

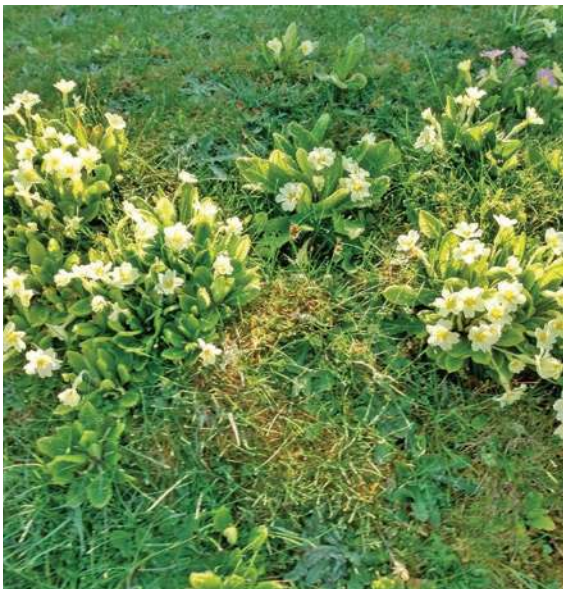
BROOKWOOD NEWS

May 2020

REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL

- Families out walking and jogging together
- Lovely sunny spring weather
- Our village shops
- Traffic lights that turn green as you approach
- Flour for sale at the baker's
- Trudi's rainbow trail
- Less noise from trains, planes and cars
- Birdsong that you can hear
- Clear skies for sunshine and stars
- Bluebells in the woods, primroses on the heath and blossom on the trees
- Less litter (but some dog owners still need to learn to take the bags home)
- Mad friends who send us jokes and video clips to make us smile
- Less time spent commuting (for those working from home)





EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May edition of Brookwood News and many thanks to our contributors. Apart from the lack of the normal news and events in the village, our biggest challenge is distribution. We have had to stop the usual delivery by our volunteers, and instead we have arranged to have copies of the newsletter available for help-yourself collection at a number of points around the village. Can I ask you to mention these collection points to neighbours so that they can get a copy when they are out for exercise or shopping? The newsletter is also available at the Brookwood Village website (www.brookwood.org.uk). In addition, Fulks have offered to include a newsletter in each of their food box deliveries. Many thanks to Jo and the Fulks team.

David Lugton – Editor

NEWSLETTER COLLECTION POINTS

Our plan is that copies of the newsletter can be collected at the following locations:

- Post Office/Baker's Dozen
- Brookwood Food & Wine (from newspaper box outside)
- Outside 33, 38, 78, 220 and 279 Connaught Road
- Outside 1 and 7 Connaught Crescent
- Outside 3 Heath Drive
- Outside Alma Cottage, The Ridgeway, Sheets Heath

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KEVIN'S BLOG

I hope everyone is well and coping okay during these testing times.

I'm frankly impressed by how members of our community have pulled out the stops to help each other and make changes adapting to the circumstances. Shaun the baker quickly mobilised as a greengrocer, and Fulks moved to deliveries out of Pirbright to Brookwood residents while the Brookwood shop is closed. The rest of the shops in Brookwood are doing a great job supporting the village.

The rainbows attached to the lamp posts were a delight to see and, whilst I wasn't surprised to see them taken down, I was impressed with how speedily the team shamed Skanska into giving them back and allowing them to be put back up.

Woking Borough Council has moved to a state where it is focused primarily on providing support to vulnerable people, be it elderly residents, homeless people, victims of domestic abuse and others. If you need support, either contact me on 01483 488109 or the Council on 01483 755855.

For the last few years, WBC has been steadily adding to its reserves, which will now begin to be utilised as necessary. The Council is asking residents to continue paying the Council Tax on time if able, but if this becomes a challenge, then to contact WBC on 01483 755855 to work out what deferment options are available. We do not want this to be another bill that stresses people out at this time.

As Portfolio holder for Waste and Recycling, I'm really grateful to the bin crews that have worked really hard to keep the service operational. Amey recruited an additional 20 temporary members of staff to cover for possible illness and that contingency is paying dividends. The textile, WEEE and battery waste has had to be halted as the processing functions are currently closed, so please hang on to this for now. I have asked that we bend over backwards to keep the green waste operating.

Overall, the Council is coping very well, and the staff are doing a magnificent job in supporting the community at this unprecedented time.

I'm posting occasionally to my blog, which can be read here: https://cllrkevindavis.me

Cllr Kevin Davis

BROOKWOOD ART GROUP BEING CREATIVE

The Brookwood Art Group, which normally meets every Friday morning in Brookwood Memorial Hall, is suspended at the present time, but our members are continuing to work at home and some examples of their pictures are shown.



Members of the group use a variety of media – water colour, acrylic, oil, pastel, etc. – and produce pictures on a wide range of subject matter, including abstract, portraiture and landscapes.

In normal times at the club we have occasional demonstrations and workshops given by well-regarded artists to enable members to develop their techniques and encounter fresh ideas. We welcome enquiries from anyone who thinks they might be interested in joining, and when the current restrictions are relaxed you would be welcome to come along for a couple of sessions before deciding whether you wish to join. For information and enquiries about the club: www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com or email art.brookwood@outlook.com or phone 07775 297938.

THANKS TO THE BIN COLLECTORS

You may have noticed an item on the BBC about residents in various locations putting thank you notes on bins to acknowledge the efforts of the collectors who have been maintaining this extremely important service. We have a report from Jackie Kenny in Brookwood: "We baked fairy cakes yesterday, wrapped them up and left them with a thank you note this morning. We spotted them in the front of the lorry as they drove off!! My son was very happy!" Perhaps more of us could show our thanks?

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

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SURREY LIBRARIES ONLINE AND FREE

Surrey Libraries are shut but don't worry if you still have items that you borrowed; they are extending loans until at least 1 July. They are also extending their online services which provide FREE access to E-books, E-audio, E-magazines and newspapers and other resources:

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/borrow-or-renew/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/learning-and-research/adult-online-reference-shelf

They have a really good range, so check it out if you're feeling bored. If you're not a library member then you can join online (https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/your-library/join-your-library).

80TH BIRTHDAY



Congratulations to Mrs Ann Hall on celebrating her 80th birthday on 28 April. Ann has been a Brookwood resident for 58 years, and raised her children and grandchildren in the village, as well as being a dinner lady at Brookwood Primary School for many years. All of Ann's family joined in wishing her the happiest day, especially when celebrating apart due to the current circumstances.

GARDENING

For those of us who are lucky enough to have a garden, the current lockdown provides a great opportunity to develop our skills and prepare for summer. We have a number of local nurseries and garden centres that are offering delivery (with apologies to any that have been missed):

Sandiacre Nurseries in Wood Street Village are offering online ordering and delivery within 12 miles (minimum order £20, delivery £7): https://www.perfectchoiceplants.com/

Squires on Littlewick Road are closed but offering online ordering and delivery within 7 miles (minimum order £50, free delivery): https://www.squiresgardencentres.co.uk/gardening-order-form/

Woking Garden Centre at Mayford are closed but offering online and phone ordering and delivery (minimum order about £40–50, delivery £10): http://www.clandonparkgardencentre.co.uk/products

And these are open with limitations or hope to open soon:

Briarwood Nurseries on Saunders Lane: http://www.briarwoodnurseries.co.uk/

Elm Nursery on Sutton Green Road: https://www.elmnursery.co.uk/nursery/

Stafford Lake Nursery: http://staffordlake.co.uk/

Sutton Green Garden Centre on Guildford Road: https://gardencentrewoking.co.uk/

Tenaker Nursery on Scotts Grove Road: https://tenaker.wixsite.com/tenaker

BROOKWOOD VILLAGE RESIDENTS ON FACEBOOK

A Facebook group for residents of Brookwood was set up about a year ago. It's proving very popular at the moment and has attracted over 130 new members in the last thirty days (https://www.facebook.com/groups/483206825500504). Also remember to keep an eye on the village website (www.brookwood.org.uk).

BROOKWOOD CLUB

As per government guidelines, the Club remains closed until further notice. The committee is still meeting regularly via video conferencing to discuss ongoing matters and the running of the Club. We have donated all bar snacks to the Woking Foodbank. If anyone would like to contact the Club then please email Clubbrookwood@gmail.com

RAINBOWS OF HOPE

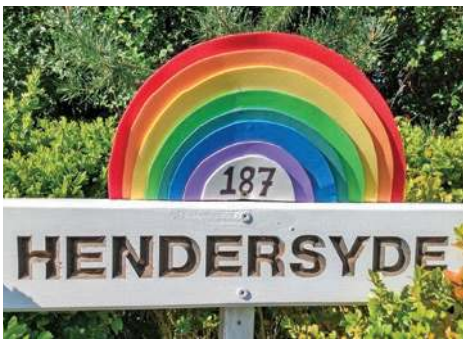


You must have noticed the rainbow pictures appearing around the village. These posters have been provided by our very own artists within the village and organised by Trudi Fletcher. If your poster is not on a lamp post yet and you would like it to be, please email your picture to Trudi (trudifletcher@rocketmail.com).

After their initial appearance, the posters were removed by Skanska (WBC sub-contractor) because you need a licence to put stuff on lamp posts. Sarah Tillyer of SkateStation then stepped in and offered the shop frontage, so all the rainbows were reprinted and are now on display there too.

Many thanks also to Brookwood resident Justine Jaeger for getting in touch with Skanska and getting the rainbows returned. It just goes to show how much our village comes together in these unprecedented times.

And then, given the current circumstances, the rules about licences have been relaxed so the original rainbows are back on the lamp posts. Skanska have actually turned it around into something really positive. So massive thanks from Trudi to all of you for getting involved – there clearly is a pot of gold at the end of our rainbows.





WELCOME TO BROOKWOOD

Welcome to Brenda and John Denyer, who moved to Brookwood in February after 44 years in Knaphill. They are enjoying their new home and what a friendly village Brookwood is. Unfortunately, they haven't been able to join any local clubs or activities yet, but they have been struck by the feeling of community when they are out on their daily walk. Whilst walking up the path from Brunswick Road to the heath they noticed the amount of litter in the dip and they have subsequently collected two bin bags full of it. We all appreciate their effort.

THE POTTERY PROJECT

Emma Nuttall has set up a local community project aimed at bringing pottery into your homes. She has put together a pack of basic pottery tools along with clay, glazes and a set of instructional videos for a variety of projects suitable for your children and you to do at home. The typical cost is between £20 and £30 (dependent on options) which will set you up for around 10–20 pottery projects. Anything you make can be fired in her kiln for a small additional charge. See her page on Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/groups/thepotteryproject/). Art therapy is great for the soul, especially now, as we all stay at home and stay safe, so why not try pottery?



ANY OLD CLOCKS?



Do you have an old clock that doesn't work, or isn't keeping good time? Andrew Pettinger may be able to help. He writes:

"I'm spending my time during this crisis servicing/maintaining people's clocks, both to keep me sane and to get these old clocks ticking and chiming again. I stress that I am, in fact, a Chartered Surveyor by trade but as my work is on hold for the time being, I have fallen back on my hobby of clock repairing. Let's be clear: I'm no professional, so I can't issue guarantees, but most clocks respond well to a deep clean and some fettling.

All I ask is for the costs of any parts needed (none, in most instances) as well as a small donation, via a Woking based charitable organisation, to a local hospice and other local charities. I live in the centre of Brookwood, so any clocks can be dropped off and collected with suitable social distancing precautions.

I can't promise success every time, but if I am successful: you get a working family heirloom at a tiny fraction of the cost of a professional repair; local charities benefit; and I get to enjoy my hobby rather than binge watch some rubbish series on the telly whilst eating too much – everybody wins!"

So, if you have an old clock that needs some TLC, contact Andrew at all@pettinger.co.uk or call him on 07810 482266 to discuss details.

VILLAGE SHOPS AND TAKEAWAYS



Our thanks again to the village shops which continue to operate and provide food and essentials for us. Please make use of their services to sustain them through these difficult times, and please respect the distancing measures that they have introduced.

- The Post Office and Baker's Dozen have expanded their range of products. In addition to fresh fruit and veg, they now have flour and yeast for those who like home baking
- Fulks are continuing to offer deliveries of meat and essential food items (in cooperation with the Baker's Dozen). The shop in Brookwood is closed, but Tony is busy preparing orders and the shop in Pirbright is open if you can't wait for your delivery. Call them on 01483 472175
- Brookwood Food and Wine tell us that they are busier than usual and Thinesh is working hard to maintain stocks
- Tudor News is open for newspapers and the usual range of products
- East West can deliver. Their number is 01483 472610
- Brookwood Fisheries are open from 5.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays

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

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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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