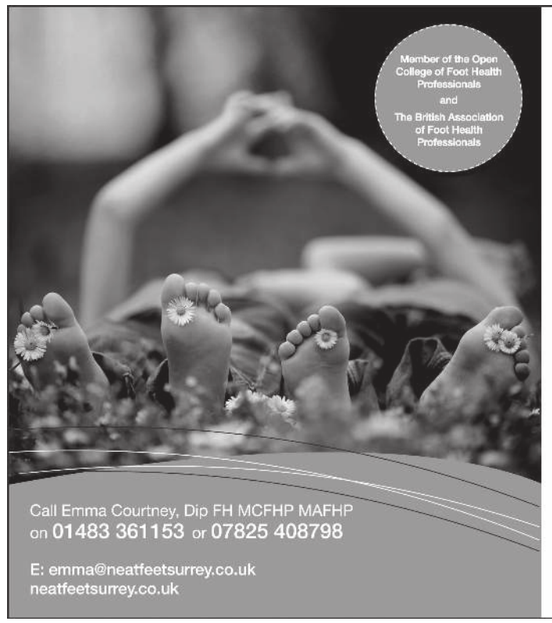


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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNINGS

Congratulations to the staff at Bentley's Garage and to St Saviour's Church both of which held coffee mornings in September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Bentley's raised a tremendous £1400 and St Saviour's raised over £420. Well done to all the bakers, eaters and drinkers!.



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

Sunday 1 October	Tree Walk in the Cemetery. Meet 2pm at Cemetery Office, Cemetery Pales
Friday 6 October	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Memorial Halls. All welcome
Saturday 7 October	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm
Saturday 14 October	Grounds Morning, 9am to 12 noon, Brookwood School
Saturday 14 October	Pirbright Surgery Flu Clinic, 10am to 12 noon, Pirbright Village Hall
Saturday 14 October	Rock N' Roll Night with the Spinettes, 7pm, Memorial Halls
Saturday 14 October	The Loveday Singers, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 14 October	Big Bill and the Write Offs, 9–11pm, Brookwood Club
Friday 27 October	Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir, 7pm, St Michael's Church, Pirbright (full details in Sept issue of the newsletter)
Saturday 28 October	Halloween Party, from 8pm, Brookwood Club
Wednesday 1 November	Brookwood Club accepting donations to Foodbank until first week of December.
Friday 3 November	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Memorial Halls. All welcome
Saturday 4 November	Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm
Saturday 4 November	Official opening of the new Pirbright Surgery, 2pm
Sunday 5 November	Mausoleum Walk in the Cemetery. Meet 2pm at Cemetery Office, Cemetery Pales
Saturday 11 November	Mary-Jess Solo Tour Concert, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Sunday 12 November	Service of Remembrance, 10.30am, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 25 November	WI Christmas Fair, 2pm, at the Memorial Halls

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EDITORIAL

Taking a walk along the canal...

I walk the canal with my husband and Alfie dog most mornings. We reckon it is often the best part of the day; we meet neighbours and dogs who have become friends, and enjoy the serenity of the green corridor in a busy world. As October draws in the mist rises and pale sunbeams fall across the water. In the water meadows cobwebs hang heavy with dewdrops; not such a bad commute for those walking across from Brookwood Farm.

The 'Cala Path' has been improved over the last weeks. It is a bit of mystery to me why the bonded surface has been covered with loose chippings but it is certainly easier to walk, cycle and push buggies over. Last week I met a young mum who had just walked the path with her Labrador and six-week old baby, Max. We fell into conversation about the path, which led to her telling me that Max's dad is in the Royal Marines and is posted out in the Caribbean at the moment helping the victims of the hurricane damage. There is no communication so she does not know how things are going. We may not know it but we live with quiet heroes in our midst.

And as we said goodbye, there was a flash of turquoise as a kingfisher swooped along the surface of the canal. This is the first one I've seen since the drainage. It is good to know they are back.

Judith Male – Editor

BBNF MEETING

The neighbourhood Forum held its AGM on Thursday 21 September at St Saviour's Church Hall. The Committee was re-elected en bloc. Mark Craven, the chair, invited anyone who is interested to join the committee and he thanked Gordon Bishop for all the work he has done to support the Forum.

Mark reported that the detailed DRAFT Neighbourhood Plan had been submitted to Woking Borough Council for comment. When it is returned it will be reviewed by the committee and consultants before completion. The Committee was satisfied that the draft was as comprehensive as possible at this stage. It is a detailed and lengthy process, but it is hoped that the Plan will be complete next autumn.

Cllr Kevin Davis gave a resume of current issues in the village:

- **Coblands Site:** The planning application has been delayed because of land acquisition issues. It may be some time before building starts there.
- **Crossroads Work:** The Council had conducted a consultation and it seemed the amendments to the crossroads (which should improve the flow of local traffic) were generally acceptable. Planners were now looking at the detail of the scheme.
- **Pirbright Tunnel:** At the other end of the village, Kevin acknowledged the queuing problems especially during rush hour. However, this is an issue that needs to be tackled by Guildford (not Woking) Borough Council. He is encouraging the County Councillor for the area to take it up.
- **Parking Proposals:** The proposal to have a double yellow line on Connaught Road between the station entrance and exit had been welcomed. Other parking proposals were still under discussion.
- **Cala Path:** now bonded and generally acceptable. Still some concern about possible flooding which Kevin is taking forward.
- **SANG:** the area between the canal and the Brookwood Farm estate is designated as a SANG – Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space – and as such is protected under European law. It therefore cannot be built on. Woking Borough Council is managing it with mown pathways. It needs a name! Currently 'Cowshot Country Park' is the front runner, after the name of the stream, but if you have any better ideas Kevin would be pleased to know.
- **The Meadows Building:** has been sold by the NHS and acquired by a care home operator.
- **Brookwood Village Signs:** the two signs at either end of the village have gone AWOL. The meeting was keen to have them re-instated but funding was an issue.

For further information please consult the BBNF website or Kevin's Blog (www.bbnf.org.uk; https://cllrkevindavis.me/).

THE NEW FLATS

Some residents have been worried about the disappearance of workmen on the new flats. At one time in the summer it seemed there were dozens of them working on the roof, and suddenly it went very quiet. I have been in touch with Renoir Estates and they say that there are workmen inside the flats at the moment; they hope to have them completed by the end of the year.

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MUSEUM OF MILITARY MEDICINE



How many times have you driven past Keogh Barracks at Mytchett and thought, 'One day I'll go and explore there' ? Four of us from the village spent a morning at the museum in the summer, and came away astonished at the information and heroics it contains.

Medicine in the army has long been 'cutting edge' and some of the earliest experimental operations took place on battlefields. The exhibition chronicles the history of the four army medical corps. The details of conditions are undoubtedly harrowing at times, but one is also impressed by the ingenuity, skill and bravery of doctors and nurses, dentists and vets. There are a number of touching personal stories which really bring the exhibition to life. For example, this year is the centenary of the death of Captain Noel Godfrey Chavasse (1884–1917), a doctor in the Royal Army Medical Corps who holds the rare honour of two Victoria Crosses for bravery. On the second occasion he was severely injured whilst attending a patient during the opening battle at Passchendaele and he died from his wounds.

As well as the serious content of the exhibition, there are some weird and wonderful exhibits and a mind-boggling story about Rudolf Hess who was detained at Mytchett but refused to give his name!

The museum is free but you need to show photo ID at the gate. I am not convinced it is for primary school children, but older students and adults interested in medicine and/or military history will find it fascinating. We are so lucky to have it on our doorstep, but make a point of visiting soon as it is moving to swanky new premises in Cardiff in 2020

AUTUMN CONCERTS AT ST SAVIOUR'S



It's turning into a busy time of year for the church as, amongst our regular services, we have some more Saturday evening concerts this autumn.

We are delighted to welcome back the Loveday Singers who will be performing on Saturday 14 October at 7.30pm. This young choir is led by Anna Loveday, and has won many competitions and festivals with its fabulous voices and varied repertoire. Come along with your friends and family, bring your drinks, sit back and be entertained by this wonderful choir. No tickets needed, but there will be a retiring collection.

St Saviour's has now become a known venue on the circuit for performers, and soprano Mary-Jess has booked Saturday 11 November, 7.30pm, to give a concert as part of her winter tour. She will be singing favourites such as Joni Mitchell's 'River' and Frozen's 'Let it Go', as well as songs from her winter album 'Prayer to a Snowflake', which was released last year to critical acclaim. The album includes self-penned songs such as the firm fan favourite 'I Fell in Love with a Snowman', and carols such as 'The Angel Gabriel' and 'In the Bleak Midwinter', heard on BBC Radio 2 last Christmas, and seen on BBC Songs of Praise.

Tickets are £15 in advance (children £8), by booking at https://events.ticketbooth.eu/event/mary-jess-winter-tour-2017---brookwood, or contacting sts@brookwood.org.uk. Some tickets may be available at the door. Bring your own drinks.

Please note that this year's Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November will be held at St Saviour's Church at 10.30am, instead of the Memorial Hall.

NEWS FROM PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

A Flu Clinic is being held at Lord Pirbright's Hall on Saturday 14 October from 10am to 12noon. Drop-in times will be done by surname basis: A–K from 10 to 11am, and L–Z from 11am to 12 noon.

The Friends of Pirbright Surgery, a Patient Participation Group formed four years ago, is seeking new members. The FOPS, who are all patients at Pirbright, meet every two months, giving practice staff and patients the opportunity to discuss topics of mutual interest in the practice. FOPS has a number of roles, including advising the practice on the patient perspective, organising health promotion events and carrying out research into the views of those who use the practice.

In a recent nationwide patient survey, Pirbright Surgery was ranked 19th out of 9,776 practices in UK, and 15th out of the 7,708 in England alone, putting it No.1 in Surrey. (We all knew that anyway – Ed). If you would like to learn more about joining the Friends, please call in at the surgery.

Date for your Diary – Saturday 4 November at 2pm for the Opening Ceremony at the new Pirbright Surgery, followed by refreshments in the Clubroom. More details next month.

ROCK N' ROLL NIGHT STARRING THE SPINETTES

Hosted by West End Star, Matthew Goodgame. A fun evening for all the family at Brookwood Memorial Halls, on Saturday 14 October at 7pm, in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Adults £10, children £5; tickets available from the box office (07515 552491
or email: TheSpinettes@hotmail.com).





Our next regular Cash Bingo evening is on Saturday 7 October, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book.

Saturday 14 October is our next live music night, featuring rock covers from local band 'Big Bill and The Write Offs', from 9 to 11pm.

Don't miss our super spooky Halloween Party on Saturday 28 October, with Midnight Star Disco from 8pm till late. Fancy dress optional!

Our November regular Cash Bingo evening is on Saturday 4 November, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book.

We are looking for permanent/flexible part time bar staff. Please pop in the Club and speak to Lee the Steward if you would like to find out more.

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



BOUQUET FOR THE BIN CREWS

Most of us have received cards from the Council about changes to the bin collections. In fact, although the system is being reorganised, we should not notice many changes.

- Bins will still be collected on Thursdays in the established pattern. Make sure they are out by 6am.
- From the end of October food caddies will be collected separately and probably later so check your caddy really is empty before taking it in!
- Textiles and small electrical items can now be recycled every week; just leave them, in separate bags, next to rubbish or recycling bins.
- The contact details have changed. Visit jointwastesolutions.org or ring Amey on 03332 340978 or Twitter @JointWasteSols for more information about waste and recycling.

And finally, the really good news is that the existing crews will remain on our round. I have watched them in action, and am truly impressed by their efficiency and courtesy. So a big thank you to them all – Blue/Black Ricky and his team, and Green Ricky and his team. We are lucky to have you.

GARDENERS' SUCCESS AT THE ALLOTMENTS

All the allotments in the area were independently assessed in the summer and we have three prize-winning allotment holders:

Benstead Scroll for best cultivated plot by someone over 70 years old



2nd – Mr John Arkinstall

3rd – Mr Roy Clare

4th – Mr Geoff Doe

Congratulations to them all.

The Allotment Society held a mini show and cream tea in early September. There were a few entries in the show, and 30 or so people for the cream tea. We raised £58.50 for the Hospice from the sale of excess cakes and homemade jam using allotment produce. Thank you to those who contributed cakes and scones, and helped in preparations and serving tea.

The pumpkins on plot 3 are now maturing nicely so I hope we will be able to distribute them towards the end of the month. They should be a nice size for carving lanterns.

For more information about the Allotment Society please contact Yvette Ness (vicechairman@gpasbrookwood.co.uk).

Woking foodbank

CAN YOU HELP?

I know you don't want to hear it already, but Christmas is now on the horizon.

For those of you who know me, you will recall that I undertook a Christmas food parcel collection on behalf of Woking Foodbank last Christmas to help families that are struggling around the Christmas period. I was so overwhelmed by the generosity of the villagers, family and friends that I have decided to do it again this year.

So can you help? Hopefully yes! How can you get involved? It's really easy. When you are doing your weekly/monthly food shopping, please add a few non-perishable items for the Foodbank. Lee Orriss at Brookwood Club has kindly offered to take in the food parcels on my behalf from the beginning of NOVEMBER right through to the first week of DECEMBER during opening hours. Please leave a label on the parcel stating who it's from so that I can thank you personally. I will be posting regular updates on Brookwood Club's Facebook site during this period as to what the Foodbank requires in the way of stock.

Alternatively, if you know where I live in the village, please feel free to knock on the door, or drop me an email (trudifletcher@rocketmail.com), and I can make arrangements to collect the food parcel from you from the beginning of NOVEMBER right through to the first week of DECEMBER.

Hopefully, we can make a difference to those less fortunate in the local area at such a busy time of the year.

Thank you in advance.
Trudi Fletcher
Check out the Woking Foodbank website for food items that are required (https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/).