

BROOKWOOD NEWS

June 2018

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the June edition of Brookwood News.

At the risk of scaring it off, it feels like Summer and more importantly the sun is finally here! There really is no better time to get involved in one of the myriad of events in and around Brookwood this summer. We've got something for everyone, from talks on the history of the Basingstoke Canal to the fun in the sun at the annual Brookwood School Summer Fair.

Thanks to all the contributors and to you for reading it. Please continue to give feedback and let us know your local news.

Andrew Prout – Editor





HEROES AND VILLAINS OF THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL

Roger Cansdale from the Basingstoke Canal Society is coming to the Small Memorial Hall, Brookwood, on Friday 22 June to talk about the history of the canal. His talk will start at 7.30pm. There is no charge but donations to the Society are welcome. Please do come and find out more about this very special feature of our village. Further details from Judith Male (01483 850571).

As we move into the Summer months it's lovely to see the canal being used again. Those of you who regularly use the canal will have seen a number of narrowboats going down the canal recently. Check out Puzzle and Esme going through Basingstoke canal lock at Brookwood, and Teazel moored near Brookwood Country Park. We look forward to seeing many more enjoying the sunshine.



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All this is free of charge. Clothing consultations and employment consultations can be booked online at esteemahead.org. Or drop by during term time on Thursdays from 10.30am to 12.30pm; you might also be tempted by one of the amazing brownies in our café, The Cosy!

WI NEWS

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.

Brookwood WI is 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.

PLAY YOUR CARDS RIGHT

Join us for the monthly Village Whist on the first Friday of the month at the Memorial Hall. The next one will be at 7.30pm on 1 June.

BROOKWOOD SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Come along and enjoy the annual Summer Fair on Saturday 9 June from 12noon to 3pm. There will be a beer tent run by Brookwood Club, a barbecue with meat supplied by Fulks, a Pimm's stall, tuck shop, cake stall and other refreshments.

If that wasn't enough to encourage you to attend, there will also be entertainment in the form of Brookwood School children, the Winston Churchill School band, HartBeeps and Messy Church.

Finally, there will be lots of shopping opportunities with stalls from local societies and external traders; plus many games, competitions and activities.

The whole event is kindly sponsored by Foundations.

BIKE THEFT AT BROOKWOOD STATION

A Heath Drive resident has alerted us to recent bike thefts from the Cycle Hub at the station. The resident informed us that her grandson had his bike stolen twice in six months from the bike racks at Brookwood station. Both times the bike had been locked, and on the second occasion he had two locks of the type recommended by the Police and had registered the bike on the national database as advised by the Police. Unfortunately, the Police have said that it was likely to have been professional thieves at work and hold out little hope of recovering the bikes.

Tony the Ticket has three CCTV cameras on the Cycle Hub, but unfortunately he is only able to monitor them during his shift and cycles are likely to disappear after he leaves the ticket office. He says it is really important that people tell him if a bike goes missing so the CCTV footage can be checked.

The British Transport Police gave the following statement: We are doing all we can to reduce bike crime at stations – including carrying out high-visibility patrols and regular cycle surgeries. However, bikes remain popular targets for thieves and we'd urge cyclists to be vigilant and lock up their bike. British Transport Police suggested a number of steps cyclists can take to help prevent bike theft.

1) **Register your bike on the national crime-fighting database at our cycle surgeries which are free of charge. Registering your bike helps the Police return any recovered stolen bikes to their owners more easily – and it makes your property less appealing to would-be thieves.**

2) **Make sure you also invest in one or more high-quality D-locks to make it more difficult to steal your bike.**

3) **Visit http://www.btp.police.uk/advice_and_information/keeping_your_belongings_safe/cycle_crime.aspx for more information.**

Please be aware and alert the Police if you witness any suspicious behaviour at the Cycle Hub at the station.

UPDATE FROM ST SAVIOUR'S

At Messy Church @ St Saviour's Brookwood on Saturday 12 May, we were looking forward to the marriage between Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with our own celebration – Messy style! Rather than a Wedding in Windsor, we looked at the Wedding in Cana where Jesus turned water into wine. We had great fun with lots of activities including decorating wedding cup-cakes, 'water into wine' relay races, making our own eco-friendly wedding party cannons and wine (gum) tasting! With a celebration feast at the end, the afternoon was, as always, enjoyed by lots of local families.





Take a look below at some great pics from the day as well some of the other lovely pictures to commemorate the special day from around the village.



Messy Church are looking forward to joining in with the fun at Brookwood Fair for their next scheduled messy event, always the second Saturday of each month (apart from August and January). So, if you'd like to get messy with us, come and visit our messy tent at Brookwood School on Saturday 9 June from 12noon to 3pm.





VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Friday 1 June	Village Whist, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 2 June	Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8pm
Sunday 3 June	Brookwood Club Treasure Hunt
Sunday 3 June	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.00pm
Saturday 9 June	Brook od Summer Fair, Brookwood School, 12noon to 3pm
Sunday 10 June	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.00pm
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
Sunday 17 June	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.00pm
Saturday 23 June	Live music from Tom's Sister, Brookwood Club, 8pm
Sunday 24 June	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.00pm
Saturday 30 June	WI Centenary Tea, Memorial Hall, 2.30pm

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

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Now Summer has finally arrived, Brookwood Club is the place to be for local community events. As always, we've got a packed schedule in June. Regular events include Bingo on the first Saturday of the month with cash prizes – eyes down at 8pm – and Club Quiz Night every Sunday from 8pm.

Brookwood Club's annual Treasure Hunt is on Sunday 3 June. Come join in the fun of a treasure hunt around the village and local area. Price for entry is just £2.00 per person and includes a ploughman's lunch at the end and prizes. If you are interested in taking part, please drop in and give your name to Lee behind the bar.

Brookwood Club will again be running the beer tent at the Summer Fair on Saturday 9 June at Brookwood School. Please drop in and have a beer with us and enjoy all the fair has to offer. The bar is open from 12noon to 3pm.

Tom's Sister, soft rock band, will be providing live music on Saturday 23 June from 8pm till late.

Finally, don't forget we will be showing all the of the England games during the World Cup.

If you're interested in becoming a member please drop in and speak to any staff or committee member

PETITION UPDATE

Many of you will have read with interest Cllr Kevin's article on the petition to SCC regarding the tunnel at the west end of the village. This petition has now met the relevant criteria to be considered by the Guildford Local Committee and will be presented to the Local Committee on 13 June 2018 at Guildford Borough Council.

Signatories of the petition are more than welcome to attend and listen to the discussion. Please contact Joanna Long (joanna.long@surreycc.gov.uk), Partnership and Committee Officer for the Guildford Local Committee, if you require further information.

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