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PIRBRIGHT TENNIS CLUB

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

Saturday 1 April	Comedy Night with Tony Vino, St Saviours Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 1 April	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members
Sunday 2 April	Brookwood Cemetery Society's new St Saviour's Southwark Walk led by Barry Devonshire, starting at the Lodge, the Glades of Remembrance car park, 2pm. A donation towards restoration is very welcome
Wednesday 5 April	Stroke services consultation, Hythe Centre, Thorpe Road, Staines, between 7 & 9pm
Saturday 8 April	Live music from acoustic guitarist Karen Page, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm. All welcome
Monday 10 April	Stroke services consultation, Education Centre in Ashford Hospital, between 2 & 4pm
Saturday 15 April	Charity BBQ, Brookwood Club, from 5 to 7pm, followed by a Games Night from 8pm. All welcome
Saturday 22 April	Brookwood WI Village Spring Lunch, 12.30 for 1.00pm, Large Memorial Hall
Monday 24 April	Brookwood Club AGM, 8pm. All members welcome
Monday 24 April	Brookwood Memorial Halls AGM at the hall where the annual accounts and report will be available, 8pm. (New volunteers and members welcome, contact John Thornton 01483 829926 for details)
Saturday 6 May	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members
Sunday 7 May	Brookwood Cemetery Society's new Prominent Women Walk led by Kim Lowe and Jenny Mukerji starting at the Lodge, the Glades of Remembrance car park, 2pm. A donation towards restoration is very welcome
Saturday 13 May	Plant Sale, St Michael's Church, Pirbright, 11am to 2pm. Free entry and all welcome
Saturday 24 June	Brookwood School Fair, between noon and 3pm
Tuesday 11 July	King's Men concert, St Michael's Church, Pirbright, 8pm

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BROOKWOOD NEWS

April 2017

EDITORIAL

There's lots of interesting content this month so I won't waste valuable space or your reading time!

John Power– Editor

SCHOOL NEWS

A new and exciting development at Brookwood School this year is the Forest School which runs on two afternoons a week. Six children each session spend the afternoon outside learning about the natural environment and taking part in activities which suit the season. The school decided to make the best use of its beautiful grounds and has invested in training a Forest School Leader and in buying tools for the children to use. Most sessions are held in school, but you may see them out and about on Sheets Heath too. Each group of children build a den using natural materials they find in the woodland. They learn how to make a small fire safely in the school grounds. At the moment, there is great interest in the school wildlife pond which is, of course, teeming with frogspawn and tadpoles amongst lots of other interesting creatures. Take a look at the Forest School blog on the Brookwood School website to see more of what the youngsters are doing.

The school would also like to thank everyone who continues to drop clothes and paired shoes for recycling by its car park gates. This raises lots of money for very little effort, so any donations are gratefully received. Thank you too if you've collected and donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers; they are used to replenish the sports and playground equipment. Again, the school is very happy to receive any donations.

LOCAL HEATHLAND RESTORATION



The Surrey Heathland Partnership has been looking after Brookwood Heath and Sheets Heath, both specially protected heathland areas, for over 25 years. Surrey's heathland is an internationally important habitat, home to many rare and endangered plants and wildlife including Grayling butterflies and all known populations of Lynx spider.

These heathlands require ongoing, planned management to restore and maintain their wonderfully 'wild' natural characteristic, and over this winter the Surrey Heathland team, in partnership with Woking Borough Council, has carried out lots of work on both heaths.

Brookwood Heath was grazed by Icelandic ponies during the winter. Grazing with hardy breeds helps to reduce the amount of unwanted vegetation that develops, as animals graze off seedling trees. Grazing also promotes layers in the vegetation, which greatly benefit all the different species.

In addition, in February, an extensive area covered with shrubs and bushes, and another large area of invasive bracken was removed to open up the landscape. This work brings in light and allows the dormant heather seed to germinate in the summer; everyone can then delight in the beautiful carpet of purple once the heather comes into bloom.

Over 85% of Surrey's heathland has been lost in just 200 years, so preserving our local heaths is vital to ensure this amazing habitat continues to support the resident rare species and can be enjoyed by everyone, now and in the future. If you'd like more information on the work of the Surrey Heathland Partnership, please visit their webpage.

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A BUSY NIGHT!

The evening of Saturday 18 March demonstrated how there's so much going on in Brookwood and often in support of good causes.

In a packed Memorial Hall, 1st Brookwood Scouts challenged 11 teams of the best brains in the area at their quiz night. A delicious curry made by Pete Goold sustained the teams while they pitted themselves against Jane Pettinger's excellent quiz. A good time was had by all and they managed to raise over £1,000 for the Scouts.

At the same time there was a big crowd in St Saviours Church to once again welcome Stormy Waters. The concert format of the first half morphed into a party atmosphere for part two, with people of all ages dancing. Everyone had a great night and raised £415 which will be split between Macmillan Cancer and the St Saviour's ReGeneration fund to help make improvements in St Saviour's Hall.

Meanwhile the regulars in the Brookwood Club were enjoying a wonderful performance by Lisa VonH, a singer with a beautiful voice who performed a mixture of her own material and covers. The evening also helped raise awareness and funding for the Fiery Bird. The Phoenix Cultural Centre has been given a three-year lease for the former Quake nightclub by Woking Borough Council and work to transform it into the Fiery Bird, an inclusive community and live music venue in Woking, is already under way.

Congratulations to the quiz winners, and huge thanks to the artistes, organisers and everyone who had a good night out and supported these good causes.



Some of you may have noticed that the lights in some residential roads in the area are now off between midnight and 5am. This has been done to reduce energy consumption and costs. Surrey County Council decided to implement part-night lighting across Surrey last October and began switching lights off in December, with those in nine Brookwood roads going off in March.

The Council recognises that some residents may wish to request a review of the decision to include (or exclude) some street lights in the part-night lighting programme and has a process to enable residents to request a review of the part-night lighting in their street.

More information on the reasons for making this change, the roads affected, the criteria used to select them and the review process are on the Surrey County Council website.

NEW ARRIVAL



Matt and Joanna Rodgers, who have lived in Brookwood for the last five years, were delighted when their son George Thomas Rodgers was born on 19 January 2017, weighing in at a tiny 5lb 14oz. Matt says that George's favourite hobbies are feeding, sleeping and gurgling!

Is George the oldest resident born in 2017 or the youngest? If you have had a baby recently and would like a mention in Brookwood News then please let us know.

ENERGY SCHEMES



Action Surrey is an energy efficiency advice service which has been helping residents of Surrey for several years, and now has a number of initiatives focused on Woking.

Residents who have money to invest have the opportunity to install low carbon technologies which often generate a regular income which more than pay for themselves over time. These technologies also help to reduce energy bills; something worth doing especially as energy costs are likely to go up in the next few years.

There is also a fuel poverty fund which can help potentially vulnerable residents in Woking's most energy-inefficient properties. Grants of up to £7,000 per resident to make energy efficiency improvements such as boiler upgrades, insulation or window replacement are available. The money is likely to be allocated very quickly, but if you, or anyone you know, might qualify then it's worth looking into.

Finally, a project called Business EnergySMART is being launched. This offers fully funded energy audits for Woking-based SMEs. It provides a free, thorough assessment of a business' energy use with recommendations and support to lower their future costs, including access to financial options, funding where available, and access to quality contractors.

More information on all of these initiatives can be found on the Action Surrey website (www.actionsurrey.org).

BROOKWOOD CLUB

The next Cash Bingo evenings are on Saturday 1 April and Saturday 6 May, both 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Other events in April include live music on Saturday 8 April when acoustic guitarist Karen Page will be playing from 8.30pm and a Charity BBQ on Saturday 15 April from 5 to 7pm, followed by a Games Night from 8pm. Everybody, including non-members, is welcome to all of these events.

Club members will also want to be aware that there will be extended opening hours for the Easter holiday (see the notice outside the Club for opening times) and that the Club AGM is on Monday 24 April at 8pm.

Please enquire at the bar if you are interested in joining your village social club as membership for 2017 is now available. You can find out what is happening at the Club on Facebook and Twitter @Brookwoodclub.

BROOKWOOD ASSISTING NEIGHBOURS DONATION

Robin Linklater, Chairman of Brookwood Assisting Neighbours, reports that they have received a very generous donation towards their funds from the Brookwood Club. He says, 'This magnificent generosity secures our finances for the year and, more importantly, demonstrates the Club's vital involvement in the village. On behalf of BAN, I would like to say a huge thank you to all involved with the fund-raising. This gift ensures that we can carry on helping those in Brookwood who need our service.'

CONSULTATION ON STROKE SERVICES

A public consultation has recently been launched on improving stroke services across West Surrey; this affects both St Peter's Hospital and Ashford Hospital and services in the local community.

It is proposed that there would be no stroke service at Royal Surrey County Hospital; instead, patients from our area would receive their care at an expanded and improved specialist stroke unit at St Peter's Hospital. By consolidating hyper-acute and acute stroke services (specialist hospital care during the first week of someone suffering from a stroke) into larger units, it is hoped that they can save more lives and help reduce disability caused by stroke.

The consultation is also proposing plans to improve early supported discharge (more people going directly home from hospital where appropriate) and to consolidate specialist inpatient rehabilitation care which is currently provided at Ashford Hospital. For this specialist rehabilitation care, they are still working through the best option for local patients, which might mean services at Ashford Hospital and/or Woking Community Hospital.

If you'd like to know more or express your views on these changes then the full consultation details can be found on the Guildford and Waverley CCG website at www.guildfordandwaverleyccg.nhs.uk. Alternatively you can call 01483 405450 to receive material by post. You can also give your views and ask questions at the sessions shown in the diary dates section.



St Michael's Church in Pirbright will be holding its annual Plant Sale from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 13 May. There will be a wide variety of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and vegetable plants available for your spring planting and someone available to answer any of your gardening questions. In addition there will be musical entertainment from Damon Anderson, a sausage sizzle with sausages from Fulks Butchers, homemade cakes and coffees, teas and soft drinks. Entry is FREE and your support would be much appreciated.

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