

BROOKWOOD NEWS

August 2018

EDITORIAL

Our thanks this month to the pupils and staff of Brookwood School who have contributed most of the articles for the newsletter. They are doing fantastic things at the school and, as a community, we are grateful to the staff and very proud of our children. Especial thanks to the Year 6 pupils who, by the time you read this, will be 'Leavers'. We wish them all a happy summer holiday, and success and further enrichment as they start at secondary school.

Judith Male – Editor

A MESSAGE FROM MRS GREEN

We come to the end of a busy, but highly successful year at Brookwood School. We have, for the second year in succession, had stellar exam and test results in school which show that our pupils take exceptional advantage of the great education we provide. They have all worked really hard and achieved remarkable personal learning and social goals, and can be immensely proud of themselves.

You will have seen our pupils out and about in the village; we have explored different housing types, ways light is used in an urban setting, were guests of ATC (Pirbright) at their moving Remembrance Day commemoration at the Brookwood Military Cemetery, attended St Saviour's for our Harvest and Easter services and sung carols for parishioners. You may also have seen children on Sheets Heath and in the Cemetery as part of their Forest School activities – now an integral part of our curriculum.

Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS) have also worked incredibly hard through the year and, although a new team, have delivered brilliant Christmas and Summer Fairs and the super Harvest and Easter Hunts. We are delighted to have been one of the charities supported by the Brookwood Club this year and our funds have been boosted by their generosity. Amongst other things, FOBS have bought us a bunch of new laptops and refurbished the outside space for our youngest pupils.

Five new teachers joined us in September 2017, but is it like they've always been part of the Brookwood team. They have become thoroughly grounded in the special ethos of the school and all staff have excelled in their dedication and the passion and energy they put into all they do. We are about to say goodbye to Miss Wienand who is returning to her native Zimbabwe and will miss her! The biggest staffing news, however, is that Mrs Cheeseman, who has taught hundreds of Brookwood children over the years, is leaving to become the Head of School at Chertsey Nursery and Children's Centre. How we will fill the gap she leaves behind, I struggle to imagine. I am delighted for her as she takes this momentous step in her career; she will be very much missed!

As I said, a busy, but highly successful year; we look forward with excitement to the next twelve months. If you are intrigued by what happens behind the scenes at Brookwood, you are always welcome to give us a ring and come along for a visit!

GOOD BYE MRS CHEESMAN!



Mrs Cheeseman, (previously Miss Smith), has been teaching at Brookwood since 1995. Having started as a nursery nurse, Mrs Cheeseman has recently been appointed as Head Teacher of Chertsey Nursery. In an exclusive and emotional interview, Mrs Cheeseman shared some of her most memorable moments. After so many years here, it was evident that Mrs Cheeseman was both very excited at the new challenge, but also sad to be leaving Brookwood. Mrs Cheeseman said she was once told she would never be able to be a teacher because she was not clever enough. This made her even more determined to prove them wrong! When asked what she would most like to be remembered as, Mrs Cheeseman responded, "As always having fun, and someone who really cared for the children."

It is a testament to Mrs Cheeseman's dedication, devotion and passion for teaching that she has been promoted to head teacher of Chertsey Nursery. We are all thrilled and delighted for her, but Chertsey's gain is Brookwood's loss. We wish her well in this next exciting chapter of her career.

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BET FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WEDNESDAY

Over the last few weeks, we have hosted our second annual Bourne Education Trust (BET) Football Tournament. Inspired by the World Cup, skill levels were high and there were some superb team and individual performances. Two of the Brookwood Teams progressed to the semi-finals, before we were treated to a repeat of last year's final: Brookwood v. Sythwood.

It was lovely to see such a competitive final played in such a sporting way and the game couldn't have been any closer. At full time the score was 1-1 and despite playing extra time to allow for a winning goal, the game was to be decided on penalties. Due to some fantastic goalkeeping and excellent finishing, the scores still remained tied after three penalties each. Unfortunately for Brookwood, Sythwood eventually won the shootout and were crowned champions. Well done to everyone who participated and represented the school so positively. Hopefully next year we can make it third time lucky!

ASPIRATIONS WEEK

During the second week of July, Brookwood Primary School was visited by many different businesses and local professionals. We also enjoyed various activities and lessons. The sessions included: slime making, art, forensic science, filming, business workshops, sports, drama, music, newspaper writing, lock-picking and much more.

To launch the week, we had an inspiring visit from two amputees, Denise and Chris. They were involved in an accident in Texas, but despite the accident, they have achieved so much and Chris talked about the many triathlon medals they have won. It taught us to keep trying because if they can do it, we can too.

Later that day, Mr Harding led an entrepreneurial workshop in Key Stage 2 and we came up with our own product in a group. We also had a visit and talk from Stuart, the editor of the Woking News and Mail, to teach us what it is like to be a newspaper journalist, editor and reporter. In addition to local professionals and businesses, Mrs Armstrong provided a "slime" workshop and Mr Bakshall taught us how to make jewellery. The most talked-about session was the slime - children had the chance to make clear slime and pink slime from PVA glue, a tea spoon of baking soda and contact lenses solution. It turned out great!

We have been really inspired by the visitors and workshops, and hope it may plant some seeds for the future.

BROOKWOOD PRODUCTION!

In early July, Brookwood Primary School performed an astonishing production. There was a gigantic audience, so many laughs and so many giggles! What a brilliant success!

The play was "The Amazing Adventures of SUPERSTAN!" The performance kept the audience extremely entertained, in fact they loved it! Many thanks to KS2 for ensuring our production was the best ever, in particular, the directors Mrs Murphy-Dirprose and Mrs Coe. Thank you to all the audience members who purchased tickets and cheered us on.

We managed to speak to some of the staff to find out their thoughts.

'An excellent quality performance from all the children – it was a pleasure to watch from start to end!' Mrs Murphy-Diprose

'I absolutely loved it, it was extremely funny!' Mrs Moore

'I thought it was amazing how everyone grew into their parts. The final evening was definitely the best!' Mrs Coe

'Funny, good timing and I thought that when the audience laughed at our jokes it helped with our confidence!' Mrs Cheeseman



ROUNDER'S COMING HOME!



Following their successful friendly in early July, the rounders squad made the short journey to Pirbright to compete in the annual, and much anticipated, rounders competition. Joined by staff and supporters, the team warmed up before their first match and had one final team talk from Mrs Armstrong.

The first match was very close, but Brookwood's tactical awareness and tight fielding edged them to victory. While the fielding was impressive throughout, the catch of the day goes to Bo, when she held on to a terrific catch at third base.

The next game was against the hosts Pirbright and this proved to be the most difficult, as we narrowly lost. This meant that the final group game was a 'must win' match if we were to reach the semi-final stage. Some fantastic batting from Leen, Daisy and Jeremiah gave us a good chance of success, but it was Lucas who stepped up to guide us to victory. Despite being one of the youngest players in the squad, his timing and power kept the cheering crowd entertained and it was a pleasure to watch.

YEAR 5 & 6 DISTRICT SPORTS

On 25 June, 10 children represented the school in an afternoon of track and field events at Sheerwater Athletics Track. In a new format, everyone taking part must compete in throwing, jumping, sprinting and a long-distance run. Brookwood children performed superbly and there were lots of top three finishes. Maddison and Leen won their sprints in emphatic style, while Libby shone in the long distance, by finishing second with a 'Mo Farah' inspired finish! There was also some fantastic throwing from the whole team.

Well done to everyone involved - particularly to the children who have been attending athletics club in preparation. Thanks to Mrs Fookes and Mr Harding for supporting the events. A special mention must also go to Kaya who recovered from an injured finger to perform superbly. Managed by Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Coe, the whole squad made us very proud and it took a very talented Goldsworth Team to beat us in a close fought semi-final. Thank you to the staff, parents and children for a brilliantly entertaining and successful afternoon.

And now for the rest of the News...

BROOKWOOD CRICKET CLUB



Brookwood Cricket Club have made a solid start to their season with a mixture of wins, draws and narrow defeats. Playing the majority of fixtures at their home ground at Sheets Heaths, the team has enjoyed the good weather and performances have improved with each game. Highlights of the season have been the brilliant bowing from pace man Marek and top batting from Neil and Ed. In addition to his batting, Ed took an outstanding one handed catch of the season to help guide the team to victory in their most recent home fixture. As well as the Sunday fixtures, the team has just returned from a successful tour which included winning two of three matches over the weekend.

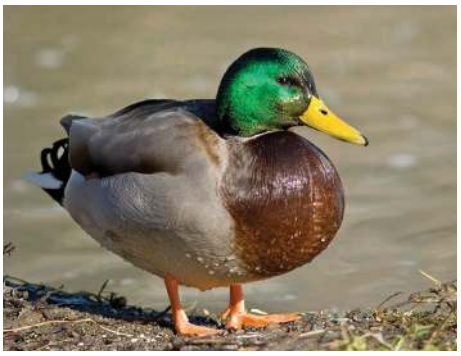
If you are interested in supporting the team then head down to Sheets Heath most Sunday summer afternoons and if you're interested in playing then please get in contact with Adrian by emailing willers100@hotmail.com

A GARDEN VISITOR



Spotted in a garden pond in Connaught Crescent, a grass-snake who has just caught a frog
Grass-snakes are harmless – unless you are a frog.

FIVE REASONS WHY BREAD IS BAD (FOR DUCKS)



- Ducks need a varied diet to be healthy. Bread doesn't have much nutritional value and fills ducks up, so they don't forage for foods they would naturally eat, which can lead to malnutrition.
- Uneaten soggy bread can cause a build-up of bad nutrients, which can lead to greater algal growth, spread disease and encourage pests such as rats.
- Throwing bread into a canal or river can create overcrowding of bird populations, as the birds will flock to the same location in search of their starchy treat.
- Too many ducks or waterfowl in one place can stress the birds and lead to their habitats being damaged.
- It also creates excessive amounts of bird droppings which, along with being smelly and slippery underfoot, can reduce water quality and clog waterways with harmful algae.

So, if you want to feed our ducks/geese, please try healthier options such as sweetcorn, peas, lettuce or kale cut into small pieces, oats, rice (cooked or uncooked) or bird seed.
(Information supplied by The Canal and River Trust: canalrivertrust.org.uk)

BBNF ANNUAL MEETING

The Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum AGM will be held at St Saviour's Church on Tuesday 18 Sept from 7.30pm. Everyone welcome to attend

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Friday 3 August	Village Whist Drive, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday 5 August	Guided walk start at Cemetery office, 2pm. Military Walk includes VC graves
Sunday 5 August	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Saturday 11 August	Bingo, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 12 August	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Saturday 18 August	Cleaning Day at the Memorial Halls from 10am. Please come and help if only for half an hour!
Sunday 19 August	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Sunday 26 August	Quiz Night, Brookwood Club, 8.30pm
Monday 27 August	Bank Holiday
Sunday 1 Sept`	Mini Show at Allotment Site, Sheets Heath Lane
Sunday 2 Sept	Guided walk start at Cemetery Office, 2pm. Prominent Ladies Walk.
Tuesday 4 Sept	School re-opens for Autumn Term
Friday 7 Sept	Village Whist Drive, Memorial Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday 12 Sept	Arts Society Lecture – Meet Me at the Waldorf. The story of two iconic hotels built on Astor Feuds, Fortunes and Art Patronage. Lord Roberts Centre, 10.30am
Tuesday 18 Sept	BBNF AGM, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm

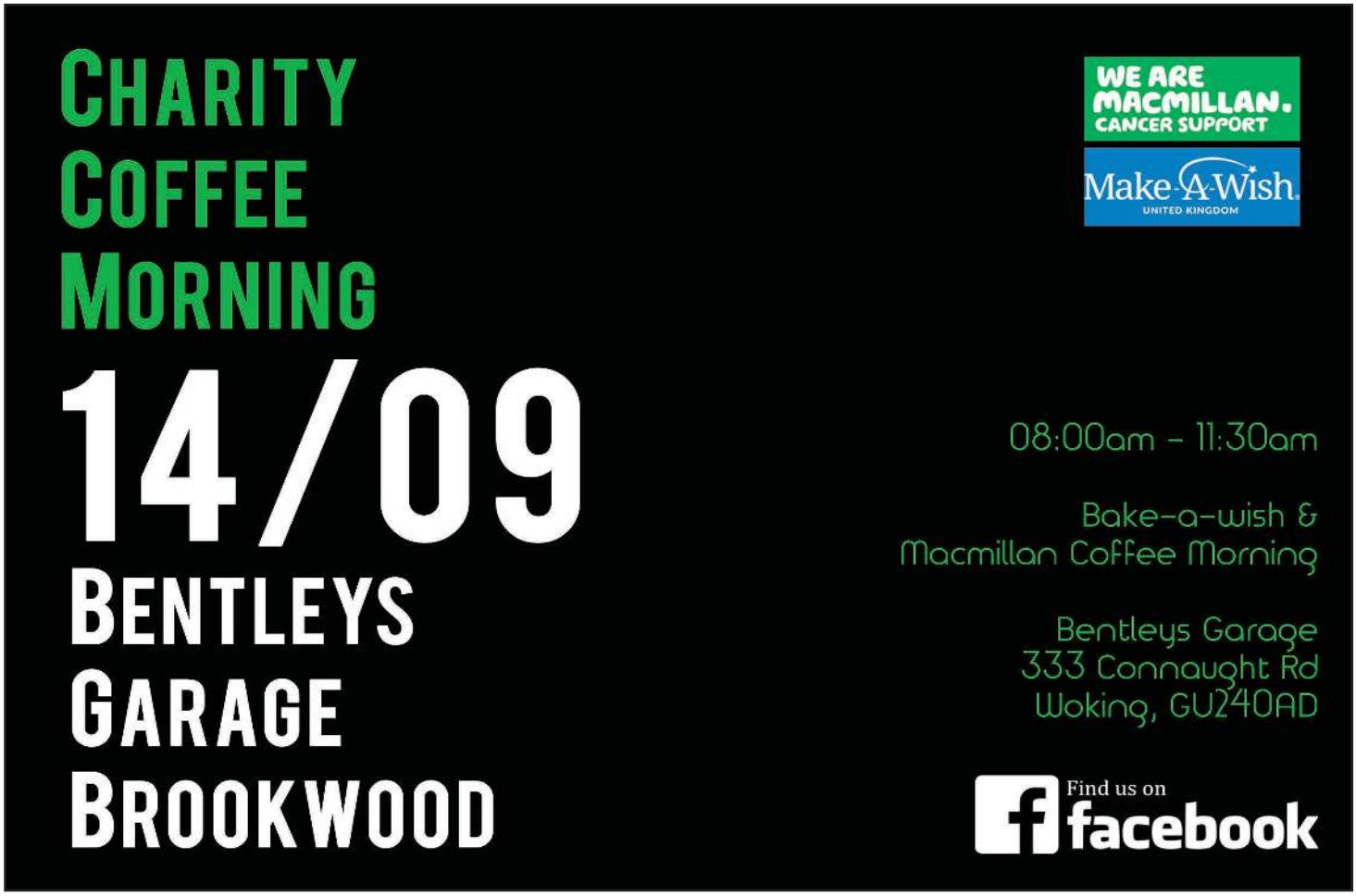
BROOKWOOD CLUB

The party is over and now we all know that football is not coming home. However, we had a great World Cup at the club that was well supported by members and guests alike. Well done the boys! August will be a quiet month for events at the club, as many of us will be away on our holidays. However, there will still be the usual Bingo and Quiz nights. Please be aware that for August, the bingo has moved to the second weekend, due to a Club event.

The next Bingo is Saturday 11 August. Eyes down 8.30pm

Quiz night every Sunday from 8.30pm

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