BROOKWOOD NEWS

October 2018

AUTUMN AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH



We hope that you will be able to come along to one of our events at St Saviour's Church over the next few weeks. There is a 'Bring and Share' harvest lunch after the puppet service on Sunday 7 October. If you haven't been to this service before, it is a lively session for all ages, with the puppets singing and acting throughout and a craft or activity for the children.

On Saturday 13 October between 3.30 and 5.30pm we'll be celebrating 10 years of Messy Church @ St Saviour's with a very special afternoon full of fun and laughter for the whole family with pre and primary school children.

Our session is entitled 'Living the Full Life' and during the first hour there will be 8 different activities to explore – everything from stomp rockets to bubble blowing, team games to construction challenges – and loads more besides! We'll sing a song or two, celebrate any birthdays in our Messy Church Family happening in the month of October, and finish our afternoon with a delicious tea for everyone. It's fun and it's completely free, so do come and join us as we begin a new decade of getting messy @ St Saviour's.

There's no need to book but if you want to know more, go to www.htandstschurch.org/messy-church or contact Jo Birkby on 07721379513 or jo@htandstschurch.org. We look forward to welcoming you!

James Craven will be running another Quiz Night from 7.30pm on Saturday 27 October. Tables of six to eight people are ideal and if you would like to book a table in advance for your team, then contact Yvonne Craven on yvonne.brookwood@gmail.com or 01483 480273. If you haven't got a specific table, do come along and we'll find you a team to join. Tea and coffee will be available but please bring any other refreshments or snacks. This evening will be in aid of The Royal British Legion with donations on the night.

Finally, we are excited at the response to Chris Hunt's request for local items, photos and stories about World War 1 for our exhibition weekend from 9 to 11 November. The church will be open to visitors all weekend. If you have anything that you can contribute, please do get in touch with Chris on 077930 32573.

EDITORIAL

Well aren't you a lovely lot! I was pleased to learn that Bentleys raised £1850 for Macmillan Cancer Support at their coffee morning last month. Brookwood Women's Institute has also kindly donated £50, raised by the raffle at their Village Tea Party held at the end of June, to help with the costs of publishing the village newsletter. Congratulations to Bentleys and thank you on behalf of the newsletter team to Brookwood Women's Institute.

In this month's edition we look back at how well our community helped the Christmas Woking Foodbank campaign last year. As well as asking you to start thinking about helping with this worthy cause again this year, you'll also find information about a number of other enjoyable things going on which support local and national charities or help our community. What could be better than having fun and knowing that you are helping others too!

John Power – Editor

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Congratulations to Trudi Fletcher, one of the newsletter team, who recently received the Greenoak 'Woking Volunteer of the Year' award. She was nominated by Cornerhouse in Woking, which promotes mental and emotional wellbeing. Cornerhouse nominated Trudi in recognition of the work she does as a volunteer to facilitate the anxiety release group that helps get people back on their feet. Trudi was presented with a cheque for £100 by Jonathan Lord MP.

Woking foodbank

For the last few years, Trudi has also been running the Christmas Woking Foodbank campaign which helps people who are in crisis. Last year over 150 bags of food weighing in at approximately 1 ton were donated and most of them came from Brookwood! This food helped vulnerable people, including single parent and abused families, cope over the Christmas period. The Salvation Army delivered around 90 of these parcels and added extra Christmas goodies for the children.

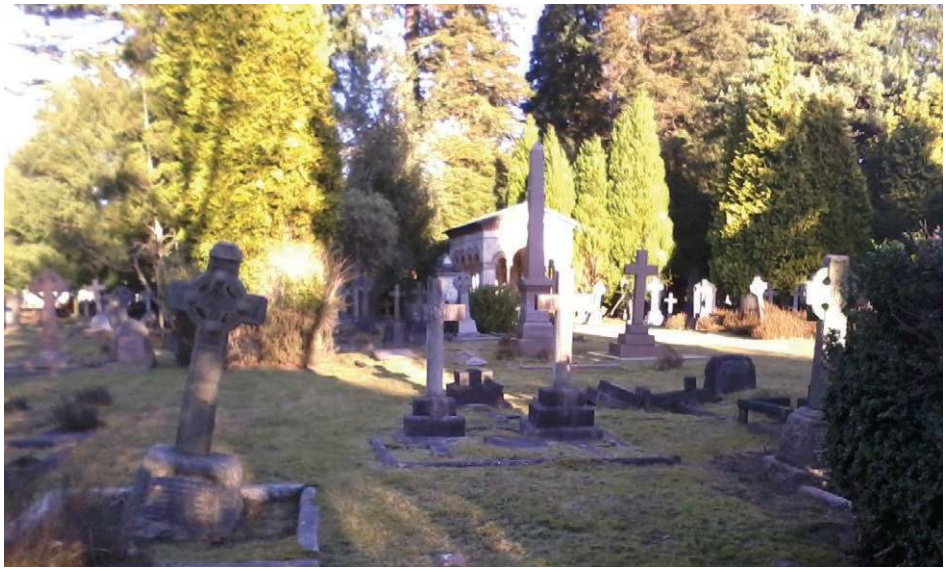
It only seems a few weeks since we were enjoying the blazing summer and it's hard to believe that it won't be long before Christmas is here again. It's therefore a good time to start thinking about how we can help others this year in the run-up to Christmas. A really easy way to do this is to just add a few non-perishable items to your list on your next few shopping trips. You can leave your donations with the staff at Brookwood Club or Brookwood Bakery, who have kindly offered to take them while they are open from the last week of October until the end of November. Donations need to be made a little earlier this year to provide the Salvation Army with more time to get the parcels out in good time for Christmas.

Trudi has asked that you leave a label with your name and contact details on any donations you make so that she can thank everyone personally. Trudi is also happy for those who know where she lives to bring contributions to her house. Alternatively send her an email at trudifletcher@rocketmail.com and she will make arrangements to collect the food parcel from you. Trudi will be posting regular updates on Brookwood Club's Facebook page during this period providing information on what the foodbank requires in the way of stock. Please visit that page or https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/ if you want any ideas.

Hopefully, we can once again make a difference to those less fortunate in the local area at a time when they can often struggle.



CEMETERY WALK



The Brookwood Cemetery guided walk on Sunday 7 October will explore the parish plots and burials removed from London due to urban improvements in both Victorian times and following World War 2. It starts at the lodge by the Glades of Remembrance Car Park at 2pm.

HEALTH CONTACTS

The Friends of Pirbright Surgery, in conjunction with the Practice, have produced a summary of ways of obtaining medical assistance within the community. This provides information on a range of health-related situations that you might experience, and the most appropriate source of help and support. Copies will be available in Pirbright Surgery and we have also included the information on the Brookwood Village website (http://www.brookwood.org.uk/).

BABY AND TODDLERS

Brookwood Baby and Toddlers is running again following the summer break at the Memorial Hall on Mondays from 9.45–11.30am. It costs £2 per family and is a great way to meet other local parents and carers.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Congratulations to Gordon and Sheila Lawrence who will be celebrating their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 4 October. They met when they were both working in Woking and they moved to Brookwood a couple of years after they got married. They had three children; their son David sadly died two years ago, their other son Michael works in Dubai and their daughter Pauline lives in Zambia. They have six grandchildren.

Gordon was once a familiar face in Brookwood as he was one of the village postmen. He now lives in Kingsleigh care home while Sheila continues to live in their house in Brookwood. They will be having a small party for their family in Kingsleigh on Saturday 6 October and we hope they have a wonderful time.



KENNETH PACKETT (1921–2018)

We're sad to report the death of Kenneth (Ken) Packett who passed away on Wednesday 15 August. Ken was born in Farncombe, and served and was wounded in North Africa during World War 2 before becoming a construction manager working on Government contracts. He was married to his wife Freda for 60 years and they lived in Connaught Crescent from January 1960. As Ken and Freda's neighbour for many years, I can also say that they were lovely people to know. He leaves six children and nine grandchildren.

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR CONCERT



The Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir will be performing at St Michael and All Angels Church in Pirbright at 7pm on Friday 26 October. The concert is to raise funds for Shooting Stars Chase and tickets, which include some refreshments, cost £22.50. Tickets are available from Philip Barralet at philipbarraletcardiff@gmail.com or 01483 473737. You can also write to Philip at Lawfield, Guildford Road, Pirbright GU24 0LW. Cheques should be made out to Shooting Stars Chase and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

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MAKING LIFE WORK WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

GUILDFORD IN HARMONY CONCERT

Surrey's Oakleaf Enterprise's Guildford in Harmony charity concert will bring together local choirs for an evening of uplifting music on Saturday 24 November from 7pm at Guildford Baptist Church. Oakleaf is a mental health charity working to provide its clients with vocational training and social activities to help them boost wellbeing and confidence, which may lead to mainstream employment.

The concert will be introduced by Dame Penelope Keith, who has been Patron of Oakleaf for the last 18 years and is a strong supporter of mental health awareness across the county. Oakleaf's CEO, Clive Stone, is a strong advocate of choir singing, and is even part of Bellow Fellows, one of the choirs performing in the concert. Other choirs performing include: Guildford Vox, Guildford Jazz Choir, Oakleaf's Everyman Choir, and Guildford County School's Chamber Choir.

Clive says: "Singing has been one of the best things I have done for my own mental health and it is great to see others reap this benefit. I just wish I had started many years ago, instead of in my 50s." Recent studies show that singing, especially in a group setting, can be highly beneficial to mental wellbeing. It helps reduce stress and build confidence. It also gives people who are isolated a reason to socialise, meet others, and gain a sense of belonging.

Tickets are £10 or £5 for those under 16. To book please contact Katy Munson at Oakleaf at katymunson@oakleaf-enterprise.org or on 01483 303649.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Bingo will take place as usual from 8.30pm on the first Saturday of the month and the weekly quiz will take place at 8pm every Sunday. In addition, there will be music from Goldsworth duo on Saturday 13 October and a Halloween party on Saturday 27 October. Fancy dress is optional for the Halloween party but there will be prizes for the best costumes!

All are welcome for Goldsworth duo but the other events are for members and their guests. The Club welcomes new members at any time of the year so please drop in and speak to any of the bar staff or committee members if you are interested in becoming a member.

NEWS FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN DAVIS



Kevin has told us that our County Councillor has some grant money for community-based groups operating in the ward which is burning a hole in her pocket as it must be spent this year. If you have a requirement for a small amount of money that can be put to good use in almost any way to benefit the community, please contact Kevin.

One opportunity to speak to Kevin about this, or any other matter, will be between 11am and midday on Saturday 6 October in Brookwood Memorial Hall Committee room when Kevin and Councillor Ashall will be holding a Heathlands Surgery. Alternatively you can contact Kevin through the link on his blog (https://cllrkevindavis.me/).

FOUND

A small photo of a baby girl was found on the towpath in late September. If it is yours and you want it back, please contact the newsletter team.

LITTER PICK

There will be another litter pick on Sunday 4 November. If you are interested in taking part, please let Jessica know at brookwoodinbloom@gmail.com so that she can get the right number of vests and litter pickers. However, if you find you unexpectedly have some free time that morning, please just join everyone else outside the school at 10am.

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

Friday 5 October	Village Whist, Memorial Hall,7.30pm
Saturday 6 October	Meet your local Councillors at Heathlands Surgery, Memorial Hall Committee room, 11–12pm
Saturday 6 October	Bingo, Brookwood Club, guests are welcome when accompanied by a member, eyes down 8.30pm
Sunday 7 October	Bring and Share harvest lunch, St Saviour's Church, after the 10am puppet service
Sunday 7 October	Re-internment and Parish Plots Walk, 2pm at the lodge by the Glades of Remembrance Car Park
Saturday 13 October	Celebrate 10 years of Messy Church, St Saviour's Church, 3.30–5.30pm
Saturday 13 October	Goldsworth duo playing pop and rock, Brookwood Club, all welcome, 8.30pm to late
Friday 26 October	Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir, St Michael and All Angels Church, Pirbright, 7pm
Saturday 27 October	Quiz Night, St Saviour's Church, 7.30pm
Saturday 27 October	Halloween party. Brookwood Club, guests are welcome when accompanied by a member, 8pm to late
Friday 2 November	Village Whist, Memorial Hall,7.30pm
Sunday 4 November	Village litter pick, meet outside the school at 10am

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