BROOKWOOD NEWS

June 2017

TIM BENSON



Many of you will know that Tim Benson passed away on 23 March aged 69. He was the much-loved husband of Chris, and father to his two girls, Holly and Ashley. Tim was born in West Ewell and moved to Heath Drive, when he and Chris were first married, nearly 40 years ago. He was a BT Counsellor and Welfare Officer and, after taking early retirement, worked as a Home Start Charity Organiser, visiting referred families and training volunteers. His strong Christian faith meant that he was a huge part of St Saviour's Church, and over the years ran the Sunday School and Youth Club, and led many services and other events at the church. He began and led the ReGeneration Team, which has recently been updating the church facilities, and initiated the 'outreach' to the village and community through concerts and other events. His memorial service was held at St Saviour's on 11 April and was attended by over 200 people. Chris would like to thank everyone who came that day, and for all their good wishes and support.

GROWING FUNDS

On behalf of St Michael's Church, Pirbright, Jay Kleinberg would like to thank all Brookwoodians who came and spent their money at the Plant Sale last month. An amazing £2,500 was raised for the church. I hope all those plants are now flourishing in your gardens and you will have a fruitful summer from them.

BROOKWOOD CRICKET CLUB

The American author, Bill Bryson, described cricket as the only sport that incorporates meal breaks, and where the spectators burn as many calories as the spectators. However, BCC is doing very well so far this summer and here are the details sent in by their Chairman, Julian Powell.

Results

30 April	Frensham CC, Away, BCC won on D/L, BCC 239–8, Frensham 95–5
7 May	Hampton Hill CC, Home, BCC won, BCC 162–8, Hampton 65 all out
14 May	The Golden Age, Home, draw, BCC 243, Golden Age 75–5

Forthcoming fixtures

28 May	Eversley	Home	1pm
4 June	Woodlawn	Away	1.30pm
11 June	Pirbright	Home	1pm
18 June	Ewhurst	Away	2pm
25 June	Hampton Hill	Home	1pm

Anyone interested in joining can contact Adrian (07909 873187 or willers100@hotmail.com). See www.sites.google.com/site/brookwoodcricketclub/ for more details.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Saturday 3 June	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm
Sunday 4 June	Brookwood Club walk to Chobham, 11am
Sunday 4 June	Brookwood Cemetery Society Introductory Walk, 2pm
Saturday 10 June	Councillor Workshop, Christ Church, Woking, 10.30am to 1pm
Wednesday 14 June	WDFAS lecture, Lord Robert's Centre, 10.30am
Saturday 17 June	Community Games, Pirbright Green, 12–4pm
Saturday 24 June	Brookwood School Fair, 12–3pm
Saturday 24 June	Brookwood Club BBQ, 5pm; Disco 8pm onwards
Saturday 1 July	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm
Sunday 2 July	Piano Concert, St Saviour's Church, 2–5pm

EDITORIAL







Last month, Brookwood News reported on the forthcoming centenary exhibition of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission starting on 20 May. As this month's Editor, I set off to attend the official opening at the Canadian Records Building, with my shorthand notebook and trusty camera. I even managed to interview a CWGC employee from Ottawa, who must have thought I was a key member of the British press as he was keen to give me all the details. After joining the throngs in the exhibition and the tea tent, I found myself jostling with the press reporters trying to get the best position to photograph the well-known actor, Brian Blessed, OBE, who was officially opening the exhibition. I gained a central position, but my view was soon blocked by a sea of waterproof backs and flashing lenses. The resultant picture was taken by ducking under their arms. I now know why I never became a journalist! Brian Blessed recounted his experiences of serving for his country and of a fellow soldier who died in his arms. He also expressed how important the exhibition is in reminding us of the history and sacrifices that were made by so many for our country. The exhibition is free, open 7 days a week from 10am to 4pm, and well worth a visit).

Yvonne Craven– Editor

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL FAIR - Saturday 24 June

Let's hope for fair weather for this annual event at Brookwood School. Attractions include a beer tent run by Brookwood Club, barbecue with meat supplied by Fulks, Pimm's stall, tuck shop, cake stall and other refreshments.

Entertainment will be provided by the Brookwood School children, the Winston Churchill School band, Springbox Gymnastics and St Saviour's 20:20 puppets. There will be shopping opportunities with stalls from local societies and external traders, crafts, face-painting, games, competitions and other activities. The whole event is kindly sponsored by estate agents, Foundations. See you all there from 12 to 3pm for a fun afternoon.

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

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SUMMER PIANO CONCERT

Sunday 2 July

Concert pianist and local music teacher, Eralys Fernandez, is holding a Summer Piano Concert at St Saviour's Church on Sunday 2 July, 2–5pm. The concert is a showcase for her piano students, aged 4 to adult, who attend her Academy. They are encouraged to perform twice a year, along with other events such as master classes and festivals. The music will include classical, jazz, pop and some of their own compositions. Entrance is free and all are welcome.
2–3pm – Children beginners
3–4pm – Intermediate level
4–5pm – Adults and Advanced level
Go to www.eralysfernandez.com for more information about Eralys Fernandez.

AS IF BY MAGIC

Wednesday 14 June

Woking Decorative and Fine Arts Society is holding a lecture, 'As If By Magic – The Secrets of Turner's Watercolour Techniques', on Wednesday 14 June at 10.30am, at the Lord Robert's Centre, Bisley Camp. Free entry for all new members. If you would like further details about the society, please go to www.wokingdfas.org.uk, or contact Roger Bower on 01483 233861.

HAVE YOUR SAY

With election fever raging through the country at the moment, you may feel inclined to join in. If you are looking for a new challenge, want to support your community, and are passionate about helping others, you may like to consider becoming a Councillor. Woking Borough Council is holding a free workshop on Saturday 10 June at Christ Church, Jubilee Square, Woking, 11.30am - 1.30pm for all those interested. Local councillors will be on hand to answer questions. You don't have to have any particular qualifications, as all training and support is provided following your election. To find out more and register your interest, contact Beth Hayllor, Democratic Services Support Officer on beth.hayllor@woking.gov.uk or 01483 743056.

CEMETERY SOCIETY WALK

Brookwood Cemetery Society is holding a walk on Sunday 4 June called 'An Introductory Walk' in the former Anglican section, which will feature new memorials and be led by Margaret Hobbs and Kim Lowe. Meet at the Glades of Remembrance Car Park, 2pm. Suggested donation £3. Contact margarethobbs@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

SUMMER TERM NEWS, BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

The summer term is always busy in school. The Summer Fair on 24 June, school and district sports days and our production are yet to come, but we've already had lots of exciting events.

Years 3 and 4 went camping in yurts at Henley Fort above Guildford. They learned about the Home Guard and how to be an ARP warden. They had the opportunity to role play the jobs of the home guard, through creating road blocks and learning how our country was protected during World War 2.

Year 6 have taken their SATs. While some people associate SATS with English and maths assessments, the week is also famous for the delicious breakfast we share with the children. Head Chef, Mrs Coe, even cooked pancakes, ensuring that the children started each day with a smile. They were then rewarded with a day at the Oval, watching Surrey v Kent in a one-day match. In spite of a little rain, they had a great day and watched some exciting cricket. It has already inspired some more children to join the Cricket Club. There is even talk of a Children v Teachers match towards the end of term.

A big thank you to everyone who has donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers to us. If you intend to give us any more, please could you pop them into school or through the letterbox as soon as possible.

Jo Green, Headteacher







BROOKWOOD CLUB

There are several events on at the Club this month, starting with a Cash Bingo evening on Saturday 3 June, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm, £1 per book.

Another Club walk is happening on Sunday 4 June with a stroll around Chobham. Meet outside the Club at 11am for a gentle walk of 4 miles (2 hours), returning to the Club for a light lunch. The walk will be on level surfaces, with two stiles on the route. Accompanied children and dogs are welcome.

As usual, the Club will be running the beer tent at Brookwood School Fair, on Saturday 24 June, 12–3pm with all profits going to FOBS. Then later on we will be holding our Midsummer Bash, charity BBQ from 5pm, followed by a disco from 8pm till late. Another Cash Bingo evening will be held on Saturday 1 July, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm, £1 per book.

Everyone is welcome to these events, including non-members. If you are interested in joining your village social club, please enquire at the bar.

CARPENTER NEEDED

Many of you will have noticed that the village noticeboard by the shops is looking in a very sad state. It was originally installed about 10 years ago by Woking Borough Council, but with all the cutbacks, I doubt that we shall get any help with replacing it from that quarter. If we raise some money, is there anyone out there willing to repair and restore it back to its former glory? Please contact Mark Craven, 01483 480273 or craven.brookwood@gmail.com, if you can help.

PIRBRIGHT COMMUNITY GAMES

Saturday 17 June

This summer, Pirbright will be hosting its first Community Games. This is a joint run venture by Pirbright Church and Pirbright Parish Council. Community Games was inspired by the 2012 Olympics, and since then there have been more than 4,260 Community Games events across the country. The idea is to bring communities together for a celebration of arts, sports and cultural activities – and to have fun!

There will be stalls, refreshments and a wide range of activities such as wellie throwing, toy pig racing, an obstacle course, sports taster sessions, cake decorating, a fun dog show, sumo wrestling and much more.

Do come along and join the fun in Pirbright between 12 and 4pm.



TULIPS FROM CANADA

This spring, the maple leaf has become an even more familiar sight in the Canadian plot at CWGC Brookwood Military Cemetery. Dozens of special tulip bulbs have successfully bloomed for the first time amid the headstones, displaying the red and white of the Canadian flag, including the red central maple leaf. The bulbs were donated in January as a centenary gift to the CWGC from the Canadian High Commission in London. As part of Canada's 150th anniversary this year, Dutch growers developed a new tulip – the Canada 150 – which blossoms with white leaves and red flames, looking remarkably similar to the country's maple leaf flag. Although the tulips are mostly finished now, we will be able to look out for them for many more springs to come.

A plot in the west corner of the cemetery contains approximately 2,400 Canadian graves of the Second World War including those of 43 men who died from wounds following the Dieppe Raid in August 1942.

The Canadian Records building, which was a gift of the Canadian government in 1946, houses a reception room for visitors and other offices, and currently the exhibition until November.



BROOKWOOD FORUM

The Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum, chaired by Mark Craven, has been meeting regularly over the past few months, gathering information, visiting consultants and putting together a Neighbourhood Plan with the help of Cllr Kevin Davies. While you are at the School Fair, look out for their stand, stop by to get updates on the Neighbourhood Plan, and hear the latest on the Brookwood crossroads and the Coblands development (www.bbnf.org.uk).

HALL FOR HIRE

We are very lucky to have three halls in Brookwood, two of which are used almost continuously for all kinds of activities (the large and small Memorial Halls are superbly run by volunteers in the village). St Saviour's church hall has been looking very tired in recent years but, thanks to recent local fund raising and other sources, it is having a face-lift. New double-glazed windows, blinds and wall panels are due to be fitted soon, and will improve the insulation and look of the hall, while research is being done to install a suspended ceiling with LED lighting. This will also help the acoustics. Redecoration will be carried out by volunteers during the summer holidays. If you need to hire a space and the Memorial Halls are already booked, why not hire St Saviour's hall by contacting Hall Bookings Manager, Nick Webster on StSaviorsHallBrookwood@gmail.com. Go to www.brookwood.org.uk/church/church-hall-hire.htm for further information.