BROOKWOOD NEWS

May 2018

EDITORIAL

After the long dismal winter it feels like someone has pressed a button and spring and summer have rolled up together. As I write the temperature is in the mid 20s and my husband is cleaning the bbq! It is good to see people outside in the evenings enjoying their gardens and reminds me how important community life is.

Generosity of neighbours

The green haze spreading along the canal is getting stronger every day. Many of the trees that we have ignored all winter are now busting with new life and colour. Take a moment to 'stand and stare' – better than any medicine. For the last 3 weeks there has been a pink ballerina at the bottom of my garden. Lithe and airy, it bounces in the breezes and gives enormous pleasure. I didn't buy it or plant it; I didn't even tend it but, like several other neighbours, I am a beneficiary of its sheer exuberance and it makes me smile every morning.

Star neighbours

If you walk the towpath with visitors you can be rightly proud of the Basingstoke canal. 'Where *is* the litter?' they might ask. It is dropped – shame on you who do it! You are putting wildlife, dogs and cyclists at risk as well as making a mess. But we now seem to have an army of (dog) walkers who regularly clear it up. If that's you – thank you!

New neighbours

The estate agents have been busy in the last few months and a number of new residents have moved into the village. Welcome from the newsletter team; we hope you will be very happy here. If you have time to edit (occasionally) or deliver newsletters, please be in touch through the email address. We are happy to welcome newcomers, it is a good way to get to know the village and it really isn't a lot of work.

Happy spring/summer everyone!

Judith Male – Editor



THE PIRBRIGHT/ BROOKWOOD RAILWAY TUNNEL

Cllr Kevin writes:

A Pirbright resident has submitted a petition to SCC regarding the tunnel at the western end of the village. His points are valid and I have signed the petition.

The problem at this junction is that on the Pirbright side, there are two feeder roads with traffic lights, and on the Brookwood side, there are two feeder roads but crucially with one set of lights. This causes a lot of frustration because well-meaning drivers leaving Brookwood via Connaught Road will pause to allow drivers from Bisley Camp Road/Brunswick Road to go, and the sensors then decide that there is no traffic. This in turn means the lights go to red prematurely and the traffic builds

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

On Thursday 3 May elections will be held for Councillors to Woking Borough Council. As usual, the Brookwood polling station will be in the Small Memorial Hall, but there is an important change this year. Woking is one of five Councils working with the Cabinet Office to trial the use of photo ID in polling stations. So to vote on 3 May you must take an approved type of photo ID and show it at



the polling station. Many types of official ID are acceptable (e.g. passport, photo driver's licence, bus pass, rail card, etc.). The full list is available at https://www.woking.gov.uk/VoterID, along with what to do if you don't have any of them. Postal voters will not be affected.

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up to intolerable levels. It can take 20 minutes sometimes to get out of Brookwood.

The obvious solution has been to add an additional set of lights on the Brookwood side, and I have had conversations about this with WBC officers in the past. The challenge is effectively two fold: a) who pays for the changes, and b) the junction sits in Guildford Borough.

Unlike the crossroads at the other the end of the village, there is no development opportunity that can be used to extract funds from to pay for the improvements. This is a major problem, because finding the evidence to justify the improvements should be reasonably easy, but SCC will simply claim there isn't the money in the highways budget to do anything.

From my perspective, the junction sitting in Guildford causes further issues. Assuming the petition reaches the minimum numbers required, it will go before the Guildford Local Committee, the next meeting being 13 June. I suspect that convincing the Guildford Local Committee to use their sparse funds to pay towards improvements that are going to have a bigger benefit for Brookwood residents will prove challenging. I will endeavour to keep an eye on the agenda for that meeting and try and attend, although I do have a prior engagement that night already.

The petition may be signed at https://petitions.surreycc.gov.uk/Brookwood/ and I encourage as many people as possible to do so before the 10 May deadline.

christian aid week
13–19 MAY

Christian Aid Week starts on Sunday 13 May until Saturday 19 May. This year's collection is supporting the people who lost their properties and businesses in Haiti, helping to rebuild communities. The Christian aid envelopes will be delivered on Sunday 13 May with information letting people know where to drop them off.

SIGNS OF SUMMER IN BROOKWOOD



- *Boats on the canal*
- *Toots and chuffs from the steam trains coming through*
- *School girls in green gingham*
- *Kebabs for sale in Fulks*
- *Commuters in shirtsleeves*
- *The handsome magnolia at Herbert Parnell in full flower*
- *The metallic clang of the allotment gate*
- *Can you add a few more? Please let us know and we will try and include next month.*

WI NEWS

What we have been up to...
On Tuesday 17 April Brookwood WI had a very enjoyable meeting, listening to the entertaining stories of Great Lovers, as told by Mary Forlenza. The couples chosen were not necessarily what we would have expected .. but there was a lot of laughter.

And coming up...
On Saturday 30 June, Brookwood WI is hosting a Centenary Tea Party, to celebrate 100 years of WI in Surrey. Tickets are £5.00 each, with the fun starting at 2.30pm. Please contact Mary on 01483 831832 or Maureen on 01483 475543 for more details.

We are running a trip to Eastbourne on Wednesday 12 September. The coach is due to leave at 8.30am from Brookwood, leaving Eastbourne at approximately 4.30pm. If the coach is filled, tickets are only £10.00. Please contact Mary on 01483 831832 or Maureen on 01483 475543 for more details.

If you are interested in joining the WI, or would like some more details, please call Mary on 01483 831832, or just pop along! We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the small memorial hall at 7.45pm. You will be very welcome.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

With summer just around the corner, Brookwood Club is already in party mood with plenty of events being planned. The Club will be showing the World Cup games in June so it's the perfect place to send your other half when you have had enough of the football.

Regular Club diary dates include Bingo on the first Saturday of the month, eyes down from 8pm, and Quiz Nights on Sunday from 8.30pm.

There will be live music from the Ukeholics on Saturday 13 May from 8.30–11.00pm. (The clue is in the name.)

Please check Brookwood Club Facebook page for more details about the May Treasure Hunt, and if interested leave your details in the Club.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a member, please drop in and speak to any staff or committee member.

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATIONS







With excitement growing about the upcoming Royal Wedding, Messy Church at St Saviour's will be celebrating Prince Harry's marriage to Meghan Markle with a very special session on Saturday 12 May, 3.30–5.30pm. Taking a look at the occasion when Jesus attended a wedding in Cana, we'll be making confetti cannons, conducting some 'travelling water' experiments, creating some wedding cupcakes, wedding hats, decorating wine glasses (and maybe even having a 'wine' tasting!) After an hour of fun games and activities, we'll hear more about the story and celebrate the birthdays (and maybe even the wedding anniversaries!) of everyone who has a special date in the month of May. Then, at around 5pm it will be time for our Wedding Banquet – a feast for the whole family! Messy Church a great fun (and free) afternoon for the young and not-so-young and it happens on the second Saturday of every month.

Next month, on 9 June, we will be joining in the fun of the Summer Fair at Brookwood School in our Messy Church tent! If you'd like to know more about this and all of our other services you can contact Jo on 01483 473489 (jo@htandstschurch.org or visit our website www.htandstschurch.org/messy-church). We look forward to welcoming you!

THANK YOU TO BAN

Being less mobile these days and with bus services changing recently, I have found the services of BAN (Brookwood Assisting Neighbours) very useful and I would like to use this newsletter to say 'thank you' to the volunteers who give up their time to assist with transport to hospitals, doctors, clinics etc. THANK YOU!

A Brookwood resident

If you can help BAN on a very occasional basis, please do get in touch with Robin Linklater on 01483 475228. He would be delighted to hear from you.

PLANT SALE, GARDEN WALK AND CREAM TEAS

Saturday 12 May, 11am to 5pm, St Michael's Church, Pirbright

The annual Plant Sale will take place in the churchyard from 11am to 2pm, with refreshments, home-made cakes and the ever-popular Sausage Sizzle featuring Fulks sausages.

New this year, you can enjoy a walk around five local gardens, from 1 to 4pm; get tickets and map at the Plant Sale.

Finally, round the afternoon off with a cream tea at the Church, from 3 to 5pm

PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE DUCK FAIR



Where might you see tumbling tulips and a toddling tractor in the same day? At the Pirbright Village Duck Fair! The church will be filled with colour and scent as local flower arrangers show what they can do with a delphinium, and down on the village green, the Tots and Toddlers fancy dress parade 'On the Farm' will feature our local little angels dressed as anything and everything agricultural. All that along with the Dog and Duck Show, bouncy castle, BBQ, bars and Pimms & Prosecco – the Pirbright Village Duck Fair is shaping up to be an unmissable event on 16 June. See you there! For more information contact pirbright-summer-event@hotmail.com or put Pirbright Village Duck Fair in your search engine.

BRIARWOOD NURSERY

Mr Smith's nursery in Saunders Lane is open from 1 May (10am to 5pm most days but closed Wednesday) for up to one month or until the plants run out. Local, family-run nursery with excellent bedding plants.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 1 May	Briarwood Nursery, Saunders Lane, opens at 10am
Thursday 3 May	Elections at Memorial Hall
Saturday 5 May	Bingo, 8pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 6 May	The Brookwood Cemetery Society's monthly walk starts at 2pm at the Glades of Remembrance car park. The theme is 'Local Heroes' and the walk will visit the graves of a number of people who built and made their homes in Woking and the surrounding area
Sunday 6 May	Quiz Night, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Monday 7 May	**BANK HOLIDAY**
Wednesday 9 May	Woking Arts Society 'A Voyage of Discovery; The Paintings of George Raper Midshipman on the First Fleet to Australia in 1788–1792'. 10.30am, The Lord Roberts Centre. Free to Brookwood residents
Thursday 10 May	Deadline for signing petition re. Pirbright Tunnel
Saturday 12 May	Messy Church celebrates the Royal Wedding, 3.30–5.30pm at St Saviour's
Saturday 12 May	Plant Sale, St Michael's Church, Pirbright, 11am to 2pm. Free entry
Saturday 12 May	Garden Walk, Pirbright Village Green, 1–4pm
Saturday 12 May	Ukeholics, 8.30–11.00pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 13 May	Christian Aid Week starts
Sunday 13 May	Quiz Night, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Tuesday 15 May	WI Meeting, 7.45pm, Memorial Hall
Sunday 20 May	Quiz Night, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 27 May	Quiz Night, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Monday 28 May	**BANK HOLIDAY**
Saturday 9 June	Brookwood Summer Fair, 12noon to 3pm, Brookwood School
Wednesday 13 June	Woking Arts Society, 'Brilliant British Humour in the Forgotten Art of the Picture Postcard 1840–1950'. 10.30am, The Lord Roberts Centre. Free to Brookwood residents
Saturday 16 June	Pirbright Village Duck Fair, 11am to 5pm
Saturday 16 June	Knaphill Lower School Fair, 12noon to 3pm
Saturday 30 June	WI Centenary Tea, 2.30pm, Memorial Hall

KNAPHILL SCHOOLS SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 16 June, 12noon to 3pm

Come one, come all to the spectacular Knaphill Schools Summer Fair at Knaphill Lower School, Chobham Road, Knaphill. There will be a Pimms & Beer Tent, BBQ and bouncy castles; bottle and sweetie tombolas; a raffle; and plenty of games to entertain the children plus face-painting, crafts, candyfloss & popcorn and smiles galore. Free entry! Email chair@knaphillschoolspta.org.uk for more details.

BROOKWOOD ART GROUP

Meets at Brookwood Memorial Hall every Friday
from 9.30am to 12.30pm
A friendly group of people with an interest in doing art
Beginners and experienced artists all welcome
Water colour, acrylic, pastels, oils, etc. Choose your medium
Regular demonstrations and workshops

If interested please telephone: 07775 297938
or email: art.brookwood@outlook.com
www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com





Cunningham House in Pirbright is looking for a Deputy House Manager to work 2 days per week, split shift 9am to 2pm and 5–7pm. Main duties include cooking lunch and tea for nine elderly, independent residents.

Please contact the house for further information
01483 488751
or email info@cunninghamhouse.co.uk

Cunningham House is not your typical 'old people's home'. It is a home where old people live!

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