

BROOKWOOD NEWS

February 2017

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the February edition of Brookwood News. In writing this edition, it struck me once again how fortunate we are to have so many local trades and small service businesses in the village. I hope you find the Small Businesses listing in this edition useful and please do consider using a local business if you are thinking of having any work done.

The reversal of the station entrance and exit roads finally seems to be working properly and there have been fewer incidences of vehicles mounting the pavement outside the Club, which is to be welcomed. The Basingstoke Canal Authority is carrying out significant maintenance works to the Brookwood stretch of the canal, Network Rail is replacing the defective rail between Brookwood and Woking this month, and we may even see the complete resurfacing of Connaught Road in the next four years!

The redevelopment of the ex-Wessons site is slowly taking place, but it will be a while yet before the developer, Renoir Homes, completes the properties and so we can welcome a new group of residents to our village. There are still a number of vacant commercial units in the village, so let's hope we see some changes there too.

Thanks to all the contributors and to you for reading the newsletter. Please continue to give us your feedback (community@brookwood.org.uk) and let us know your local news.

Sue Webber – Editor

BASINGSTOKE CANAL WINTER WORKS IN THE BROOKWOOD SECTION

Update from the Basingstoke Canal Authority

This winter has seen a lot of work and maintenance activities take place along the Basingstoke Canal, including the stretch through Brookwood and Deepcut between locks 12 and 18. Here the entire stretch between the locks, including the Brookwood mile, has been drained down so that Surrey County Council's engineers can carry out inspections on the lock structures. While the area is drained down, contractors will be carrying out repairs to any major defects found.



As the water levels fell, a fish rescue took place over a number of days, with the rescued fish being moved to either end of the drained sections. Fish caught have included some seriously big pike, plus perch, tench, roach, rudd and bream. The towpath should not be affected by these works, but if it is temporarily please follow any signs or instructions from the contractors. The canal itself is of course closed. These works will hopefully be completed by March. Tree safety works and other routine bank maintenance will also be taking place along the canal until the end of February.

For all the latest information on what is going on along the canal do keep an eye on the Basingstoke Canal Visitor Centre Facebook page, the Basingstoke Canal twitter feed (@TheBCATeam) or the website (www.basingstoke-canal.co.uk).



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NEWS FROM FOBS

Planning is now under way for the Brookwood School Fair, taking place this year on Saturday June 24 from 12 noon to 3pm. Please get in touch with Anna Salter at fobschair@googlemail.com if anyone would like a stall or to help in other ways. FOBS are also holding a Fair planning and committee meeting on Tuesday 21 February, 8pm in the school, for anyone who wants to help with organising the Fair, other school events and fundraising – new recruits are always welcome and needed!

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

Coffee Morning
Come and join us for a fund-raising Coffee Morning in aid of Woking and Sam Beare Hospices, on Friday 24 February from 10am to 12.30pm at St Saviour's Church. Everyone welcome.

Music and Comedy Nights
Due to popular demand, Stormy Waters blues band will be returning to St Saviour's Church to play another lively concert on Saturday 18 March. Also coming up, comedian Tony Vino will present an evening of laughter and fun on Saturday 1 April. More information to follow next month but meanwhile, do keep the dates free.

FAREWELL TO DOT HOLMES

Sadly, we report that long-time resident Dot Holmes passed away at the end of December. She and her late husband Derek (who for many years ran the Club Christmas Savings Fund) were one of the first residents of Heath Drive, buying their brand new home there in the early 1960s for the princely sum of £2500. We send our condolences to the family, especially son Trevor and daughter Christine.

THE POINTLESS SISTERS!



Congratulations to Tasha and Jo Smith of Riverside Close, for their recent success on the BBC TV quiz show Pointless, scooping a jackpot prize of £2250 with an unlikely football answer. The sisters grew up in Brookwood where their parents and sister Leah have lived for 25 years, and attended Brookwood Primary School and then Winston Churchill School. Proud parents Kate and Paul watched the broadcast and celebrated with the sisters and friends in Brookwood Club.

NEWS FROM BROOKWOOD SCOUT GROUP

Thanks from the 1st Brookwood Scout Group to all in the village for supporting our Christmas tree recycling collection in January, which raised £420 for our funds.

The Brookwood Scout Group is holding a St Patrick's Day Quiz on Saturday 18 March at Brookwood Memorial Hall, 19.30 for 20.00 until 23.00. Teams of 6–8 maximum; tickets are £10 per person including a humdinger of a quiz and a curry, or a ploughman's supper for those of you with faint stomachs. Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles. Advance notice of teams to Mark Kilcullen (07836 638828 or e-mail gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk) or Chris Price (07723 855089, e-mail secatbwd@gmail.com). Donations of prizes for the raffle would be most appreciated!

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Don't forget that Club memberships must be renewed by 31 January; the 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 4 February, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

We will be holding our famed 'Mr and Mrs' competition on Saturday 11 February from 8pm, to celebrate St Valentine's Day. Come along to this fun evening and see just how much our volunteer couples really know about each other! Everybody welcome, including non-members.

The Club will be showing all the Six Nations rugby matches that are being played during opening hours from 4 February to 18 March, with a selective drinks promotion for all members during the games.

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

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	W 618374	07717 696769
AnD Dance	Dance school, ballroom and Latin American	Darren Kelly		07889 749897
Antique Pine Restorations	Coffee tables in shabby chic style	Roger James	W 476379	
A P Aerials	TV aerials and satellites	George Walsh	W 487807	07768 620874
Brookwood Childminders	Childminding	Jane Griffiths	W 826471	07860 174394
Brookwood Lashes	Eyelash extensions including classics and XD volume	Emma Hood		07974 399040
Brookwood Pet Care Services	Home pet care, dog walking, house sitting pets	Kate Lopez		07762 545203
Brookwood/Pirbright Afterschool Club	Before, after school and holiday club	Emma Hood and Vicky Keenan		07974 399040
Carefully Clean	Carpet and upholstery cleaning	Dave Smith	W 522139	07787 420714
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 and Louise Green	W 870749	
G K Broomfield	Carpentry and joinery, building	Geoff Broomfield		07711 609793
Greenwood Tree Services	Professional tree surgery and hedge trimming	Alex Greenwood		07946 375871
Helen Skinner Home Maintenance Service	Practical maintenance work in the home and garden	Helen Skinner		07813 720326
Ideal Property Services	Improvements and maintenance	Darren Norman	W 824041	07890 201057
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, gardening and general repairs	Nigel Shields		07799 404850
P A Bayliss	Carpentry and building	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 948977
Star Pointe Dance	BarreConcept fitness class	Katherine Thornton		07976 834140
Utility Warehouse	Savings on shopping, utility bills	Katrina Warne	W 474303	07944 847918
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.

NEWS FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

The Woking Local Committee is considering a report from Surrey County Council setting out which roads in the borough are most in need of resurfacing as part of the next phase of Project Horizon. In the top ten at number 3, not unsurprisingly, is the entire length of Connaught Road, totalling 1460 metres. Councillors are yet to decide which of the priority roads will be resurfaced, but don't hold your breath; even if the priorities are agreed, works are not scheduled to take place until the period April 2018 to April 2021.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Saturday 4 February
Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm, £1 per book

Saturday 4 February
Six Nations Rugby starts with Scotland v Ireland and England v France

Saturday 11 February
'Mr and Mrs' Competition at Brookwood Club, from 8pm

Tuesday 21 February
FOBS meeting at Brookwood Primary School, 8pm

Friday 24 February
Coffee Morning at St Saviour's Church for Woking Hospice, 10am to 12.30pm

Saturday 4 March
Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm, £1 per book

Saturday 18 March
Six Nations Rugby concludes with Ireland v England, 5pm

Saturday 18 March
Stormy Waters at St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm

Saturday 18 March
Scouts St Patrick's Day Quiz, Memorial Hall, from 7.30pm

Saturday 1 April
Comedy Night with comedian Tony Vino at St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm

Saturday 1 April
Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm, £1 per book

LOST AND FOUND CATS



We were about to report that the hunt was still on to find Stumpy (or Ziggy) who had been missing for a few weeks from the central part of Connaught Road. His owner Anna has just let us know that she has got him back. The Brothers from St Edwards found him and coaxed him into the monastery! Anna says 'I picked him up from there this morning and he's now happily chomping away at his food in our spare bedroom. Thanks again for your help, and heartfelt thanks to anyone who gave me news of him or helped me look!'

Mike Peel has asked us to thank the many Brookwood residents who helped to find their missing cat, Morph, just before Christmas. Mike Peel says 'Morph went missing for four days and nights before turning up, frightened and hungry, in a neighbour's garage, only feet from where they live on Heath Drive, so many thanks to Trevor. Morph returned slightly the worse for wear to his brother and, after an overly large bowl of food, they both snuggled down together for a long sleep. During our search we received many reports and possible sightings. Brookwood residents are truly the most helpful and best neighbours we could have.'



NEW ARRIVALS

No notifications yet of new arrivals in the village in 2017. Nigel and Louise of local business Frazer Green Photography would like to offer a gift of a free photography session at their Brookwood photography studio in Connaught Crescent to any new parents going forward. The cost of the session would normally be £25.00. Nigel commented 'we have been in Brookwood now for 2.5 years and we have been made to feel particularly welcome and would really like the opportunity to give something back to all Brookwood residents'. Their contact details are in the Small Businesses listing in this newsletter.



Daniel Dickin was born 6th January 2016 weighing 6lb 3oz. Now almost 1, he is very inquisitive and not so tiny!

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