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AND THE ANSWER IS...

For those of you still racking your brains, the answer to the St Saviour's quiz question is Percy. They are of course all engines in the Thomas the Tank Engine stories, with Percy being number 6.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Our next regular cash bingo evening is on Saturday 5 March, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

We have our Irish Sunday on Sunday 20 March, with Foxy and Friends playing from 4pm, followed by food, and an Irish-themed quiz from 8.30pm. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

Our Grand Easter Egg Draw is on Good Friday 25 March at 9pm.

Our April cash bingo evening is on Saturday 2 April, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

Don't forget to carry your membership card with you when using the Club.

Part time bar staff are needed, please apply in the Club at 92 Connaught Road.

Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club.

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

Saturday 5 March	Cash Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8pm
Sunday 6 March	Brookwood Cemetery Society Walk, 2pm, the Cemetery Office, Cemetery Pales
Saturday 12 March	Messy Church, 3.30 to 5.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Thursday 17 March	Surrey Wildlife Trust Wildlife Gardening Talk, 7.45 to 9.15pm, Brookwood Memorial Hall
Sunday 20 March	Café Church, 10.30 to 11.30am, St Saviour's Church
Sunday 20 March	Irish Sunday at Brookwood Club, from 4 pm
Friday 25 March	Grand Easter Egg Draw at Brookwood Club, 9pm
Saturday 2 April	Cash Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8pm

Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

Adverts are £25 for an 1/8 page advert or £45 for ¼ page. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk

Deadline for copy for the next issue is the 20th of this month,

preferably by e-mail to community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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BROOKWOOD NEWS

March 2016

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the March edition of the Brookwood News. As we start to move out of winter and towards spring we have a number of exciting events up and coming in and around the village.

Amongst the events this month are an exciting talk by well respected local historian Iain Wakeford, a chance to get rich quick at the March cash bingo evening and the Grand Easter Egg draw on Good Friday, 25 March. There are also details of some exciting future events including a performance of the popular blues band Stormy Waters in early April.

For those looking to keep up with the latest news in the village in the weeks between receiving your copy of the Brookwood News, you can now keep up with all the latest news online. You can find out about all of the clubs and groups in the area, see a calendar of village events as well as catch up on any previous editions of the Brookwood News you may have missed (see www.brookwood.org.uk).

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

Andrew Prout – Editor

DO YOU FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT THINGS IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?

T he Brookwood & Bridley Neighbourhood Forum has already put a good deal of effort into understanding what local residents need but, before producing a formal plan for submission to Woking Borough Council, more work is required.

Would you like to get involved with the next phase of the Neighbourhood Plan? Do you have some spare time to engage with other residents? Could you perhaps offer some of your professional talents? If so, please email info@bbnf.org.uk with suggestions of how you could help.

Comments from the second questionnaire gave the Forum team a good indication of how residents feel and certain issues were well represented! Here's the summary for Transport, Traffic and Parking:

1. 94% want steps taken to reduce congestion at Brookwood crossroads.

(a) 71% think re-routing the A324 along Cemetery Pales would assist in achieving that aim.

(b) 89% feel pedestrian and cycling access to Brookwood Station from Bridley and Pirbright should be provided through the Cemetery. Cycle parking on both sides of the station was also suggested.

2. 88% are keen to reduce congestion at Pirbright Tunnel.

(a) 77% support improving the traffic light phasing to include traffic exiting from Brunswick/Bisley Camp Road. However such changes might create more of a rat run and increase congestion.

Responses to the second questionnaire will be available online at the Forum website (www.bbnf.org.uk) or you can contact the Brookwood News team for a printed version.

The BBNF team would like to thank Kevin Davis for his work with the Forum in taking it from a concept to reality and being an effective councillor on our behalf. Kevin will be working towards representing residents in the new ward areas including 'Heathlands'. The Forum chairmanship has been passed to Mark Craven, a Brookwood resident since 1988.

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A HUGE THANK YOU

The newsletter team would like to say a HUGE, belated thank you to Steve Hunt who took the newsletter out of the dark ages in November 2014 to produce the stylish and professional publication we have become used to. His skill has made the editor's job much easier for which we are all very grateful. Steve 'retired' after the January 2016 issue to concentrate on studying for a marketing qualification; we all wish him well.

As you can imagine we were filled with despondency at the thought of going back to the old format so we were delighted when Nick Webster agreed to take over. The transition in February was seamless. Thank you both very much; your talent and skill is much appreciated.

The Newsletter Team

IAIN WAKEFORD TALK

On Saturday 12 March we are pleased to announce that well known local historian Iain Wakeford will be holding another fascinating talk. Called 'An Illustrated History of Knaphill' it will take place at 7.30pm at Knaphill Methodist Church on Broadway.



If you have been meaning to get back into tennis, or would like to meet new people to play, why not join your local league? It is open to men and women, aged 18 years and over; it doesn't matter what your standard is as everyone is organised into groups of a similar level. Players arrange their own matches at a mutually convenient time over 8 weeks, from Thursday 10 March to Wednesday 4 May. Any court that suits both players can be used. Entry to the Woking Singles Tennis League is £15 at www.localtennisleagues.com/woking by Monday 7 March. Email info+woking@localtennisleagues.com for more details.

WESSONS SITE UPDATE

Renoir Homes have now started construction of their development on the old Wessons site. Two show apartments will be available for viewing towards the end of March 2016 and they aim to have the complete development finished by Christmas. There will be a total of 29 one- and two-bedroom flats, all with parking. More information regarding specification will be released shortly at www.renoirestates.com or alternatively to register an interest please call or email Renoir Homes (01932 503205 or sales@renoirestates.com).

DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Valerie and Harry Clarke who are celebrating 60 years of marriage on 10 March. Valerie and Harry live at Woodhatch, near Brookwood Fisheries, and have been in the village since 1969. They moved here to run the Vivo shop at 233–235 Connaught Road, which later became The Happy Shopper. Harry went on to work as a part-time postman and run Brookwood Taxis, while Valerie worked as a secretary in Woking. She then worked at McCarraher's Saddlery Wholesaler in the village for 15 years until her retirement. Their sons are Darren and Andrew, both of whom went to Brookwood School. At the time of going to press, they hadn't decided how they would celebrate, but we wish them a very happy day whatever they decide to do.



ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH NEWS

Here is a puzzle for you: 'If Henry is 3 and Edward 2, who is number 6?' (answer on the back page). Just one of the questions put by the Question Master, James Craven, at St Saviour's Church Quiz at the end of January. We were delighted to raise over £600 towards the fund for a new servery and toilet in the church, so many thanks to all those who took part. After everyone had demolished a stack of pizzas from Brookwood Pizzeria, the second half continued, then the winners were declared: congratulations to the Birkbys, Coes, Kaufmanns, Pip and Geoff.

Our usual services continue this month with 20:20 Puppets (6th), Messy Church (12th), Café Church (20th), Communion and Morning Service. From this month onwards the service of Holy Communion will take place on the third Wednesday of the month commencing at the later time of 11am (further details at htandstschurch.org).

Meanwhile, the advertisement for a new vicar of St Saviour's and Holy Trinity Church, Knaphill, has now gone out. Before this could happen, some members of both congregations put together a Parish Profile, which is now available to read. It is a 37-page booklet, available from the church office at Holy Trinity, Knaphill, or online (htandstschurchblog.org). It is full of pictures and information and makes interesting reading, being all about the life of your local church and village, so do take a look.

Our next fundraising event will be on 9 April, when that well known local blues band, Stormy Waters, is performing. Look out for further details in the April newsletter.



BROOKWOOD CEMETERY WALK

On the first Sunday of every month we are pleased to announce a new Introductory Walk led by Society Committee members, visiting sites not previously covered. All monthly public walks start at 2pm unless otherwise indicated and will last around 90 minutes. The guided walks now start from the entrance to the Glades of Remembrance, adjacent to the Cemetery Office. Parking is situated inside the entrance with refreshments and toilet facilities also available. A minimum suggested donation of £3.00 per adult is made for these walks. No booking is necessary – just turn up and enjoy!

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations are rapidly approaching and a number of people in the local area have expressed an interest in holding a celebration in Brookwood. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the first meeting takes place on Thursday 3 March at the Memorial Hall at 8pm. We would love to see as many people as possible at the meeting to see what we can do here in Brookwood to mark this special occasion.