

BROOKWOOD NEWS

March 2020

EDITORIAL

A neighbourly hello from Pirbright!

This month's news has travelled from across the railway line, as I edit my first Brookwood News. Although now a Pirbright resident, I lived in Brookwood for over 26 years, so not entirely unqualified to write about Brookwood! Having been involved with several village organisations over the years, including Brookwood School and scouting (from Beavers through to Scouts!) I can confirm that as a family we were never bored in Brookwood – meeting many friends through membership of local groups including babysitting circle, reading group, Brookwood Club, various keep fit classes in the Memorial Hall, not to mention getting out and about along the canal and on Sheets Heath with our dog (or trying to find our frequently missing dog!).

Excuse me for reminiscing, but the point I am trying to make is that we found Brookwood to be a friendly, lively and welcoming community, confirmed by a glance at the village newsletter, and the variety of activities advertised there.

The arrival of spring promises a re-awakening of outdoor life around the village, including a new programme of walks led by the Brookwood Cemetery Society starting this month, and, once the current batch of storms have blown through, time to get out in the garden to start planning how to impress the Brookwood in Bloom judges later in the year!

Jo Greenwood – Editor

VEHICLE CONCERN – HEATH DRIVE

We have had a request from a concerned resident to highlight the fact that vehicles have recently been driven across the grass area located between Sheets Heath Lane and Heath Drive. This has caused concern amongst residents, as Heath Drive is not a through road, and the grass area is usually a safe pedestrian route to Sheets Heath Lane. There is concern for the safety of pedestrians, especially as vehicles being driven across the grass may pose a threat to children accessing the nearby childminding business in the close. The resident has been advised to contact Councillor Kevin Davis to express their concern.

NEW FITNESS STUDIO IN BROOKWOOD



With Christmas dinner a distant memory and the arrival of spring, this month might be a good time to dust off your trainers and think about improving your fitness. Rachel Mounter, a Brookwood resident, has recently opened a new Fitness Studio in Brookwood to provide fitness training for individuals and groups of all ages. Visit https://www.mounterfitness.com/ to find out more.

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BROOKWOOD CLUB

Monthly Bingo will be held on Saturday 7 March and 4 April. Eyes down 8.30pm. Guests welcome with a member.

Just a reminder that membership for the Club is now open for any new members wishing to join. Also a big thank you to BAN for their donation towards the new defibrillator that is now located outside the Club.

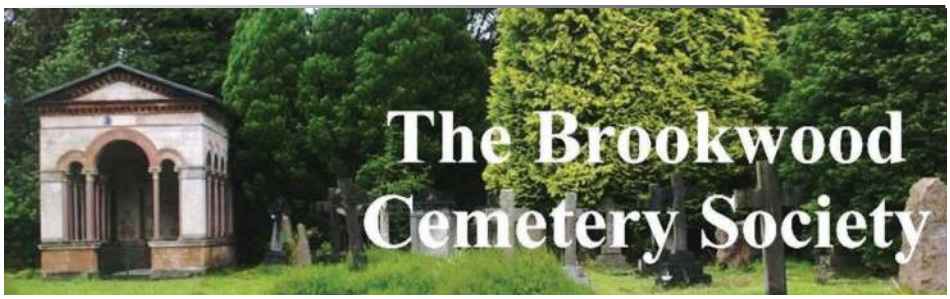
DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT

Following the publication of a list of Helplines in January's newsletter we have been contacted with details of a local Domestic Abuse Support Service covering Woking, Runnymede and Surrey Heath, and asked to publicise their telephone number. The service supports both men and women, offering a range of support to accommodate the needs of clients. The Service is open every single day of the year, and can be contacted between 9.00am and 9.00pm by calling the helpline number 01483 776822.

ALL AT SEA – PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE FAIR



Save the Date – Saturday 13 June 2020 – to enjoy a day at the seaside on Pirbright Village Green! Visit http://www.parish-council.com/pirbright/ to find out more, or to get involved.



The new programme of guided walks in Brookwood Cemetery begins this month on Sunday 8 March at 2.00pm, with a walk led by travel writer, journalist and cultural consultant, Tharik Hussein, entitled 'Brookwood Muslim Cemetery Trail'. Tharik has published work across the globe for many of the world's major travel and media brands, including Lonely Planet, and in 2019 created Britain's first Muslim Heritage Trails in Surrey. Visit www.tharikhussein.co.uk for more information about Tharik's work.

NB: Brookwood Cemetery Society walks usually take place on the first Sunday of the month – for this month ONLY the walk is on 8 March, the second Sunday.

THE ARTS SOCIETY – WOKING





The Arts Society – Woking holds monthly lectures at the Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley (no lectures July or August).

Lectures start at 10.30am and are free to new members:

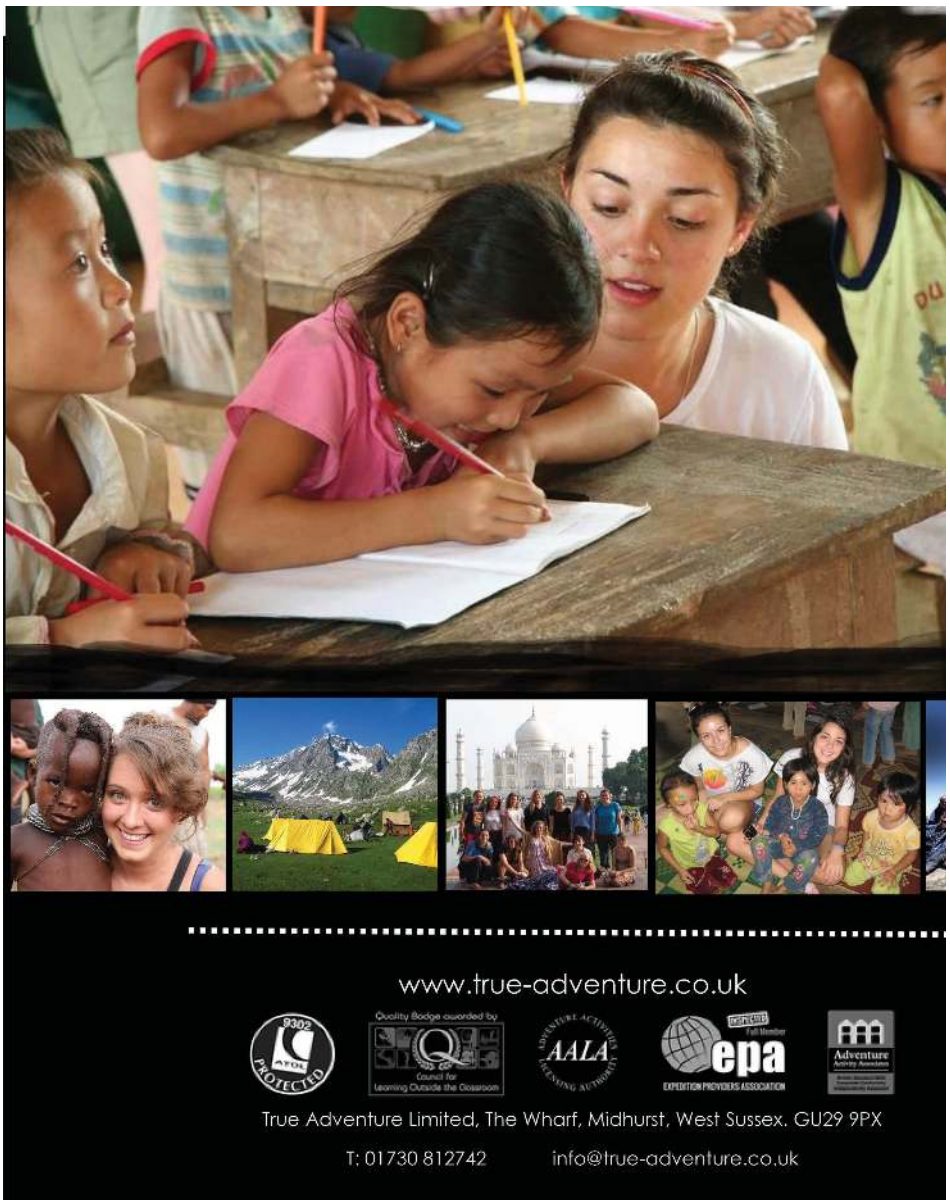
11 March: The Field of Cloth of Gold

8 April: Coloured Sculpture. What's All The Fuss About?

QUIZ NIGHT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MOZAMBIQUE EXPEDITION

Brookwood resident Angelina Harris, a year 12 student at Tormead School, is planning to undertake an expedition to Mozambique later this year. The aim of the expedition is to complete a marine conservation project working alongside a team of marine biologists supporting the charity Love the Oceans (www.lovetheoceans.org).

To raise funds for her participation in the project and to help pay for the cost of supplies and resources, Angelina is organizing a Quiz Night on Saturday 18 April in Brookwood. Although the venue is yet to be confirmed, Angelina would be grateful if you would make a note of the date in your diary, and look out for more details about the evening in the April edition of Brookwood News.



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL

We are very excited that a group of children, parents and staff of Brookwood Primary School are taking part in the Surrey Half Marathon on Sunday 8 March 2020. The team of runners are hoping to raise funds for the school to support specific projects. The £750 target is to help pay for the new school garden and the launch of the new gardening club. The garden is visible from Connaught Road and we hope it is going to become a real feature of the village. Any additional funds raised will support investment in new technology to enhance the children's learning in class. The link to our Just Giving page is below and we will be incredibly grateful for any contributions.
https://justgiving.com/campaign/Brookwoodschool2020
Many thanks
Friends of Brookwood Primary School



SAVE NHS WOKING PETITION



Following an enquiry to Woking Borough Council regarding the Save Woking NHS Petition, one of our Brookwood News editors recently received an email response, summarised below, together with links to relevant information on Woking Borough Council website.

The petition was discussed by the Council's Executive on 6 February, under 'Urgent Business' and it was agreed that the Leader of the Council will write to the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to outline the concerns of the Council and residents. It was also agreed that following officers' investigations they should report to the meeting of the Executive on 26 March 2020. A webcast of the meeting of the Executive in early February can be viewed at https://moderngov.woking.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=165&MId=656&Ver=4

A statement from the CCG correcting some of the points made on social media and in the wording of the petition can be viewed through the following link https://www.nwsurreyccg.nhs.uk/news/latest-news/336-woking-walk-in-centre-correcting-inaccurate-information

To comment on possible changes to NHS walk-in services in North West Surrey, contact details can be found through the following link https://www.nwsurreyccg.nhs.uk/news/latest-news/329-give-your-views-on-possible-changes-to-nhs-walk-in-services-in-north-west-surrey

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Friday 6 March	Village Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Small Memorial Hall
Saturday 7 March	Monthly Bingo, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 8 March	Brookwood Cemetery Society Walk 'Brookwood Muslim Cemetery Trail' led by Tharik Hussain, starts 2.00pm. Meet at Society Lodge, adjacent to Cemetery Office, off Cemetery Pales
Weds 11 March	Arts Society – Woking Lecture 'The Field of Cloth of Gold', 10.30am, Lord Roberts Centre, Bisley
Saturday 14 March	Brookwood Scouts Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
Tuesday 17 March	WI Party, Large Memorial Hall
Friday 3 April	Village Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Small Memorial Hall
Saturday 4 April	Monthly Bingo, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club

NEWS FROM PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

Social prescribing

Philippa Secretan from Woking Borough Council is providing a new service to our patients on a Wednesday morning.

A Social Prescribing Link Worker will offer people one to one appointments either at your home or in the surgery to talk to you about concerns and factors affecting your health. The Link Worker will then help to identify and organise suitable assistance via their network of known services, local community and voluntary organisations.

Extended access appointments

The following appointments at Woking Community Hospital can be booked via the surgery reception:

– on the day evening and advance Saturday morning GP appointments

– Saturday morning wound dressing and phlebotomy (over 16)

– evening smear appointments.

First contact physiotherapy assessment appointments can be booked via reception for adults – these can be at several of our local GP practices.

BROOKWOOD WI



Brookwood WI met on the evening of Tuesday 18 February, and had an interesting, relaxing and stimulating evening of Chair Pilates. The members who braved the weather left feeling as if they could take on the world, or at least Storm Dennis!

If you are interested in joining us, please call our President, Maureen on 01483 475543 for more details.

Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

Adverts are £25 for an 1/8 page advert or £45 for ¼ page. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk

NB: DEADLINE FOR APRIL NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20th MARCH

preferably by e-mail to community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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