

BROOKWOOD NEWS

May 2019

'INTO THE WILDERNESS' ONE-MAN SHOW



On Friday 31 May, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Hall plays host to a one-man comedy adventure magic show. 'Into the Wilderness' is Greg Chapman's second one-man family comedy play featuring storytelling, magic, escapology and more. Greg brings a host of steam punk gadgetry, strange ideas and outright silliness into play as he tells a story. A review for Greg's last show said:

'To be on stage, on your own, for ninety minutes delivering a superb play that you have written is a feat on its own. To do it so well, with such enthusiasm and professionalism is just amazing. Well worth seeing if you do get the chance.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to see great entertainment at a local venue, and get your tickets now at www.gregchapman.net or contact Yvonne Craven on 480273 for further information. Tickets £8 (children £6.50).

BROOKWOOD IN BLOOM

'Brookwood in Bloom' is gearing up for the summer. Over the next few months, litter picks are being organised and more flowers are being planted in the beds along Connaught Road. There are also plans to put a new floral-themed display in the disused phone box. In late June, or early July, an RHS judge will visit the road to see how we're doing. If you'd like to take part please email brookwoodinbloom@gmail.com for more details. Or you can do your own bit at home by maintaining some planters of flowers outside your front door over the summer. The next litter pick date is Sunday 5 May. We'll be meeting at 10am outside Brookwood School, so come along and join in!

Jessica Cobb

NURSERY OPENING

For those of you who like to get their plants from Briarwood Nursery, Saunders Lane, it opened last Saturday 27 April and will stay open until they sell out, usually early June. Apparently, Mr Smith senior has been busy growing his vegetable plants again and, as a regular customer there, I can thoroughly recommend the high quality of everything they sell.

EDITORIAL

Thank you to all those who contributed articles this month, especially as I have had to hurry this edition through with Easter clashing with the deadline. At the time of writing, the forecast is good for the Easter break so I hope that, by the time you read this, you did have a very Happy Easter and are looking forward to all the things happening in and around our village over the next month.

Yvonne Craven - Editor

SUMMER FAIR

The Brookwood School Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 22 June, 12–3pm. There will be a barbecue, drinks tent, raffle, tombola and a variety of games and stalls run by both the school and other local organisations. There will also be entertainment throughout the afternoon, including the Winston Choir and Dancebites. There is availability for other stall holders, so anyone interested in having a stall can either email fobschair@gmail.com or drop into the school office to collect a form. The Fair was a great success last year, helped by the beautiful weather, and raised much appreciated funds for the school.

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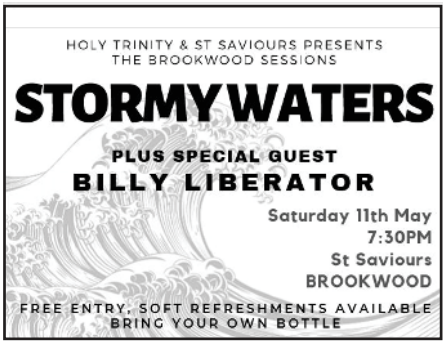
Photo courtesy of Thinesh

The world famous steam train, the Flying Scotsman, paid a flying visit to Brookwood on Friday 12 April on one of its few journeys around the south this year. It felt as though most of the village and surrounding area had filled both platforms to watch as it went through the station. It was a magnificent sight, watching this 96-year-old engine steam into the station and beyond. It was adorned with a small selection of flowers on the front and the sun gave it an extra special shine! It had been scheduled to stop at Brookwood for approximately ten minutes to re-fill with water, but they called ahead to say that they had enough water and so wouldn't be stopping. Whilst a disappointment for some, it didn't affect the enthusiasm of most of the crowd.
Jackie Kenny

The locomotive was built in Doncaster in 1923 for the newly formed London and North Eastern Railway (LNER). In 1924, it became famous when it appeared at the British Empire Exhibition in London, named 'Flying Scotsman' after the London to Edinburgh rail service. It was given a new type of tender in 1928, with a corridor, which meant that a new crew could take over without stopping the train. This allowed it to haul the first ever non-stop London to Edinburgh service, reducing the journey time to eight hours. In 1934, Scotsman was clocked at 100mph on a special test run – officially the first locomotive in the UK to have reached that speed.

BROOKWOOD SESSIONS

On Saturday 11 May, St Saviour's Church will welcome back local band Stormy Waters for a great night of live music, supported by Billy Liberator AKA Paul Huggett, who is also from Brookwood. St Saviour's is rapidly gaining a reputation as a venue for the performing arts, having recently seen gigs featuring comedian Paul Kerensa, Tony Vino, Siobhan Owen and Mary Jess, among others. That reputation has been well earned, as the church building is an excellent venue with stunning acoustics enabling hosting anything from a rock band to a string quartet. All who perform comment on the great sound and warm atmosphere of the venue.



Use of the church building in this way could be seen as contentious, after all, what is a rock band doing in the parish church? In the Church of England, it is accepted that a church building can have a variety of uses. Those uses need not be ecclesiastical in purpose provided the primary use of the church remains that of worship. In the last 50 years, faith groups have started recognising their building as a practical asset in building a relationship with the local community who may not come into the building for worship, especially where the church may be the only public building left after the school, the pub, the shop and post office have gone. In exactly the same way as Brookwood Bakery now hosts the Post Office, churches can deliver vital public services such as libraries, meeting facilities and entertainment. For the place of worship, this is a way of reconnecting with the local community – St Saviour's is after all there for the people of Brookwood.

The Evening Standard sums up the entertainment scene in venues such as St Saviour's like this: *'London is packed with incredible places to watch live music, from world-famous arenas to sweaty basement bars. But one type of venue provides a gig experience like nothing else: a church'.*

So come on down on Saturday 11 May to catch Stormy Waters and Billy Liberator present the 'Brookwood Sessions' in our local church right at the heart of our community.
Simon Bartlett



LEGO HEAVEN

BUILDING THE KINGDOM

BRICK BY BRICK



Do your kids love Lego? St Saviour's and Holy Trinity Church are very excited to announce the dates for this year's children's holiday club to be held at Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road, Knaphill on 5–9 August. With a fun Lego theme, the children will enjoy five mornings of fun and laughter as they create, play and learn all sorts of amazing things. Our young builders will be exploring how God has created us as unique individuals and how we fit together to build His Kingdom here on earth. On Friday, mums, dads, siblings and any other family members, are welcomed along to a yummy lunch. Registration forms will be available at our next Messy Church at St Saviour's on Saturday 11 May, 3.30–5.30pm, or from our website www.htandstschurch.org very soon.
Jo Birkby

CELEBRATE AFLOAT

Have you ever thought about a relaxing boat trip on our wonderful Basingstoke Canal? Join us on Kitty, the 12-seater, wheelchair-accessible boat. She departs from the centre of Woking (adjacent to Brewery Road car park), heading east towards Horsell Common. Or try a trip on John Pinkerton II, which takes up to 50 guests and leaves from Colt Hill wharf in Odiham. She has a licensed bar and on-board toilet. Light refreshments, tea and coffee are also available. Both boats are available to charter, and this is the perfect way to celebrate with a group of friends, family, club or work colleagues. Boats are suitable for all weathers and are operated by trained volunteers from Basingstoke Canal Society. All proceeds go towards maintaining the canal. More information about public trips or chartering the boats at johnpinkerton.co.uk or call 01256 765889.

Basingstoke Canal Society via Jeremy Martin.





BROOKWOOD CLUB

EVENTS

Saturday 4 May, monthly Bingo, eyes down at 8.30pm and weekly Sunday Quiz Nights at 8.30pm (everyone welcome if accompanied by a member).

Saturday 11 May, 8.30pm, Ukeholics, with songs on the ukelele ranging from rock, country, eighties and nineties music.

Saturday 25 May, Skittles Day, from 12 noon, everyone welcome.

Saturday 22 June, Broken Bones rock band, 8.30pm, back by popular demand.

VICTORIAN MEDICINE

Brookwood WI had their meeting on Tuesday 16 April and had a very interesting talk by Judith Hill on the Victorian Pharmacy. Whilst we knew that many of today's medications are based on medicines of old, it was fascinating to have a deeper insight from somebody with enthusiasm and endless knowledge. Brookwood WI would also like to thank any members of the community who came to their Spring Lunch at the end of April. It was well attended and a good time was had by all.

Brookwood WI meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the Small Memorial Hall at 7.45pm. If you are interested, please come along, or ring Mary, our president, 01483 831832 for further details.

Jackie Kenny

PILOTS AND AIRMAN



The Brookwood Cemetery Society walk on Sunday 5 May has the theme of 'Pilots and Airman' in the former Anglican section. The walk starts at 2pm from the Lodge, Glades of Remembrance car park.

PHOTO ID LOCAL ELECTIONS

Just a reminder that you will need to show photographic identification before you can vote in person, at the polling station on Thursday 2 May.

- Passport (UK, EU, Commonwealth)
- UK, EU or Crown Dependency Photo Driver's Licence (including provisional)
- European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
- UK Biometric Residence Permit
- PASS card
- Ministry of Defence ID card
- A concessionary travel pass funded by HM Government
- Oyster 60+ pass
- A Blue Badge parking permit photo card
- Northern Ireland Electoral Identity Card
- Or a Local Elector Card

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Thursday 2 May	Local elections, Small Memorial Hall
Friday 3 May	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
Saturday 4 May	Bingo, eyes down 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 5 May	Litter Pick, meet 10am, Brookwood School
Sunday 5 May	CWGC Tour, start 2pm, Canadian Records Office
Sunday 5 May	Cemetery walk, 2pm, Glades of Remembrance Lodge
Sunday 5 May	Quiz Night, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club (weekly)
Wednesday 8 May	The Arts Society talk,10–11.30am, Lord Roberts Centre
Saturday 11 May	Plant Sale, 11am to 2pm, Pirbright Church
Saturday 11 May	Messy Church, 3.30–5.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 11 May	Stormy Waters band, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Church
Saturday 11 May	Ukeholics, 8pm until late, Brookwood Club
Sunday 12 May	Brookwood CC v The Golden Age CC, Recreation Ground, 2pm
Saturday 25 May	Skittles Day, from 12pm, Brookwood Club
Friday 31 May	Greg Chapman show, 7.30pm, St Saviour's Hall
Saturday 22 June	Summer Fair, 12–3pm, Brookwood School
Saturday 22 June	Broken Bones rock band, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club

SCOUT REPORT

The 1st Brookwood Scout Group has held two fundraising events this year and would like to thank the local community for the wonderful support received. Firstly, on Saturday 9 March the annual Quiz Night was another great success with a number of teams battling it out for glory, whilst also enjoying a curry or ploughman's dinner, some fun party games and a raffle.

More recently on Friday 5 April the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts and their families once again enjoyed the Chocolate Bingo event that has become a much anticipated date in the calendar. Thank you very much to everyone who came along to one or both events, and to the volunteers who organised them. The funds raised will make a great contribution to the work of the Group.

Evonne Purvis





Chelcie will also be at St Saviour's Hall 4–5pm on Wednesday 8 May, 15 May and 22 May.

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