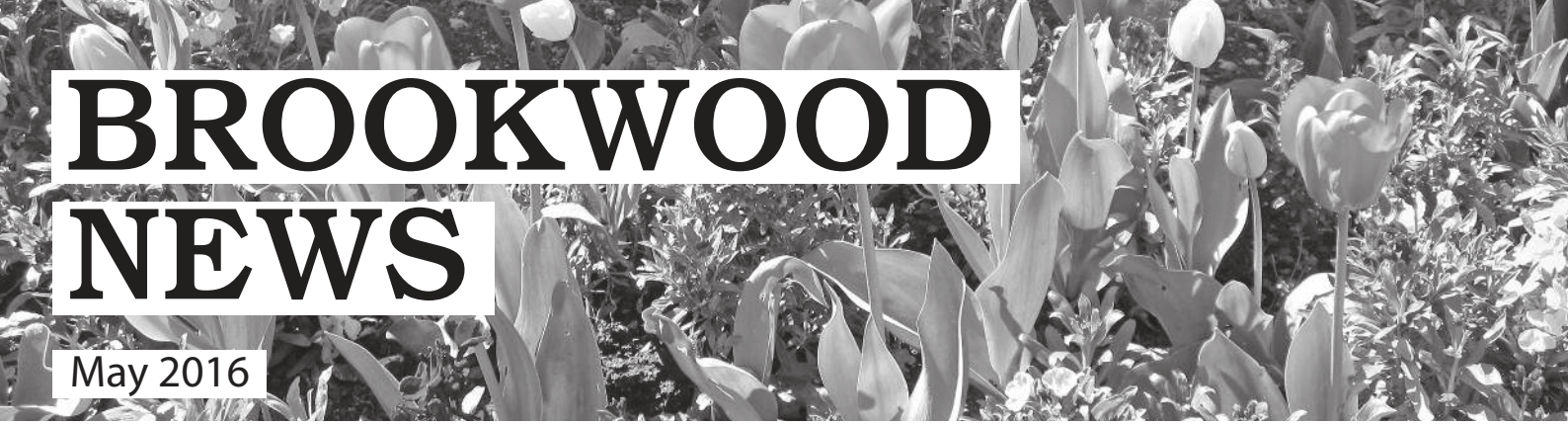


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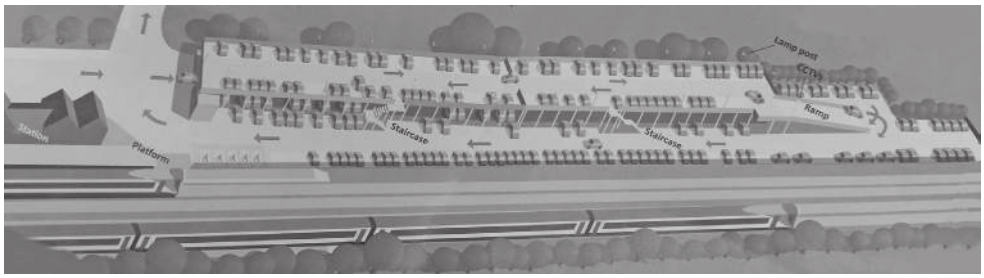
EDITORIAL

This month's newsletter is the second anniversary of Brookwood News in its current format. Many thanks to all those who continue to work on contributing, editing, proof-reading, printing, collating and delivering the 'News'. It is a real community effort and great to have different editors with alternative perspectives on Brookwood. If you want to contribute, or get involved, just send an email to community@brookwood.org.uk. As the weather warms up and the evenings get lighter, there are plenty of opportunities to get out of the house, playing sports, volunteering or supporting the local events that are happening in Brookwood over the next few weeks. Read on to find out how you can connect with your community!

Yvonne Craven – Editor

NO PARKING HERE

As has been reported already, Brookwood Station car park closed on 25 April, so that work can be started on a single-storey decked structure to be built the length of the current car park, on the houses' side. It will provide parking for 100 extra cars, with more security, CCTV cameras, a Help Point, new lighting and segregated walkways. Entry to the new car park will be at the station end, with a ramp to gain access to the upper level at the far end, and two sets of steps down to ground level. Councillor Kevin Davis has been working to make sure that the minimum amount of disruption is caused to nearby residents and that the laurels provide adequate screening. Meanwhile, commuters will have to make alternative arrangements: parking at Woking instead, or walking or cycling to Brookwood. It will still be possible to drop off and pick up outside the station entrance. A double-stacked cycle park will also be built on platform 1. The entry and exit access to the station is still under discussion with the Council. It remains to be seen what effect the work will have on local traffic during the work, and after the car park is finished sometime in August. To keep up to date, see Kevin Davis' blog. Click on the link on the Brookwood Village website page: www.brookwood.org.uk.



CANAL VOLUNTEERING

Up and down the Basingstoke Canal on a Tuesday, you may come across the regular volunteers who work along the canal fixing, mending, painting, clearing, litter picking, scrub clearing, mowing and tidying. One Tuesday in April, it was the turn of Brookwood, when the volunteers were repairing a 'dog-wash'. Some areas of the towpath get damaged by dogs scrabbling out of the canal and wearing away the edge of the bank. This can quickly narrow the towpath and make it unsafe. If anyone would like to join the volunteer team get in touch with the office on 01252 370073 or email info@basingstoke-canal.co.uk.





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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS 11 to 12 June

Plans for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations are going well and so far we have in place a compere, a school choir, a dancing demonstration, a magic show, a treasure hunt, a quiz and an art exhibition. These will all take place around the village over the weekend of 11 and 12 June, with a grand picnic at 12.30pm on Sunday, at the Large Memorial Hall. Due to some restriction in numbers, if you think you would like to come to the picnic, it will be helpful to let us know by contacting Judith (tel 850571) or Yvonne (tel 480273). Full details will be in the next newsletter. In the meantime, we are still looking for helpers to organise the flower festival, and help with the communal art project. Start digging out your bunting and balloons, especially if they are red, white and blue, to decorate your house or business. If you can help in any way, contact Judith Male, or come along to the next planning meeting on Thursday 19 May in the Small Memorial Hall at 8pm.

STORMY WATERS GOES TO CHURCH

There was quite a happening in the centre of the village on Saturday 9 April with St Saviour's seeing a very different spectacle. Local band Stormy Waters performed to a packed, lively audience, superbly playing music from The Monkees to Cold Play, resulting in plenty of dancing and singing along by the end of the evening. Many thanks to all those who supported this event: we raised over £300 towards the ReGeneration project. If you missed this performance, you can catch them again at Brookwood Club on Saturday 21 May, 8pm.



'ANYONE FOR TENNIS?'

Membership is open for new players at Pirbright Tennis Club and there are opportunities for players of all ages and standards to play some competitive, or not so competitive tennis, in an active and friendly club. Regular tournaments are held, including Senior and Junior Leagues, Club summer and winter tournaments, Monday Ladies' Morning, and Tuesday Club Nights.

Contact Ali Williams ali.williams03@gmail.com or 07946 584229.

Tennis coaching is also available for all ages. The 2016 coaching programme can be found at www.tennis-extreme.com or contact Tim Seymour, 07887 723554..

PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

BREAKING NEWS!1

St Saviour's Church, Brookwood, and Holy Trinity Church, Knaphill, are delighted to announce the appointment of a new vicar. He is Rev.Neil Hopkins, who is currently Curate at Highfield Church, Southampton. More details will follow soon.



NOMADS BADMINTON CLUB

Meeting every Wednesday evening at Brookwood Memorial Hall from 7.30pm, this club has been running for many years in the village. They would love to see some new players, so if you are interested, please contact Christine Giles, chrisanngiles@gmail.com or tel 01483 776263 for more information.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15 to 21 May

Christian Aid Week collections this year will be in aid of helping communities around the world who live near rivers and tributaries, and are in danger of flooding. This includes people of all faiths or no faith. Look out for local collectors who will be putting envelopes through your door and returning a few days later to see if you wish to donate. There is no obligation of course, but meanwhile, do start saving up some coins to pop in an envelope if you can.

christian aid

SUMMER TERM AT BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

Summer Term is a busy time with exams, residentials at Henley Fort and the Isle of Wight, School Games Day and the Summer Fair. This year's Fair will be on Saturday 2 July with the theme of Space, celebrating Astronaut Tim Peake's time on the International Space Station. If you would like to have a stall, make a raffle donation, or want to find out how you can help, please contact Anna Salter at FOBSchair@googlemail.com.

This term, the children will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday with a special lunch set out like a street party. New playground equipment has been installed, with funds raised by Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS). A big 'thank you' to all residents who help with fundraising, by supporting our various events, donating secondhand clothes and shoes to RagBag, and joining our 100 Club. We are also accepting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers, and good quality games for our 'wet play' days.

Mrs Jo Green, Head Teacher

GOVERNOR NEEDED

Brookwood School Governors are currently looking to fill a vacancy on the Governing Body, and are keen to recruit someone with financial management skills or with experience in education (especially at secondary level). Being a School Governor is an interesting and satisfying role that can have a significant influence on the education and development of our children. It is a particularly exciting time to become a Governor, with the school having recently converted to academy status and following the very positive Ofsted report. If you would like more information about the role, or want to discuss in more detail what would be required, please leave a message via the school office and I will get in touch.

Graeme Anderson, Chair of Governors

DAVID LAWRENCE

Gordon and Sheila Lawrence are very sad to announce that their beloved younger son, David, has died after an accident at his home in Abu Dhabi on Easter Sunday. He was 54. He leaves a widow Kathryn and two sons. David was born at home in Connaught Road and went to Brookwood School and later, Winston Churchill School. After university, he became a geologist with an oil company. A Memorial Service will be held locally, later this year.

BROOKWOOD IS CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Forty 1st Brookwood Beavers, Cubs and Scouts picked up litter around Brookwood on Friday 15 April, as part of Brookwood's preparation for the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations. We are grateful for their fantastic work, and to the adults who supervised them, collecting 20 large bags of rubbish. The Beavers, Cubs and their adult helpers worked cheerfully around the village in the rain, while the Scouts picked up the bulk of the rubbish on Bisley Camp Road. On Saturday morning, a handful of residents carried on along the canal and allotments, filling another four bags. When the Queen came to the throne, litter was not the problem that it is today. Food packaging, plastic bottles, cans, takeaway meals and cigarette butts have all contributed to a growing menace that affects our wildlife, streets and countryside. That weekend, Brookwood was looking great, so let's all try to keep it that way. Thank you to everyone who took part and to residents who regularly pick up litter while out walking, running or dog walking. We really appreciate what you do.

Barbara Lugton





HANDS ON HELP FOR HOUNDS

If you've got an aching back, or stiff shoulders, then help is at hand as long as you've got four legs and a tail. Canine Massage Therapist, Carly Vincent, lives in the village and treats dogs with muscular issues, mobility problems and orthopaedic conditions. 'When people hear about dog massage, they often think it's pampering, but for dogs with mobility issues, it can have life changing results', says Carly. If your dog is slowing down, struggling to jump, becoming stiff or lame and has a dislike of being touched or groomed, then these signs may point to a physical issue which massage could help. Carly explains that many owners want to avoid medication, and massage provides a drug-free, natural and results-driven therapy. Call 07919 387319 or see www.wholesome-hound.com for further information.

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'DIABETES AND YOUR EYES'

Pirbright Surgery Practice is keen to create a better understanding of diabetes within the community, so a talk is being held at Lord Pirbright's Hall to explain the effect that diabetes can have on your eyes. Join Anne Gilvarry, Consultant Ophthalmologist at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, together with the Practice Doctors, to learn more about diabetic retinopathy. Refreshments will be served from 7pm and the meeting, which has been arranged with the support and co-operation of the Friends of Pirbright Surgery, will start at 7.30 pm.

PIRBRIGHT PLANT SALE
Saturday 14 May, 11am to 2pm

The annual Plant Sale will be held at St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Pirbright. In addition to our fine selection of locally grown bedding plants, perennials, vegetables and hanging baskets, there will be a barbecue with Fulks' sausages and Baker's Dozen buns, a homemade cake stall and refreshments. All proceeds go to support the church.

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

Sunday 1 May	20:20 Puppet Service, St Saviour's Church, 9.30am
Thursday 5 May	Local Councillor elections, Heathlands Ward
Saturday 7 May	Bingo evening, Brookwood Club, 8pm
Saturday 14 May	Pirbright Plant Sale, St Michael's Church. 11am to 2pm
Saturday 14 May	Messy Church, St Saviour's Church Hall, 3.30 to 5.30pm
Sunday–Saturday 15–21 May	Christian Aid Week
Saturday 21 May	BBQ Brookwood Club, 6pm, Stormy Waters, 8pm
Thursday 19 May	Meeting, Queen's 90th, Small Memorial Hall, 8pm
Sunday 22 May	Café Church, St Saviour's, 10.30am onwards
Wednesday 25 May	Friends of Pirbright Surgery talk, Lord Pirbright's Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday–Sunday 11–12 June	Queen's 90th birthday celebrations and village picnic

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