East West
Finest Indian Cuisine

A new Indian restaurant opened on 17 August in the building formerly occupied by the Mogul. East West is a new venture for a team with plenty of experience in providing top quality Indian Cuisine. Your editor attended their very busy opening night. All of the tables were occupied and people were arriving regularly to collect their take-away orders. The menu offers a wide range of signature and special dishes in addition to the usual favourites. The quality of the dishes that we ordered was excellent and the service was friendly. We wish them every success.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS ON FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

You have a choice of Coffee Mornings, or you could do both!

The team at Bentleys Garage invite you to join them for coffee, tea, cakes and biscuits between 8 and 11.30am on Friday 15 September. All donations will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

And between 10am and 12.30pm, also on Friday 15 September, you are invited to St Saviour's Church for coffee and cake. All donations will go towards Macmillan Cancer Support.

Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir

There will be a concert by the Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir at St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright, on Friday 27 October 2017 at 7pm. The choir returns for its eighth year, and tickets can now be purchased from Philip Barralet (01483 473737 or philipbarralet@gmail.com). The ticket price is £22.50 and includes some interval refreshments, and drinks by donation please. This year's concert will be in aid of SHOOTING STAR CHASE, a local children's hospice.

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

Saturday 2 September	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes-down' at 8:30pm
Sunday 3 September	20:20 Puppet Service, 9.30am, St Saviour's Church
Sunday 3 September	Sculpture and Symbolism Walk, 2pm, Brookwood Cemetery
Monday 4 September	Basingstoke Canal Introductory Trip, 7.30pm, Colt Hill Wharf in Odiham
Saturday 9 September	Messy Church, 3.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 9 September	Heritage Open Day Walks, 11am to 3pm, Brookwood Cemetery
Sunday 10 September	Morning Worship and Communion, 10.30am, St Saviour's Church
Sunday 10 September	Semaphore Tower Open Day, 10am to 3pm, Ockham Common
Friday 15 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 8 to 11.30am, Bentleys Garage
Friday 15 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am to 12.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 16 September	Live Music at Brookwood Club with Paul Lamb & the Detroit Breakdown, 8.30pm to 11pm
Sunday 17 September	Cafe Church, 10.30am, St Saviour's Church
Wednesday 20 September	Spoken Communion, 10.30am, St Saviour's Church
Thursday 21 September	BBNF AGM, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church Hall
Friday 29 September	Macmillan Coffee and Cake or Cream Teas, 2-5pm, Brookwood Club
Friday 29 September	Grand Re-Opening Night, 8pm, Brookwood Club
Saturday 7 October	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes-down' at 8:30pm
Saturday 14 October	Grounds Morning, 9am to 12noon, Brookwood School
Saturday 14 October	Pirbright Surgery Flu Clinic, 10am to 12noon, Pirbright Village Hall
Saturday 14 October	The Loveday Singers, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Friday 27 October	Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir, 7pm, St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright
Saturday 11 November	Mary-Jess Solo Tour Concert, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church

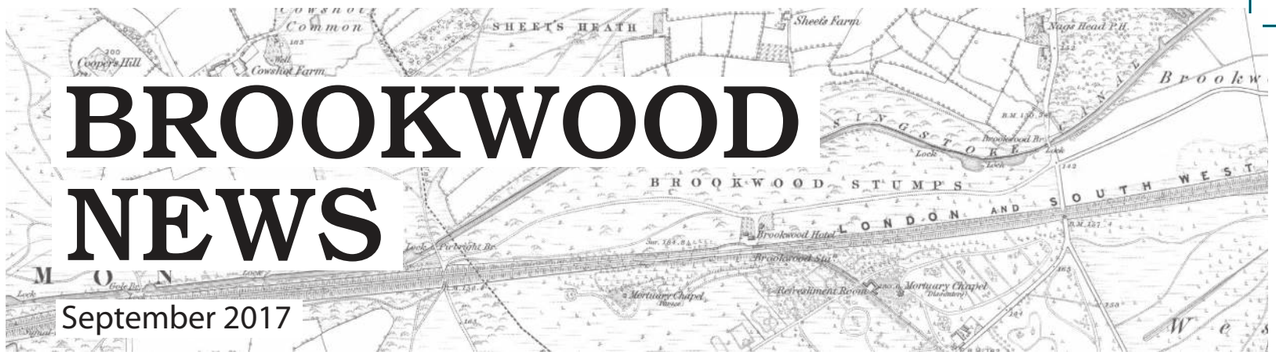
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BROOKWOOD NEWS

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the September edition of Brookwood News. This is my first attempt as the editor, and I would like to thank the contributors for their articles and news. I have an interest in local history so I have used my editorship as an opportunity to include a little article about the FANYs and their early connection with Brookwood. I hope you enjoy it.

David Lugton – Editor

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BROOKWOOD & BRIDLEY FORUM

The AGM of the Neighbourhood Forum will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21 September in St Saviour's Church Hall. Our local Councillor, Kevin Davis, will be available to advise on current hot topics. Please do attend if you are able to do so (there will be refreshments). A copy of the agenda for the meeting will be posted on the Forum's website at www.bbnf.org.uk. E-mail chair@bbnf.org.uk with any questions before the AGM.

FANY TRAINING AT BROOKWOOD



The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) was founded in 1910 as a voluntary organisation to provide highly mobile nursing support to the British Army. The members were required to have good riding skills in addition to first aid. To develop these skills, training camps were held two or three times a year at various locations in Surrey. Although not a formal unit within the Army, the FANYs received support from the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) for their first aid training, and from the Brigade of Guards (both the Royal Horse Guards and the 19th Hussars) for their camp facilities and equestrian training.

In 1913, their summer camp was held at Goal Farm and the house, which still exists, is visible in their picture with the railway embankment in the background (with very few trees in those days). So they were camped on what was until recently part of the nine-hole golf course.

A new recruit, Pat Beauchamp, describes her arrival as follows 'Arrived at Brookwood, I chartered an ancient fly and in about twenty minutes or so espied the camp in a field some distance from the road along which we were driving. "Ard up for a job I should say!" said my cabby, nodding jocosely towards the khaki figures working busily in the distance. I ignored this sally as I dismissed him and set off across the fields with my suit case. There was a large mess tent, a store tent, some half dozen or more bell tents, a smoky, but serviceable-looking field kitchen, and at the end of the field were tethered the horses!' Extract from Fanny Goes To War by Pat Beauchamp (1919, reprinted Echo Library 2005).

In 1914, just before the start of the war, their summer camp was again held 'at Pirbright' but the precise location is unknown (but there are more trees than at Goal Farm). Interestingly, we have been told that one of the overgrown fields at the western edge of Sheets Heath is known as Fanny's Field, so perhaps this was their camp site (do you know?).

With the start of the war, the FANYs went on to become the first women's corp to serve in Belgium and France, providing both hospital and transport services. During the First World War FANYs were awarded 17 Military Medals, 27 Croix de Guerre, one Legion d'Honneur and 11 Mentions in Despatches.

The FANYs still exist today. HRH The Princess Royal is their Commandant in Chief. Since 1999, when Her Royal Highness gave permission to use her title, the Corps has been renamed: FANY (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps), commonly abbreviated to: FANY (PRVC). See http://www.fany.org.uk/ for more details.



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From its restoration in the 1970s and 80s, volunteering has been integral aspect of maintaining and developing the Basingstoke Canal. Volunteering is a great way to have fun, meet new friends and learn new skills. So why not join us on the John Pinkerton for a FREE boat trip to find out more about volunteering, and see the wonderful section of the canal between Colt Hill and Odiham Castle. The only catch is that we will talk to you enthusiastically about volunteering opportunities on the canal. So bring your family or a friend and have an enjoyable evening out.

The trip is on Monday 4 Sept at 7.30pm from Colt Hill Wharf in Odiham. We hope that you will be able to join us – you can book online at johnpinkerton.co.uk/booking (use the Trip drop-down menu and select 'Volunteers' Introductory Trips', and then enter your details). In case of difficulty, contact the Booking Manager, David Horwood, on 01256 765889.





MORE BROOKWOOD WILDLIFE

Nick Swain found this Elephant Hawk-moth Larva (scientific name: Deilephila elpenor) under a Fuchsia bush in his garden. Not quite as cute as last month's pictures.



BROOKWOOD CLUB

Our regular cash bingo evenings are on Saturday 2 September and Saturday 7 October, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book. Everybody welcome, including non-members. On Saturday 16 September, we have our next live music night featuring Paul Lamb & the Detroit Breakdown, returning for another gig after being on tour in the USA, from 8.30pm to 11.00pm. Everybody welcome, including non-members.

Do join us for our Macmillan Cancer Support fundraising event on Friday 29 September. We shall be offering coffee and cake or Cream Teas with Prosecco at the Club from 2pm until 5pm. Everybody welcome, including children and non-members!

And we are still looking for old photos of the Club and the village to use in our refurbishment project - please pop in to the Club if you have any we could scan or copy.

Our refurbishment plans are progressing well. Please note that the club will be CLOSED from 11pm on Sunday 24 September until 4.30pm on Tuesday 26 September, for the final works. We will be having a Grand Re-Opening Night on Friday 29 September from 8pm. Do come down then and admire our new look!

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

Pirbright Surgery will be holding its Flu Clinic at Pirbright Village Hall on Saturday 14 October.

Drop-in times will be on the basis of surname:

A–K will be from 10am to 11am

L–Z from 11am to 12 noon

MEMORIAL HALL CLEANING



Many thanks to all those who turned up and washed, dusted and polished the village halls on 5 August. The main hall has also had its floor re-lacquered and is looking very smart indeed. Both halls are now refreshed and clean for the start of the new season of bookings in September. As well as regular bookings, the halls are available for occasional events such as birthday parties and weddings. Residents of the village are offered preferential rates. Please contact Colin Greenwood, the Bookings Secretary, on 07757 969231 or email him at lettings@bmhalls.org.uk for further details.

SEMAPHORE TOWER HERITAGE OPEN DAY

On Sunday 10 September, the Semaphore Tower at Ockham Common will be open from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Join us on Heritage Open Day to climb the Semaphore Tower and experience spectacular views of the surrounding countryside. No booking required; FREE event. Group visits can be arranged through Steve Hill on 07894 660999 or semaphore.tower@uk.com. Sorry no dogs in the tower. Location – Ockham Common, KT11 1NA. Off the A3, south of J10 of the M25. Park at Boldermere or Pond car park and follow signs to the tower.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL – PREPARING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

September is one of the most exciting months in our school calendar. We welcome a new class of children at the start of their formal school education and new arrivals into other year groups. This year, we have new members of staff joining our team too and we are looking forward to an exciting term.

I am delighted to say that we achieved some of our best examination results ever last year and we look forward to building on these in the coming months. Details will be on our website shortly.

Over the summer, we have refurbished our library and had some important fire safety work done, which will help isolate any damage should a fire break out. As a result, many of our classrooms and storage areas have new internal doors, which look very smart!

A quick reminder that there are a number of ways in which you can support our school at no cost to you. First, please keep donating clothes and pairs of shoes which are ready to be recycled, by dropping them off in bags outside the car park gates. Second, we have an account on a website called www.thegivingmachine.com (Friends of Brookwood School). If you register to support us on this site, then click through to online retailers via this site, you generate funds for us as you purchase. It costs you nothing but, as an example, an online Sainsbury's order credits us 75p each time and Amazon purchases credit us 2.25% of your order value. Finally, we are always grateful for volunteer support in school. We have a Grounds Morning on Saturday 14 October. Please consider coming along between 9am and 12noon, and help us spruce up the school and grounds. We are also in great need of someone to be a volunteer librarian for a regular couple of hours a week.

Mrs Jo Green, Headteacher, Brookwood Primary School

NEWS FROM ST SAVIOUR'S

After combining our services with Holy Trinity Church during August, times are back to normal this month and everyone is welcome to any of our services. Over the school holidays, the church hall has had a makeover and is ready for action with St Saviours Pre-School, Youth Cafe and other bookings. We look forward to seeing you there.

St Saviour's ReGeneration team is delighted to announce two forthcoming concerts to be held in the church this autumn.

We welcome back the Loveday Singers, who will be performing their varied repertoire on Saturday 14 October from 7.30pm.

Rising star soprano Mary-Jess has chosen St Saviour's as part of her solo autumn tour. On Saturday 11 November, she will be performing music from her album, Prayer to a Snowflake. Mary-Jess has been touring this year with the well-known G4 singers, and has performed with Sir Tim Rice and Don Black. She is also the voice of the Downton Abbey theme tune.

Put these dates in your diary now and look out for more details next month.







The Brookwood Cemetery Society

Sculpture and Symbolism Walk on Sunday 3 September 2017. The walk will start at 2pm and will last around 90 minutes. Meet at the society lodge adjacent to the Cemetery Office. Refreshments and toilet facilities are available at the society lodge. We ask for a donation of £3 per person to help with cemetery restoration. No booking is necessary – just turn up and enjoy!

Heritage Open Day Walks and information, Saturday 9 September 2017 between 11am and 3pm. Short guided walks around the cemetery. Chat with society members. Refreshments will also be available.

KNAPHILL & BROOKWOOD GIRLGUIDING

99 and Counting – Girlguiding in Knaphill is almost one hundred years old!!

We will be celebrating its centenary next year and are looking for anyone who could share their memories and photos of their time as a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Leader ready for an exhibition in autumn 2018. For more information or to share your memories, please contact Sheree Hargreaves (District Commissioner) by email shargreaves743@btinterent.com or by phone 07866 384665.

We also want to create new memories for our current generation of girls in Knaphill & Brookwood for our next 100 years. We are inviting every girl no matter what age to think about giving Girlguiding a go. We may be 100 years old but we are not old-fashioned. Our aim is to encourage girls to look after themselves and others, empowering them to make a difference and giving them the building blocks to become independent and successful in life.

We want girls to show off their creative side, get them outside exploring nature, learn new skills such as first aid, be more socially aware and support their communities, but most of all to have a huge amount of FUN FUN FUN while doing this.

Our doors are always open to new Volunteers or Leaders who have the special skills to make this happen. We currently have spaces for all ages – challenge yourself, and give modern Girlguiding a go. To register your daughter or your own voluntary interest in Girlguidng please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and in 50 years, we could be asking you for your memories!