....have you registered yet?! Come on we need your support and it would be great to get more villagers involved. You can check out the team members by clicking on our JustGiving page: Donate to Trudi's JustGiving page. The walk takes place around Brooklands.

Trudi Fletcher

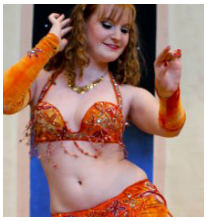
TREE WORKS TO COMMENCE AT BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

Tree surgeons are set to begin a programme of tree works within Brookwood Cemetery following an independent survey which identified a large number of diseased, dead and wind-damaged trees; 241 trees within the 232 acre site require urgent works on the grounds of health and safety. Of these, 205 trees require felling, with 78 requiring immediate action. Many coniferous trees, particularly pines, are infected with the Phaeolus schweinitzii fungus, known to decay the structural roots and lower stems of trees, leaving them prone to failure in high winds. As the identified trees are covered by Tree Preservation Orders, the Council has sought permission from the Planning Authority and notified Heritage England of the works. All felled trees will be replaced in due course. Before works commence, each tree will be individually assessed by the contractor and Surrey Wildlife Trust for bird and bat activity to ensure minimal possible disruption to wildlife. This is the first phase of a wider management plan to restore the Cemetery's structural and environmental heritage and, whilst it is sad to see the removal of these trees, it is a necessary step to ensure the continued safety of staff and visitors to the Cemetery and protect the heritage of the site.

The tree works are scheduled to commence on Monday 11 May and will be complete, weather permitting, by August 2015.

For further information, please contact Woking Borough Council's Marketing Communications Manager, Andy Denner, on 01483 743026 or email andy.denner@woking.gov.uk

BECOME A BROOKWOOD BELLY DANCER



New bellydance classes for beginners are available this month with Melissa Hoare at Brookwood Memorial Hall on Mondays nights at 6.30pm from the 8 June. Brookwood Memorial Hall has hosted regular improver/intermediate bellydance classes for nearly ten years, but is now opening its doors to people who would like to learn the basics. 'Bellydance' is an umbrella term for many Middle Eastern dance styles that include beautifully fluid undulations and clever isolations that look good on any body shape. It can be good for toning the arms and the waistline but is also great fun! It celebrates the feminine form, can promote good posture, confidence and flexibility, and is also a good way to socialise. For more information visit www.bellytricks.co.uk, or email: melissahoare@hotmail.com

TRAIN RUNS OUT OF STEAM

To all those who turned up to wait and watch for the steam locomotive, Mayflower, last month and were disappointed, here is a letter of apology from The Cathedrals Express office.

I'm so sorry I didn't let you know – it's all been very busy here. You may be aware that our train operating company, West Coast Railways, had been temporarily suspended from running trains. Whilst this suspension was lifted on 8 May, Network Rail has insisted on a 'phasing in' of the new systems and initially only allowing operations on less significant routes. I cannot emphasise enough our disappointment and do apologise once again for this postponement which was entirely outside of our control. We will be stopping at Brookwood again on 9 July at around 10.30am. I will contact you nearer the date with the exact timings for the trip and a confirmation of which locomotive will be hauling the train.

Claire Newton - Sales & Marketing, Steam Dreams

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NEWS FROM BROOKWOOD CLUB

The Club would like to thank everyone who supported their charity Birthday BBQ and raffle in May. £281 was raised for local charities. The regular 'first Saturday' cash bingo evening is on Saturday 6 June for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody is welcome, including non-members. On Saturday 13 June, there is a Blues Night with music from Paul Lamb and The Detroit Breakdown starting at 9pm until late. If you are interested in joining your village social club, please enquire at the bar.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

6 June	'First Saturday' cash bingo evening, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
7 June	Brookwood Cemetery walk, 'The Good, the Bad & the Unfortunate' 2pm
13 June	Brookwood Fair, 12 – 3pm, Brookwood School
13 June	Blues Night, 9pm 'til late, Brookwood Club

Would you like to sponsor a newsletter, or advertise?

We would be very pleased to hear from anyone interested in sponsoring the newsletter. The cost is £100 per edition with a mention and acknowledgement on the front page. Adverts are £25 for an ⅛ page, or £45 for ¼ page. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk

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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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