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ACTION SURREY ENERGY ADVICE

Action Surrey is an impartial energy advice service, set up by and working closely with the local councils to promote energy savings and efficiency. See www.actionsurrey.org for more information on the services they can provide and grant availability.

BROOKWOOD AND BRIDLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM UPDATE

Thanks to all who returned the latest questionnaire; we had a good response rate of around 50%. We are analysing the detailed replies to our suggested aims and will prepare a summary report shortly. Overall, the responses suggest that the issues raised and questions asked were the right ones. Many interesting comments have been made, demonstrating how strongly you feel about your village community. The next steps will be to develop proposals for how to meet some of those aims, and to create a valid and worthwhile Neighbourhood Plan. We'll also have some subjects that people feel strongly about that are not planning related but require some form of lobbying, which is another role the Forum will undertake.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES (also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk

Saturday 30 January	Quiz at St Saviours Church, 7.30pm, £10 including supper
Sunday 31 January	Brookwood Club membership renewal deadline
Saturday 6 February	Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm, £1 per book.
Thursday 3 March	The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations meeting, Small Memorial Hall, 8pm
Saturday 5 March	Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm, £1 per book
Sunday 6 March	Brookwood Cemetery Society Walk, 2pm, the Cemetery Office, Cemetery Pales
Monday 14 March	Deadline for comments on proposed changes to local bus services
Sunday 20 March	Foxy and Friends performing Irish and country music at Brookwood Club

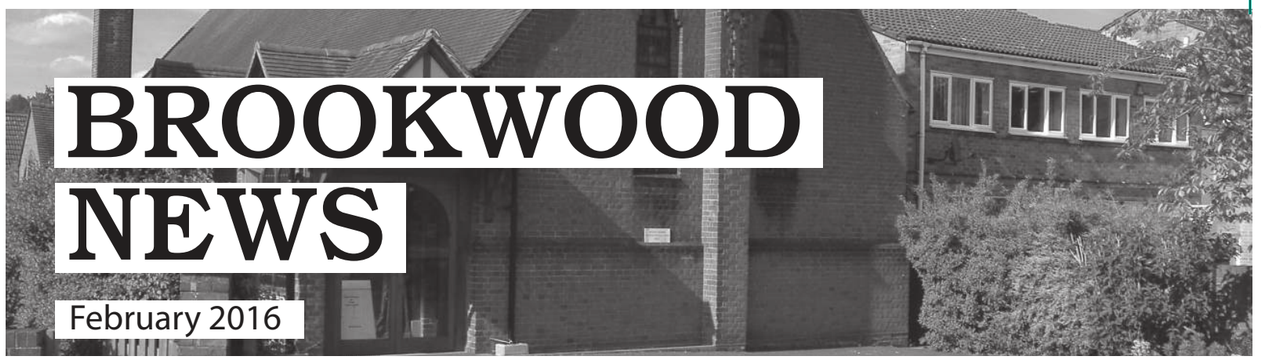
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BROOKWOOD NEWS

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the February edition of Brookwood News. In writing this edition, it struck me how fortunate we are to have so many local trades and small businesses in the village. I hope you find the Small Business Directory in this edition useful.

Great news from Brookwood School regarding their recent Ofsted inspection. Congratulations to Jo Green and her team.

Residents continue to raise their concerns about traffic danger in the centre of the village, especially around the station entrance and exit roads. Councillor Kevin is actively taking up these concerns with South West Trains and hopefully there will be a solution to discuss soon.

No news yet regarding the ex-Wessons site, but the new developer, Renoir Homes, hopes to give us an update in the next month or so. The former Urban Hair and Beauty salon has been sold and will re-open shortly as Surrey Floors and Doors Ltd, so that's one less vacant unit in the village.

The Brookwood Cemetery Society Walks Programme starts with a New Introductory Walk on 6 March. Make a note to go along?

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

CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

The Queen celebrates her 90th birthday this spring and there will be celebrations throughout the country. The weekend of her official birthday, 11/12 June, has been earmarked for a big celebration for communities.



In last month's newsletter I asked if we in Brookwood are up for doing this. A number of people have shown interest and we are now planning an initial meeting at the small Memorial Hall on 3 March at 8pm to see if there is enough support to make something happen in Brookwood.

Could we do an exhibition of village history over the past 90 years? Could we have a bring and share lunch? Could we organise some kind of entertainment? If you have ideas, time, expertise or equipment we would love to hear from you.

Do come along to the meeting and let's see what we can do together. If you have any queries or suggestions, please email me (male.judith@sky.com).

Judith Male

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BROOKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL SHINES



From Jo Green, Head Teacher

We are delighted to share the brilliant news for which we've waited a long time! Ofsted inspectors have judged the school to be **Good** in all aspects. The inspection team was really impressed with the quality of teaching and all-round education for our pupils, and was full of praise for the children and how well they behave in school. It is a bit tricky to find the report on the Ofsted website, so we have put a link on the school website for anyone interested in reading it (www.brookwood.surrey.sch.uk).

Here are a few key phrases from the report:

'Pupils across the school ... make good progress to reach standards that are above average.'

'The curriculum is well planned with a wide range of enriching activities which add to pupils' enjoyment of learning.'

'Pupils enjoy school... They feel safe in school.'

'Pupils get on well together regardless of background.'

'Leaders are ambitious for both the pupils and themselves.'

Just a reminder about ways in which you can help the school. If you shop online, you could join The Giving Machine (www.givingmachine.co.uk) and a percentage of every purchase is sent to school. This includes online supermarket shopping, Amazon orders, holiday and insurance companies, and many more.

We still collect old clothes and shoes (not household linens any more). Simply drop them outside the car park gate.

Finally, we are looking for more volunteers to work in school during the day. This could be as in-class support, admin support or in our library. If you are interested, please email us (office@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk).

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Don't forget that Club memberships must be renewed by 31 January; cost is £10. Please ensure that you carry your membership card with you when using the Club.

Our next regular cash bingo evening is on Saturday 6 February, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members. Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club.

CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Surrey County Council has launched a further round of public consultation on proposed changes to some local bus services. It does not seem to include any changes to buses in Brookwood, but for full details see www.surreycc.gov.transportreview. You can also get a paper copy of the questionnaire from libraries, local council offices or on buses. Responses should be made by Monday 14 March.

HERITAGE WALKS

Local historian Iain Wakeford has recently published his 2016 programme of guided Heritage Walks. The next one is around Goldsworth Park at 2pm on Sunday 14 February. Other walks with Iain this year include Mayford, Pyrford, Bisley, Knaphill and Ripley. If you would like to explore new parts of the borough, see his website for the full programme (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.

Albatross Carpentry Ltd	Carpentry and joinery	Andrew Fox		07717 696769
AnD Dance	Dance school, ballroom and Latin American	Darren Kelly		07889 749897
Antique Pine Restorations	Furniture restorations	Roger James	W 476379	
A P Aerials	TV aerials	George Walsh	W 487807	07768 620874
Brookwood Childminders	Childminding	Jane Griffiths	W 826471	07912 648647
Brookwood Pet Care Services	Home pet care, dog walking, house sitting pets	Kate Lopez		07762 545203
Carefully Clean	Carpet and upholstery cleaning	Dave Smith	W 522139	07050 138026
Chris J Hole Interiors	Painting and decorating	Chris Hole		07920 017208
D G Electrics	Domestic electrical work	Dom Gurzynski		07710 972755
Dalziel Carpets	Carpets	Bruce McLaren	W 772896	07778 855974
Decor Mate	Painting and decorating	Lewis McCombe	W 475620	07877 172066
Frazer Green Photography	Family, children and baby portrait photography	Nigel Green	W 870749	
G K Broomfield	Carpentry and joinery, building	Geoff Broomfield		07711 609793
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 94897
Star Pointe Dance	BarreConcept fitness class	Katherine Thornton		07976 834140
Surrey Carpets	Carpet supply and fitting	Andy Farmer		07970 782586
Surrey Floors & Doors Ltd	Specialist flooring and door supply and installation	Ed Huntsman and Liam Trimming	W 351430	
The Green Woman Ltd	Natural organic deodorant	Suzanne Loudwill	www.thegreenwoman.co.uk	
Utility Warehouse	Savings on shopping and utilities	Katrina Warne	W 474303	07944 847918
Wholesome Hound	Canine massage therapy	Carly Vincent		07919 387319
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