

BROOKWOOD NEWS

March 2018

January brings the snow
Makes our feet and fingers glow
February brings the rain,
Thaws the frozen lake again.
March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil.

Sara Coleridge

EDITORIAL

Although I am putting this newsletter together in rainy February, I hope that by the time you read this, the daffodils will be bobbing in your gardens and on the verges, and we can look forward to Spring. At this time of year, I love planning trips for the warmer months, whether they are local walks or holidays further afield, fitting them in around work and family commitments. March means my husband's birthday, visiting the garden centre, planning Easter with the family, and abandoning the indoor DIY jobs for outdoor ones. Talking of March, we were due to meet friends for a meal in Guildford recently and I had forgotten the name. I thought the pub was called the Black Rabbit but, when I googled this, up came The March Hare. For once the internet knew what I meant. Hopefully I'm not going as mad as a March hare! Incidentally, the food was very good.

Thank you to all those who have contributed ideas and articles to this month's newsletter. Keep sending them to community@brookwood.org.uk and if anyone would like to edit a Brookwood News, do get in touch with us. You can fill it with subjects that interest you.

Yvonne Craven - Editor

BROOKWOOD LYE ROADSHOW

On 9 February Cllr Kevin Davis wrote:

Roadshow

The Brookwood Lye Roadshow on Wednesday 7 February was a big success in my opinion. I was at the Memorial Hall, along with representatives from Thameswey and the architects. Sixty-three people, plus a dog came along and saw an impressive video visual walk through the plot, and had the opportunity to look at the plans and ask whatever questions they wished. Unsurprisingly, the crossroads was the main area where people had concerns and I'm grateful that there was no opposition to the actual development and some good suggestions as to how some areas could be improved. We know the crossroads are going to have some improvements done, which I hope will be completed either before, or during the development build out. The crossroads has been approved at the SCC/WBC Joint Committee, but the final plans are still being worked up.

Earn Your Deposit Scheme

On 8 February, at full Council, we passed a paper called 'Earn Your Deposit Scheme'. EYDS is an attempt by WBC to provide genuine help to aspiring house buyers by allowing them to build up a steady deposit while renting a property from Thameswey. At the roadshow, it was very well received, especially amongst the younger generation, who made up just over 20% of people who came along. This is a fantastic scheme and I spoke passionately about it, and, thankfully, it went through. You can read the press release at https://www.woking.gov.uk/news?item=00005A747AAC.A20DBC27.00003382.0002.

Resurfacing

Hopefully you are sitting down while reading this and I can't claim any credit, other than to keep making noises to the right people at the right time. A chunk of Connaught Road will be resurfaced next week. The area is the worst pot-holed section, running from Lockswood down to Heath Drive. The crossing outside the school has been an absolute disgrace for a long time and I welcome this improvement. With luck, SCC will raise the drain at this point so the drop off a cliff sensation when you drive over it will be resolved. I'm impressed that it is being coordinated to coincide with the half-term holiday. However, I suspect there will be a degree of chaos first thing in the morning. Be prepared.

Well I suppose it was too much to hope for. At the time of printing, we have a lovely ramp outside the school now but not much else done!
Kevin's regular blogs are available to view via the Brookwood Village website – Ed.

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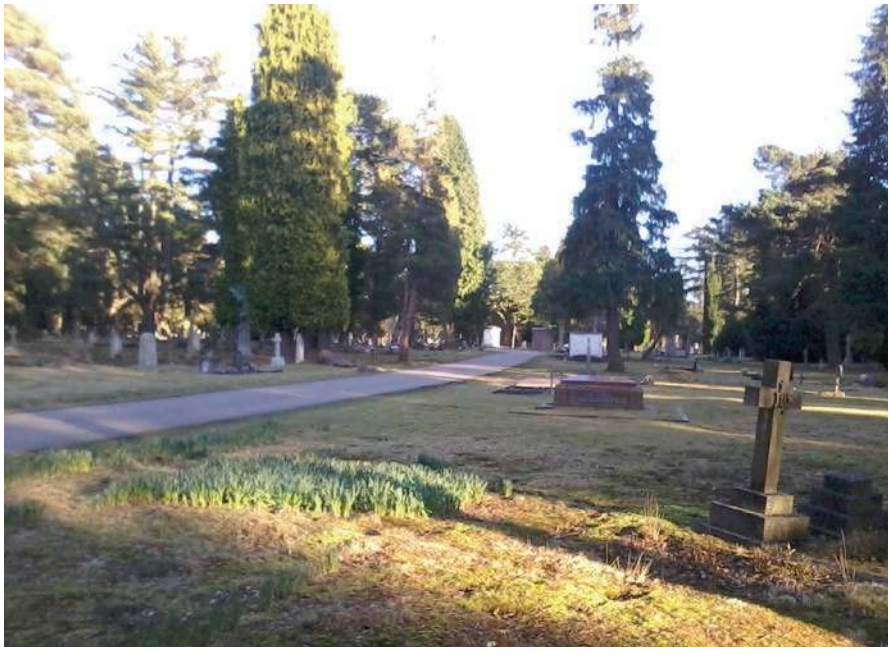
BROOKWOOD ASSISTING NEIGHBOURS

B.A.N. is your village community scheme that helps residents who need assistance with local transport and other small needs. It is looking for more volunteers. If you could occasionally drive your neighbour to the doctor, hospital or shops, and/or monitor the phone helpline for a couple of hours periodically, please contact Robin (475228) or Skip (476764) if you are interested in helping your community.

EASTER AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

This month we have our usual services at 10am:
Sunday 4 March, Puppet Church
Sunday 11 March, Holy Communion
Sunday 18 March, Café Church
Sunday 25 March (Palm Sunday), Worship at 10
In addition our Easter Services are:
Good Friday, 30 March, 2pm, Hour by the Cross
Easter Sunday, 1 April, 10am, All-age Easter celebration with Holy Communion and the Puppets performing a drama
Everyone is welcome to any of the services.

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY SOCIETY WALK



The first walk of the year is on Sunday 4 March at 2pm. It is an introductory walk in the former Anglican Section, including the pauper section at the Glades of Remembrance. Please meet in the Glades of Remembrance car park at the visitor lodge.

STORIES BEHIND THE MEMORIAL

When you are in the large Memorial Hall, you will have noticed the Brookwood War Memorial plaque, which lists the names of 18 men who made the supreme sacrifice in the two world wars. Recently, the Cubs and Scouts have carried out research into the lives of our local heroes and this now appears on the Memorial Hall website (www.bmhalls.org.uk/in memoriam).

Do have a look at the stories, scanned documents and pictures. There are some very touching stories, and you might even find that you live in the home of a war hero. Our thanks to Jane Pettinger, Janet Stone and Susan Thornton for coordinating this work.

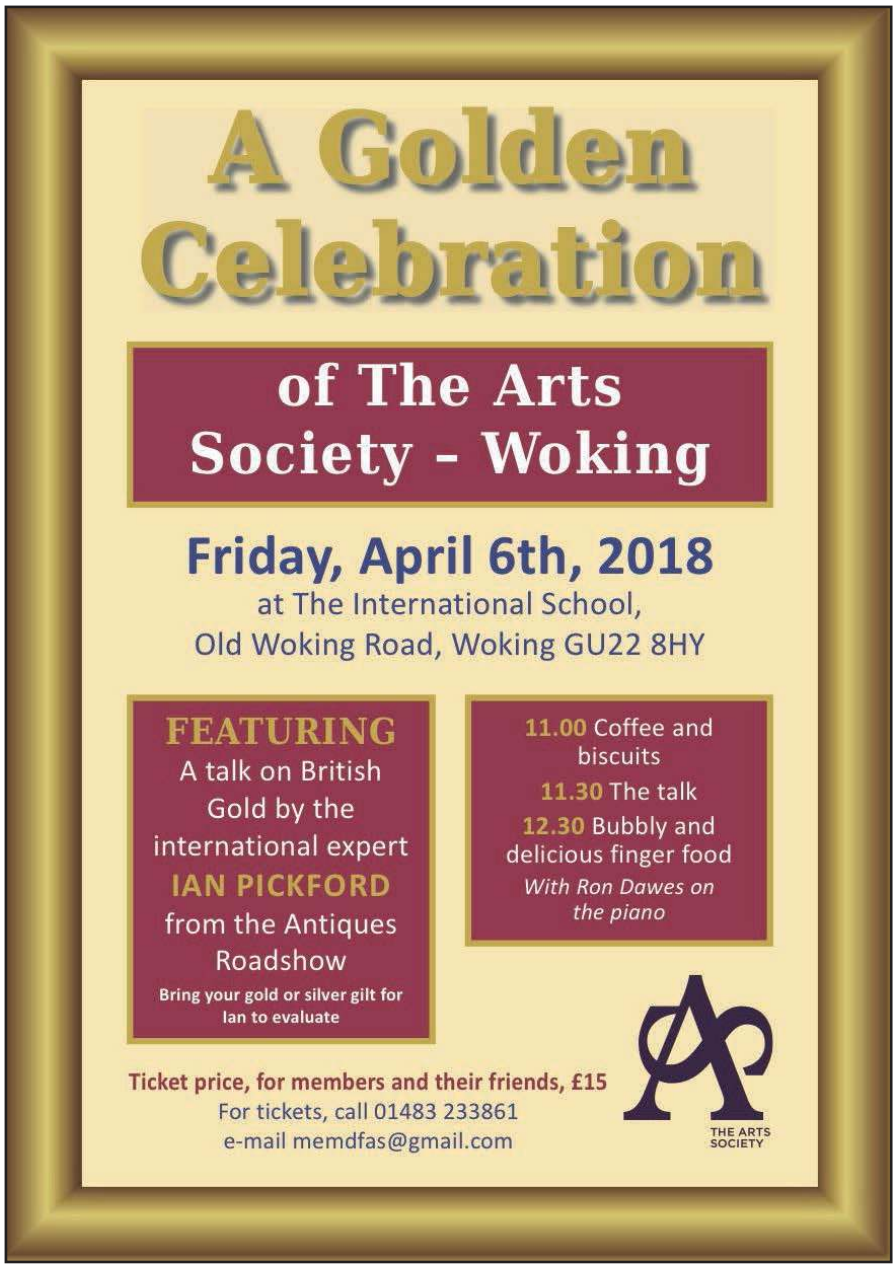
Of the 18 listed, research has been completed on 16. The two remaining are: T Price and F Webb. If you know anything of them, or their families, please do get in touch with the newsletter and we will pass the information on to those carrying out the research.



QUIZ NIGHT

1st Brookwood Scout Group will be holding a quiz on Saturday 10 March at Brookwood Memorial Hall. The doors 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 (07723 855089) at secatbwd@gmail.com. Any donations of prizes for the raffle would also be very much appreciated. Thanks are already due to Kumanan at Tudor News who has generously donated a bottle of wine.

THE ARTS SOCIETY, WOKING presents



All welcome, especially if you are interested in gold.

The Arts Society meets every month at the Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley, with free entry for new members. For further information contact Rosie Whicher on 01483 473397

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Rachel and James Shore on the birth of Benedict Frank Antill, who was born at home in Connaught Road on 19 January, weighing 7 pounds 12 ounces. His older brother Max is very proud as you can see from the photo. Meanwhile, Rachel and James are enjoying the challenges of having two children, whilst trying to get on with DIY house projects

WI SPRING LUNCH

Brookwood WI is holding its annual Spring Lunch on Saturday 28 April, 12.30 for 1.00pm at Brookwood Memorial Hall. Tickets are £8.00 each and the lunch is BYOB, although wine glasses will be provided. Tickets are available from Mary Cook on 01483 831832 or Maureen Gray on 01483 475543. Anyone is welcome to come, so we look forward to seeing you there!

NEW BUSINESS, FOR HIRE

Brookwood is pleased to welcome AB Hire to their new premises on Connaught Road (next to Bentley's Garage). They offer a wide range of party and catering equipment for both private and corporate functions. They are an established family-owned business, which has been operating locally for over 30 years. In December, they combined their separate showroom and warehouse from Chobham, in their new building in Brookwood. So, if you need to hire anything for a party, wedding or other function, then look at their website (www.abhire.com) or, better still, pop in and talk to Malcolm Brent about what you need.



BROOKWOOD CLUB

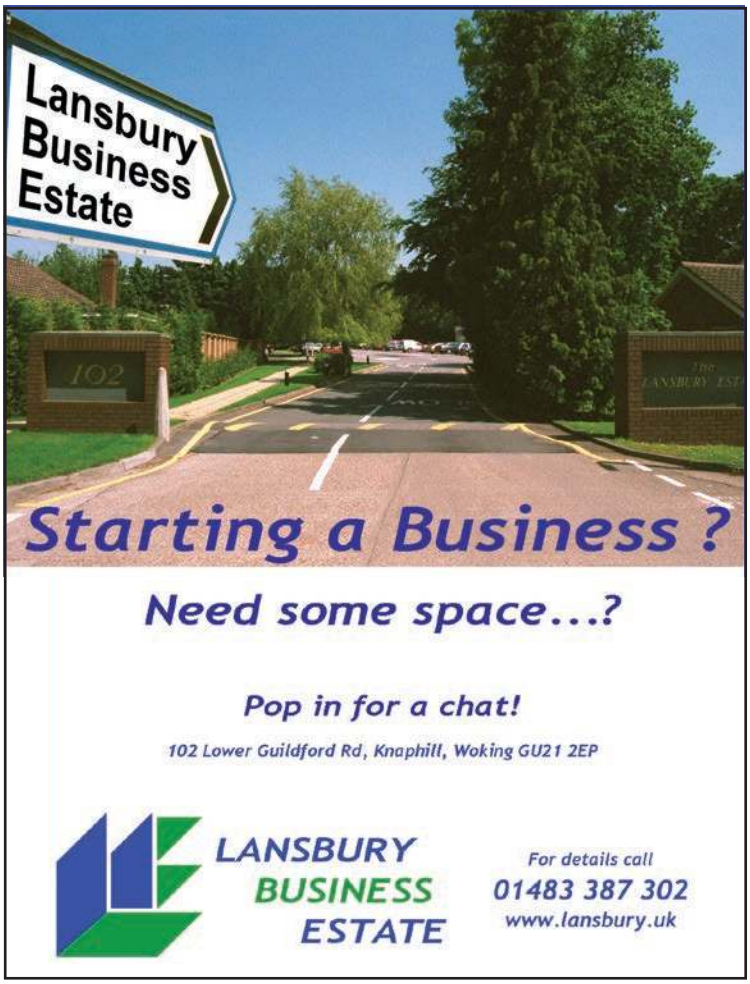
The Club is going from strength to strength and we had a fantastic take-up on the membership renewals this year. There has been plenty going on over the last few months, from the Millionaires' Quiz to a Mr & Mrs contest and much more. If you are interested in becoming a member, please pop in and speak to any staff member or committee member. All ages welcome.

Our regular Cash Bingo evening is held on the first Saturday of the month. The next Bingo evening is 3 March, eyes down 8.30pm, £1.00 a book. On Saturday 17 March, Tommy Coyle will be performing a mixture of Indie and rock tracks from 8.30pm until late. All welcome and a big thanks for your continued support.

KING'S MEN CONCERT

The King's Men will be performing in St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright, Thursday 5 April, 8pm. The King's Men is a close harmony group formed from the Choral Scholars of the choir of King's College, Cambridge. As Choral Scholars, they follow the daily routine of Chapel services throughout the term, and undertake a busy concert and recording schedule in the holidays. The choir is most famous for the broadcast of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on radio each Christmas, and Carols from King's, on BBC television. Tickets £22.50 to include refreshments, available from Philip Barralet on 01483 473737 or at philipbarralet@gmail.com. In aid of Woking Hospice.





VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Saturday 3 March	Bingo at Brookwood Club, 8 for 8.30pm
Sunday 4 March	Puppet Service, St Saviour's Church, 10am
Sunday 4 March	Cemetery Walk, 2pm, meet Glades of Remembrance
Saturday 10 March	Scouts' Quiz Night, Memorial Hall, 7.30 for 8pm
Saturday 17 March	Tommy Coyle performing, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 18 March	Café Church, St Saviour's Church, 10am onwards
Friday 30 March	Good Friday service, St Saviour's Church, 2pm
Sunday 1 April	Easter Service, St Saviour's Church, 10am
Thursday 5 April	King's Men Concert, Pirbright Church, 8pm
Friday 6 April	Arts Society Celebration, International School, 11am

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