

BROOKWOOD NEWS

August 2017

A NEW KIND OF TIMETABLE?

The following conversation was overheard at Guildford Station on 27 June 2017.

Customer: "Could I have the new Great Western timetable please?"

Booking Clerk, smiling: "It's fictional, or as my colleague puts it, 'aspirational'. I'd rather give you a Ladybird book."

WATERLOO STATION

A large part of Waterloo Station is to be out of use from 5 to 28 August due to major refurbishment works. There will be a reduced train service during this period and some unusual timings. Please double-check your journey if you intend to head that way.

BROOKWOOD WI

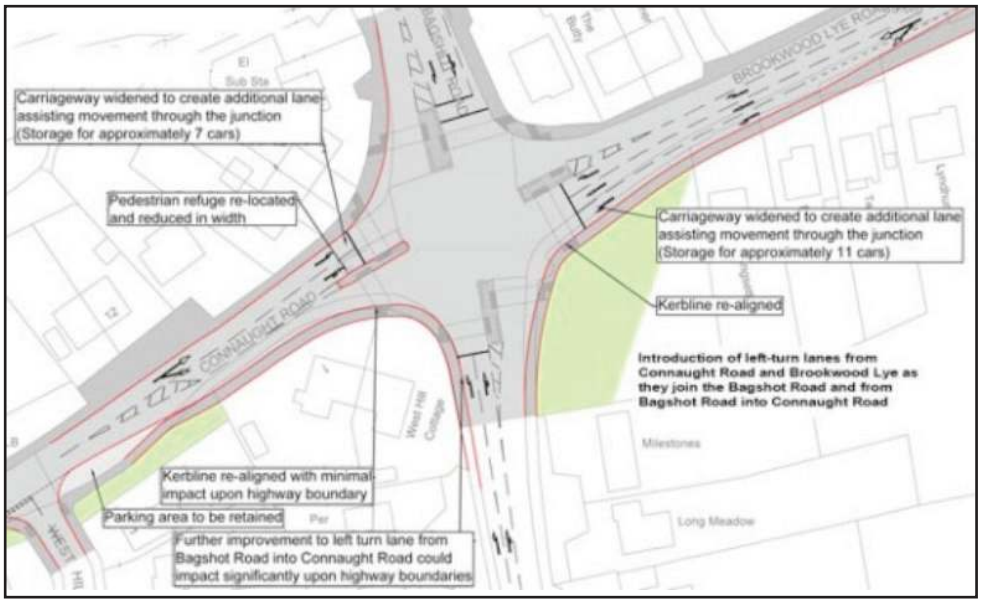
Brookwood WI meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.45pm in the small hall of Brookwood Memorial Halls. It has a varied programme each month; some of the talks enjoyed so far this year include 'Who Dun The Whodunits' and 'Crop Circle Mystery', and Edinburgh Woollen Mill coming for the evening. If you fancy a try, please come along! Please call Mary on 01483 831832 for more details.

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the August edition of the Brookwood News. Whilst wondering round Brookwood in the early summer months, it's lovely to see the gardens eventually coming into bloom. All those long hours and hard work are finally paying off! The lily pads on the canal, the fruit and vegetables in the allotments, the flowers in the garden and the smell of freshly cut grass all add up to a lovely walk. This is not to mention the wildlife that springs up and can be seen everywhere. Have a look further on in the newsletter for some amazing examples.

Jackie Kenny – Editor

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Have you seen the leaflets dropped through our doors recently about the proposed changes to the junction with the A322? There is a proposal to introduce another lane from Connaught Road onto the junction and on Brookwood Lye Road, along with necessary traffic light changes. There are limited details available online, but please look at https://www.woking.gov.uk/transport/bagshotroadimprovementsconsultationfor somewhere to submit your thoughts. What do you think? Please give any feedback and thoughts; our village voice needs to be heard!

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THE OTHER BRANCH LINE FROM BROOKWOOD

In the last issue of Brookwood News there was an article about the branch line from Brookwood Station to the cemetery. What many village residents are not aware of is that there was also a branch line to Bisley Camp and beyond.

The National Rifle Association relocated from Wimbledon in 1890, and it was at that time the London and South Western Railway paid to have a track laid to connect Brookwood to Bisley Camp. Known as the 'Bisley Bullet', the line was only used during the National Rifle Association annual July meeting.

The Bisley Camp branch line ran west from the station and crossed the canal by way of a girder bridge some 200m beyond the lock keeper's cottage. It passed under a bridge carrying the Cowshot Road and then on, running parallel to Queens Road.

During the First World War, the line was extended and used for military purposes, connecting Pirbright, Deepcut and Blackdown military camps. The line was closed and the tracks were removed in 1921. In 1941, during the Second World War, the line was re-laid, but only to Pirbright Camp.

With the increasing use of the motor car, and a branch line that only operated for 2 weeks in a year, British Rail Southern Region decided that the Bisley Camp branch was obsolete, with the last regular service of the Bisley Bullet taking place on 19 July 1952. A special excursion train ran on 23 November that year. The track and bridge were removed shortly after, but it is still possible to see the brick abutments either side of the canal. Much of the track bed is still visible, especially alongside Queens Road. Those of you who use this road will know of the nasty 's' bend just outside the entrance to the Camp. It was here that the line entered the Camp, with the bend in the road built so that it crossed the rail track at right angles.

If you go into Bisley Camp along Kings Way you will see a railway carriage 'parked up' in front of the original Bisley Camp station. It is used as a club house and sleeping accommodation for Lloyds Bank Rifle Club.

Geoff Doe

THE HUMBLE BUMBLEBEE



Look out for the tree bumblebee (Bombus Hypnorum) in your garden. It can be distinguished from other bees by the combination of a white tail and ginger thorax. This newcomer to Britain was first identified in 2001 when a colony was discovered in Wiltshire. Since then it has been sighted as far west as Truro in Cornwall, Pembrokeshire in Wales, and Lennoxtown, north of Glasgow.

As its name suggests, the tree bumblebee normally nests in holes in trees, but finds bird boxes the perfect habitat, and has taken full advantage of the thousands of nesting opportunities provided by British bird lovers, including the redundant bird box in a secluded corner of our garden in Connaught Crescent.

The bee has been widely welcomed in Britain because so many native bees, including honey bees, have been in decline and there are serious concerns about lack of bees to pollinate crops. The species seems to coexist with other bees and does not seem to compete with or damage them.

This time of year the nesting colonies of workers are already dying out, having reared numerous new queens. These are currently foraging around flowerbeds and fattening themselves up before looking for a suitable hibernation site to spend the winter.

Next spring they will be among the first bumblebees to emerge and will be seen checking out the nearest nesting boxes. They prefer boxes with plenty of old bird nesting material to give them a head start in creating their own colony. These queens are quite tough, and have been known to evict blue tits from their newly built nests and take the site over. Despite this rather unpleasant behaviour, the new specie's assistance as a pollinator in early spring is particularly valuable.

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

Good luck to all the Year 6 children leaving Brookwood Primary School this year. Congratulations are also due after their outstanding SATS results; they all worked very hard and got the results they so rightly deserved. They are off to a number of local secondary schools and we wish them all the best for their future. Congratulations also to the children who have just finished year 2 and have taken their Year 2 SATS, and achieved exceptional results. We wish you all the best as you start Year 3.

Congratulations to all the children who have successfully finished their first year in reception class and are moving from Squirrels class to Ladybirds class. Finally, good luck to all the children who will be starting at Brookwood Primary School in September. We're sure you'll all have a lot of fun and make some wonderful friends.



OUR YOUNGEST READER?

Congratulations to Carly and Alistair Tucker, as they welcomed their little girl, Ayla, on 19 June 2017 weighing only 5lb 12oz. She was so eager to come into the world she arrived a month early! We wish you all the very best.

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY FAIR

Pirbright Market will be at Brookwood Memorial Halls for one week only, on Thursday 10 August from 10.00 to 11.15am. Come along to the small hall to find a variety of sweet and savoury foods, art and craft goods, meat products and home-grown produce.

MARVELLOUS NATURE

We are very lucky to have such a wealth of nature around the village, with many different habitats providing a huge variety. A big thank you to Thinesh, John Wheeler, Fiona Townsend, Bernadette Mahoney and Rosie Whicher for these fabulous photographs that have been taken recently; they are great examples of our local wildlife.











MEDICAL RESEARCH – PIONEERING NHS DEMENTIA STUDY SEEKS RECRUITS

A major NHS study supporting people with dementia to remain living at home, and to reduce pressure on their carers, is looking for recruits. 'TIHM for dementia' uses new technologies to remotely monitor people's health around the clock. If a problem is identified, clinicians offer support. The study is led by Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. To take part, go to http://www.sabp.nhs.uk/tihm or call 01932 722247.

ALL CHANGE AT THE MOGUL

Mohin is due to leave our local Indian, The Mogul, after an amazing 33 years. The restaurant is being taken over by another family, and may be closed whilst they settle in and refurbish, but no other details are known. We wish Mohin all the very best for the future, and thank him for all the wonderful food he has served us.

GOLDSWORTH PARK ALLOTMENT SOCIETY

Goldsworth Park Allotment Society recently celebrated 40 years of growing delicious fruit and vegetables. They have a site on Sheets Heath Lane where the plot holders are busy producing some mouth-watering produce.



BROOKWOOD CEMETERY INCIDENT

A man has suffered serious injuries after he was assaulted at 4.35pm on 19 July. Surrey Police was called to the cemetery following reports that a man in his 30s had been attacked by two men. The man was airlifted to hospital with serious injuries. A second man has also been taken to hospital with an injury to his chin and elbow.

The suspects are believed to have left the scene in a black BMW X1, which was pursued by police but currently remains outstanding. Both men are described as black, in their late 20s, and of a short and stocky build. Both had short beards and were wearing dark clothing.

Officers are carrying out a number of urgent enquiries. Anyone with any information is urged to call Surrey Police as a matter of priority on 101, quoting incident reference P17182022.

Don't forget to have a look at our site online (www.brookwood.org.uk).

As the summer stretches out in front of us, have a look at the Brookwood Tiny Free Library for some good reads. And when you've finished, bring them back for someone else to enjoy. Better still, have a sort through before you head down and bring them with you!

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BROOKWOOD CLUB

Our next regular Cash Bingo evenings are on Saturday 5 August and Saturday 2 September, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members. On Saturday 19 August we have our next live music night featuring soft rock and other sounds from 8.30 to 11pm by local band Discover. This is an open event; everybody welcome, including non-members.

Our thanks to everybody who supported the beer tent at the School Fair, kindly provided by Roger and his team from Brookwood Club. A healthy profit of £289.50 was made for FOBS on the day.

Please don't forget we are looking for old photos of the Club and the village to use in our refurbishment project – please pop in the Club if you have any we could scan or copy.

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 August	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm
Thursday 10 August	Pirbright Market at Brookwood Memorial Halls, 10.00 to 11.15am
Saturday 19 August	Live music at Brookwood Club with local band Discover, 8.30 to 11pm
Saturday 2 September	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club. Eyes down 8.30pm

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