# BROOKWOOD NEWS



February 2018

## EDITORIAL

There are a number of items this month showing the wide range of things happening in Brookwood. They include information on fun things to do: hear music, go to a quiz or bingo, or even have one of your recipes published in a book! There is also information on how you can find out more about the planned Brookwood Lye development; I'd encourage everyone, especially young people, to go to the roadshow on this. Finally, this edition also includes the local business directory for you to 'cut out and keep'.

***John Power – Editor***

## BROOKWOOD LYE DEVELOPMENT

A roadshow to enable residents to see the proposals for the development at Brookwood Lye has been arranged for the Committee Room in Brookwood Memorial Hall on 7th February between 4 and 8pm.

It is expected to cover the actual design, look and feel of the development, the reasons behind the types of housing provided, the benefits and what mitigation actions will be taken to minimise the impact on the village.

This will be an opportunity to discuss the development with representatives from Thameswey, Woking Council and Kevin Davis, our local Councillor, and provide feedback on the proposals.

## SCOUTS NEWS

1st Brookwood Scouts would like to say a huge thank you to the residents and commuters who donated £260 for Woking Hospice during the Carol Singing at the station. They also want to thank the residents who supported the Christmas tree recycling collection. This was a bumper year, collecting £480 with a further £88 to be added from Gift Aid. The Explorer Scouts helped this time and half the funds raised will be for the Woking District Scouts going to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree in North America. One of the lucky Scouts is a former Brookwood Scout who still supports the Scouts as a Young Leader.



The 1st Brookwood Scout Group will be holding a Quiz on Saturday 10 March 2018 at Brookwood Memorial Hall. The doors will open at 7.30pm for an 8pm start. In addition to a great quiz for teams of 6–8 people there will be a curry or a ploughman's supper. All this for only £10 per person! Please bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

If you are interested, please provide your team details to Mark Kilcullen (07836 638828) at gsl@brookwoodscouts.org.uk or Chris Price (07723855089) at secatbwd@gmail.com. Any donations of prizes for the raffle would also be very much appreciated.


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# WINTER GUESTS

Many of you will know the pleasure you get from simply seeing birds in your gardens. This is beautifully summed up in this short piece from Judith Male.

'Sunflower hearts, that's what the birds like' said Uncle John. He got up carefully from his armchair and fetched a large plastic bag containing several generous scoops of seed. That was last summer. I saved the seed until Christmas and then put it out in the garden. Generous though the gift was, it had gone within a week.

Through the cold mornings of January, the sunflower hearts have attracted dozens of birds to our back garden on Connaught Road. Even before it is light there are blackbirds waiting patiently to feed. Four of them were born in our log shed last March and they are still hanging around with their parents to see what's for breakfast. There is always a bright goldfinch and sometimes as many as 30 dropping out of the apple tree to feed. With them come coal tits and blue tits and great tits with their loud, urgent song telling spring to get a move on. And then siskins with their zebra-striped wings come fluttering in accompanied by smart little redpolls wearing crimson berets. Sometimes a spotted woodpecker in his opera coat and red knickers clings to the trunk of the tree before making a raid on the peanuts. Most special of all are the greenfinches back after five years' absence and two male bullfinches, gloriously showy birds with sooty black heads, silver backs and bright pink vests. They usually show up in late morning.

These gentle guests are the compensations of a cold January in Brookwood. Uncle John was right.

# NEW ICON



A new icon has been painted for Saint Edward's Church, in Brookwood Cemetery, by the sisters of the Convent of the Holy Angels in Afidnai, Attica, Greece. It depicts three of the great Western monastic Fathers. This beautiful icon has been photographed by Matt Moore at MRM Studios in Aldershot to produce icon postcards, and the actual icon is being framed by Easels in Chobham.

## BROOKWOOD CLUB



The next regular Cash Bingo evenings are on Saturday 3 February and Saturday 3 March, 8pm for 'eyes down' at 8.30pm. £1 per book.

Local band Discover will be providing live music from 8.30pm to 11pm on Saturday 24 February. All, including non-members, are welcome to these events.

The Club will be showing all the Six Nations rugby matches that are being played during opening hours from 3 February to 17 March, with some drinks promotions for members and their guests during the games.

If you are a member who has forgotten to renew your membership, are interested in joining the Club or might be interested in working behind the bar, please pop into the Club and speak to Lee, the Steward.

# SEYMOURS ADVERTISING

Seymours will shortly be promoting new properties they will have available in West End and would like to have some 'garden boards' in Brookwood to advertise them. They will pay a nominal fee to anyone who has 'garden board'. If you are interested in this please contact Simon Stone at simon@seymours-knaphill.co.uk or on 01483 798969.

# RECIPE PUBLICATION

Do you have a favourite recipe, an easy and delicious treat for parties or picnics, or a brilliant household tip?

Jay Kleinberg is putting together a cookery book called PeriCooks, to publish and sell around Harvest time later this year to raise funds for St Michael and All Angels Church in Pirbright. She would welcome contributions from individuals, businesses and community groups in Brookwood, Fox Corner and Pirbright. You can send as many household hints, recipes, or stories or anecdotes about your recipes as you like as this will help a balance across the different categories to be selected.

If you'd like to know more details please contact Jay at Jay.Kleinberg@sheetsheath.co.uk or go to http://www.pirbrightchurch.org.uk/PeriCooks.htm. Make sure you leave yourself time to submit your contribution in time for the deadline of 28 February.


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We have a surprising number of small service and trade businesses in the village community. Here is a summary you might find useful to retain for future reference.

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| **Albatross Carpentry Ltd** | Carpentry and joinery | Andrew Fox | W 618374 | 07717 696769 |
| **AnD Dance** | Ballroom and Latin American dancing for adults and children | Darren Kelly | | 07889 749897<br>07584 068232 |
| **Antique Pine Restorations** | Coffee tables in shabby chic style | Roger James | W 476379 | |
| **A P Aerials** | TV aerials and satellites | George Walsh | W 487807 | 07768 620874 |
| **Brookwood Childminders** | Childminding | Jane Griffiths | W 826471 | 07860 174394 |
| **Becky Tovey Pilates** | Pilates classes, Thursdays 6–7pm, Brookwood Memorial Hall | Becky Tovey | | 07980 807344 |
| **Brookwood Pet Care Services** | Home pet care, dog walking, house sitting pets | Kate Lopez | | 07762 545203 |
| **Brookwood/Pirbright Afterschool Club** | Before, after school and holiday club | Emma Hood and Vicky Keenan | | 07974 399040 |
| **Carefully Clean** | Carpet and upholstery cleaning | Dave Smith | W 522139 | 07787 420714 |
| **Chris J Hole Interiors** | Painting and decorating | Chris Hole | | 07920 017208 |
| **D G Electrics** | Domestic electrical work | Dom Gurzynski | | 07710 972755 |
| **Dalziel Carpets** | Carpets | Bruce McLaren | W 772896 | 07778 855974 |
| **Decor Mate** | Painting and decorating | Lewis McCombe | W 475620 | 07877 172066 |
| **Frazer Green Photography** | Family, children and baby portrait photography (offer for local new-borns) | Nigel and Louise Green | W 870749 | 07816 381429 |
| **G K Broomfield** | Carpentry and joinery, building | Geoff Broomfield | | 07711 609793 |
| **Greenwood Tree Services** | Professional tree surgery and hedge trimming | Alex Greenwood | | 07946 375871 |
| **Helen Skinner Home Maintenance Service** | Practical maintenance work in the home and garden | Helen Skinner | | 07813 720326 |
| **Ideal Property Services** | Property maintenance and improvements | Darren Norman | W 824041 | 07890 201057 |
| **Jenny Reeds School of Dance** | Ballet, tap and modern dance classes | Jenny Reeds | | 07428 517334 |
| **New Life Property Solutions** | Guttering and roofing | Steve Bullen | | 07900 333179 |
| **Nigel Shields** | Property maintenance services, gardening and general repairs | Nigel Shields | | 07799 404850 |
| **P A Bayliss** | Carpentry and building | Phil Bayliss | W 472183 | 07967 213954 |
| **Pop-in Care** | Home help and care services | Carol Baker | | 07795 578904 |
| **Sherwood Driving School** | Driving lessons | Mandy Sherwood | | 07980 948977 |
| **Spud Mates** | Dog walking and animal services | Tina Carless | | 07900 806068 |
| **Utility Warehouse** | Savings on shopping, utility bills | Katrina Warne | W 474303 | 07944 847918 |
| **Woking Window Cleaning Services** | Commercial and domestic window cleaning | Trevor Gostling | W 488303 | 07850 176024 |

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Please let us know if you are not mentioned here and we will try to include your listing in a future edition, provided you are based in the village.

# NEW NEWSAGENTS

Tudor News was taken over in mid-December by Kumanan Gunasingham who moved to Brookwood from North West London. Kumanan is still settling into the shop but says that he has been really pleased by the welcome he's had in Brookwood. He would like to get to know more people in the village, so please drop in to see him for a chat. He'd be particularly keen to speak to anyone who has a car and is interested in spending a couple of hours each morning delivering papers!

# DEATH OF REVEREND RICHARD STREVENS

On Sunday morning, 21 January, some of you may have heard the Pirbright church bells ringing with a different sound. They were ringing semi-muffled. The muffles are pieces of leather that are tied round one side of the bell clapper to create an echoing sound, giving the effect of the bells ringing more slowly. They are generally used for a sad event or the passing of someone, and on this occasion it was to commemorate the death of Reverend Richard Strevens, the former Vicar of St Michael and All Angels, Pirbright from 1986 to 2000, who died on Saturday 13 January 2018. Our condolences to his family.

# VILLAGE NOTICEBOARD

You may have 'noticed' that there is a splendid new noticeboard by the shops in Connaught Road, which has replaced the old one. We would like to thank Geoff Broomfield for offering to do the work, and Mark Craven for organising. The material costs were paid for with Brookwood Village Association money. The noticeboard is not locked and is available for any local resident to display relevant notices.





Cunningham House
in Pirbright village

**Cunningham House provides supported independent living for nine elderly people in a safe, warm and caring atmosphere. Located in the heart of Pirbright, it enables easy access to the community and all that the village has to offer.**

Each resident has a bed-sitting room with ensuite toilet and washbasin and all rooms are on the ground floor with direct access to the landscaped gardens. Residents come and go as they please, and there is no restriction on visiting hours.

The House Manager, who lives on site, provides two nutritious home-cooked meals each day which residents take together in the spacious communal area. Residents also meet daily for coffee and can join in regular organised activities such as craft sessions and scrabble afternoons. For residents who want to get out and about, outings are arranged to local events and places of interest.

In addition to the small team of staff, volunteers are essential and a key part to the operation of Cunningham House and this, combined with its charitable status as part of the Abbeyfield Society, helps to keep monthly fees low.

If you would like to find out more about being a resident or getting actively involved in Cunningham House, please call **01483 488751**, email on **info@cunninghamhouse.co.uk** or visit our website **www.cunninghamhouse.co.uk**


# VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

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| **Saturday 3 February** | Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30pm |
| **Wednesday 7 February** | Roadshow about Brookwood Lye development, Committee Room in Brookwood Memorial Hall, between 4 and 8pm |
| **Saturday 24 February** | Live music from Discovery, Brookwood Club, from 8.30pm |
| **Saturday 3 March** | Cash Bingo, Brookwood Club, eyes down 8.30p**m** |
| **Saturday 10 March** | Brookwood Scouts Quiz, Brookwood Memorial Hall, 7.30pm for 8pm star**t** |

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