BROOKWOOD NEWS

October 2019

EDITORIAL

In addition to updating you on changes in the village and the usual wide range of social activities, this edition looks back at the summer just gone and starts thinking about the rest of the year – yes, even Christmas! We hope you'll take the opportunities offered to engage as much as you can in life in Brookwood to enjoy yourselves and help other people (and hedgehogs) in the village and elsewhere.

John Power – Editor

HEDGEHOG WATCH

In last month's newsletter we asked you to let us know of any hedgehog sightings in the village. We've been told about a hedgehog spotted by an early morning dog walker along the canal and Josey Tranter from Connaught Crescent contacted us to say that, just as she was about to put out her new hedgehog house, she spotted a hedgehog in the garden. He has been spotted most nights since then and is very fat and looks wonderfully healthy. Josey has named him Bernard.

Josey has put out the new house for Bernard and made holes in the adjoining fencing in the hope that it will encourage more movement of these gorgeous little creatures. She hopes her neighbours will do what they can to help grow the population.

BROOKWOOD IN BLOOM – ADVANCING!



As many of you know, this year a group of Brookwood residents entered the "It's Your Neighbourhood" scheme - which is part RHS South and South East in Bloom. Following the judging in July, we recently got the results. "Brookwood in Bloom" was awarded "Advancing" status.

The judge was impressed at the efforts made along Connaught Road and expressed surprise when we told him it was only our first year in the scheme. He made some helpful suggestions should we decide to continue with the scheme next year - including planting more bulbs near the flower beds and possibly planting some areas with wildflowers. We have a little bit of money left in the pot which we will be sure to put to good use - either with bulbs or more perennials.

A final thanks to all who got involved and donated money, time and cups of tea over the summer. Some of the pots are now starting to look tired so we will be taking them away to store over winter or planting them up with new winter-interest flowers. Fingers crossed the perennials in the beds should all be back next year! And who knows, perhaps we will win a "Thriving" or even an "Outstanding" next year!

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BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

David Gunning has now started his new role as Head of Brookwood School and has asked us to include a few words in the newsletter.

It has been a pleasure to begin the year as Head of School at Brookwood and I thank everyone in the village for the warm welcome I have received in my new role. I love being part of this community and want to make sure that the school is at the heart of it. Together with staff and governors, I have a vision to make Brookwood Primary the best it can possibly be and a school the village is proud of. We would love you to subscribe to our weekly newsletter to find out more about what is happening in school each week and to update you on latest news and community events. If this interests you then please let us know by emailing office@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk or by popping in!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Brookwood WI enjoyed a fascinating talk on the evening of Tuesday 17 September about the Amish Community. The lady giving the talk had spent many years visiting different Amish communities in both this country and America, and had developed many friendships giving her a wealth of interesting and insightful stories and information.

They also welcomed two visitors who came to a meeting for the first time. The next meeting is at 7.45pm on Tuesday 15 October at the Memorial Hall. If you are interested, please feel free to pop along. Alternatively, ring Mary our president on 01483 831832 for more information.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

In addition to the usual Bingo on Saturday 5 October, there will be live music from The Bite on Saturday 12 October and a fancy dress Halloween party on Saturday 26 October. All events start at 8.30pm.

CHARITY CRAFT FAIR

THINK ABOUT THEM

Friends of Think About Them, a registered charity working with children living on the streets in Kenya, is holding a craft fair on Saturday 19 October, from 10.30am to 4pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall.

There will be over 20 craft stalls selling a wonderful range of handmade items, and a café selling teas, coffees, homemade cakes and light lunches. Entry is only £2 for adults, and children under 16 are free.

For more details please contact janet.cassidy@quandary-consulting.com or call 07771 785260.

STATION UPDATE



We're sure that you'll all have seen the work going on at the station. The plan is to block the old front entrance to the station and everyone coming to the village will pass through the gates in the ticket hall in front of Tony-the-Ticket's office and out of the new entrance. SWR say that there will be a Gateline Assistant (a real person) available at the gates between 6am and 10pm. When there is no assistant available, the gates will be left open.

The door to the cemetery will be replaced by an iron gate which will close on a magnetic lock. It will be fitted with an intercom system and controlled by the Gateline Assistant. As now, the cemetery exit will be closed between 10pm and 6am.

Work is due to be completed later this month and Tony asks for customers' patience. There will almost certainly be teething problems with the new system, but it will need to run for a few weeks in order for SWR to identify and deal with them. Please report any problems you have to Tony, the Gateline Assistant, SWR customer service on 0345 6000 650, or www.southwesternrailway.com.

In roughly the same timescale, SWR will also be introducing Automatic Number Plate Recognition (APNR) and changing the way daily and weekly car parking tickets are sold. These tickets will be available online, by phone or from the machines but not from the ticket office. After paying for your parking, you won't have to display a ticket in your car. Season tickets for parking will however continue to be sold at the ticket office.

BROOKWOOD ART GROUP



Brookwood Art Group meets in the Memorial Hall every Friday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm. It is a friendly group of people who share a common interest in art, working in a variety of media such as water colour, acrylic, oil, pencil and charcoal. They welcome members of all abilities, from virtual beginners to those with years of experience, and aim to create a supportive atmosphere where ideas can be exchanged and the less experienced can learn from more accomplished artists.

From time to time they have demonstrations from visiting artists, and occasional workshops where members can concentrate on, and learn about, a particular topic or technique.

If you think you might like to join, you are welcome to come along for a couple of sessions to see whether the group suits you. More information can be obtained from the website: brookwoodart.wordpress.com, by emailing art.brookwood@outlook.com or calling 07775 297938.

WELCOME PACK

The Welcome Packs mentioned in last month's newsletter are proving to be very popular. If you are new to the village, have new neighbours or seen anyone move into Brookwood and would like a Welcome Pack for yourself or to pass onto someone else, please pick one up from Brookwood Club, St Saviour's Church at the Friday morning coffee morning or email Liz Swain at liz.whizz@ntlworld.com.

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK COLLECTION

Despite having her own health battles this year, Trudi and Darren will be undertaking the Brookwood Christmas Foodbank Collection again this year to provide food for Woking Foodbank; more information on their work can be found at https://woking.foodbank.org.uk. Trudi has said that even when she was very poorly, she realised that at least she had the basics in her life like food, which some of the people who visit the Woking Foodbank do not.

The campaign will start on 1 November and will finish on 7 December. You can either provide a non-perishable food parcel or a cash donation which Trudi and Darren will use to purchase food on your behalf. If you provide a food parcel, please attach a label with your name and address so they can thank you personally.

You can leave donations in Brookwood Club or the Bakers Dozen/Post Office during working hours. If you would like Trudi and Darren to collect your parcel, please leave a message at one of the drop-off points or email Trudi at trudifletcher@rocketmail.com.

Once the campaign starts, keep an eye out for Trudi and Darren out and about with their sleigh, yes that's right, a sleigh!





When Greg receives a mysterious gift for Christmas he is launched into a time-travel adventure facing everything from dinosaurs to Alien invasion as he struggles to get home for tea!

The 90 minute one-man show from Island based performer Greg Chapman featuring magic, comedy, storytelling, and a bucketful of Christmas spirit!

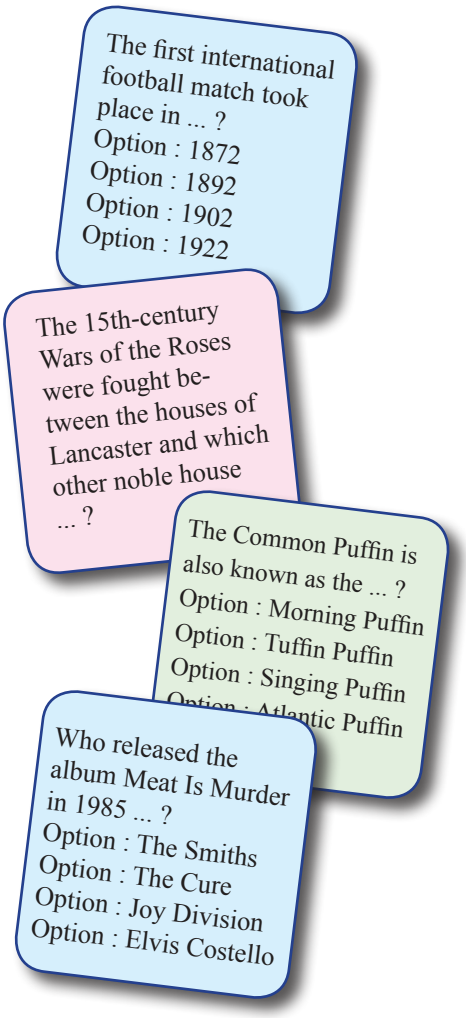
On Friday 13 December 2019 at St Saviour's Church Hall, Surrey 7.30pm.

Tickets can be booked at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/greg-chapmans-very-christmas-story-surrey-performance-tickets-62888603506

QUIZ NIGHTS

On Friday 18 October the Friends of Brookwood School will be holding a quiz from 7.30pm at Brookwood School. Tickets are £10 each and include hot food. Teams of up to eight are welcome. There will be a cash bar, raffle and games on the night. Use a form available from the school office to book early and avoid disappointment!

On Saturday 19 October Pirbright Players will be having a quiz from 7pm in Lord Pirbright's Hall. Tickets are £12 each and include a fish or sausage and chip supper. There will also be a bar serving wine and soft drinks. Please join the fun night and help raise funds for your local theatre group. You can form your own team, or come on your own and you will be added to a team. Please email crprice1953@gmail.com to confirm attendance and whether you require a sausage or fish supper.



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

Saturday 5 October	Bingo. Eyes down for 8.30pm, Brookwood Club. Guests welcome with a member
Sunday 6 October	"Before Their Time" Part II walk on the south side of the cemetery led by Barry Devonshire, 2pm from the Lodge in the Glades of Remembrance car park. Donations welcome
Wednesday 9 October	Food and Art through the Ages lecture, The Arts Society – Woking, 10.30am, Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley. New members free
Saturday 12 October	Flu Clinic between 10am and 12 noon, Lord Pirbright's Hall
Saturday 12 October	Live music from The Bite, from 8:30pm, Brookwood Club
Tuesday 15 October	Women's Institute meeting, 7.45pm, Memorial Hall
Friday 18 October	FOBS Quiz Night, from 7.30pm, Brookwood School. Tickets are £10 each and include hot food. Booking forms available from the school.
Saturday 19 October	Charity craft fair in aid of Friends of Think About Them, 10.30am - 4pm, Lord Pirbright's Hall
Saturday 19 October	Pirbright Players Quiz Night, from 7pm, Lord Pirbright's Hall. Tickets are £12 each and include supper. Email crprice1953@gmail.com to confirm attendance
Saturday 26 October	Fancy dress Halloween Party, from 8.30pm, Brookwood Club. Guests welcome with a member
Wednesday 13 November	Mad Men and Artists lecture, The Arts Society – Woking, 10.30am, Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley. New members free

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