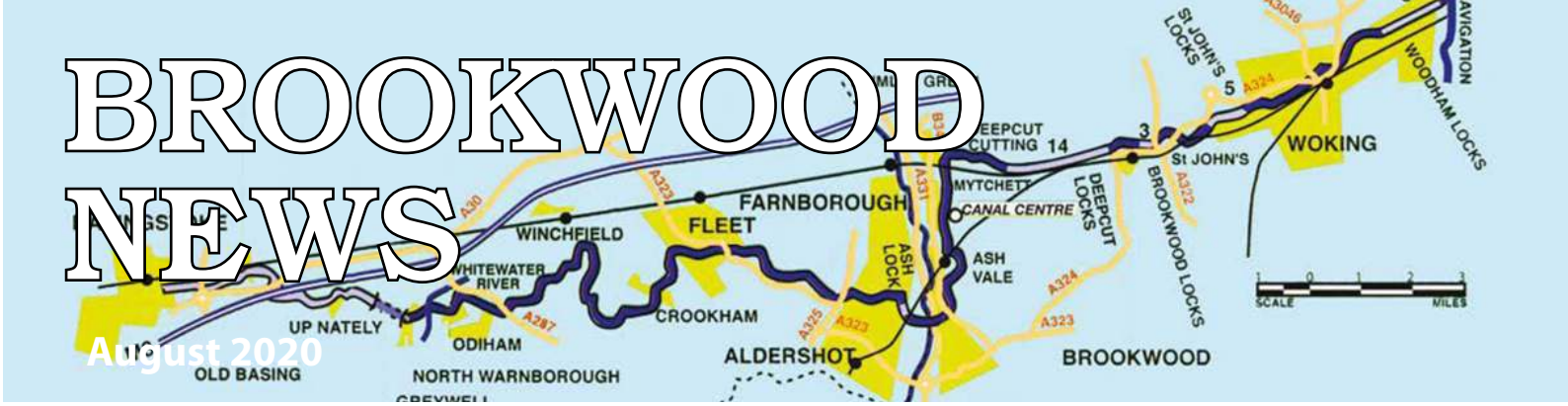
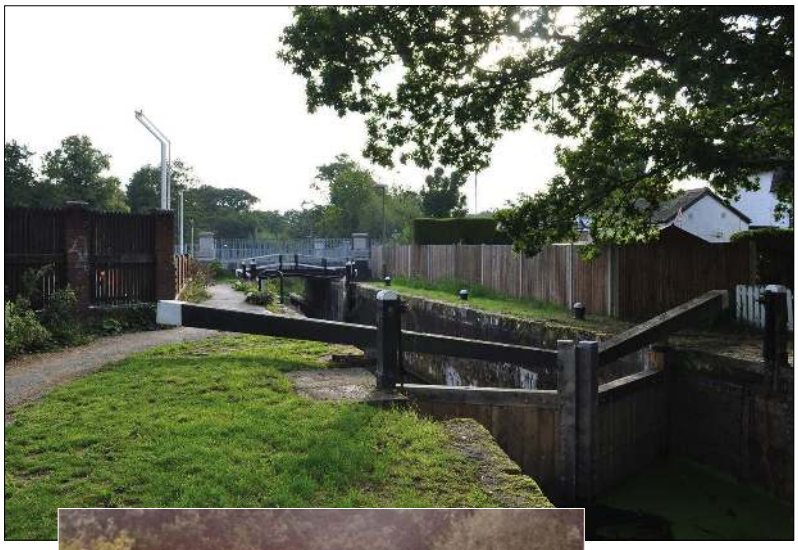
BROOKWOOD NEWS

August 2020



CANAL IN DANGER OF CLOSING





The Basingstoke Canal is a fantastic local amenity and is frequently enjoyed by walkers, anglers, canoeists, boaters and many others. It is a site of both rich history and scientific interest with its extensive wildlife, and has been used and appreciated by even more people in recent months. However there is a real threat to the canal as Surrey and Hampshire Councils have severe budget constraints with the result that the maintenance of the canal will continue to deteriorate and could fall into disuse.

The Canal Society was formed in the 1960s and 25 years of hard work restored the previously derelict canal, opening in 1991. Since then the Society has actively campaigned to help maintain and protect the canal. If you would like to find out more visit: https://basingstoke-canal.org.uk/get-involved/join-the-society/ or call 07305 340 547.

Help is crucial now to raise money, support projects and maintenance through membership, volunteering, donations and trips on our boats. So what can you do?

- Make others aware of the challenges we face
- Join the Basingstoke Canal Society and see the opportunities for volunteering and social events plus get regular updates
- Book a trip on our 50 seater boat based at Odiham or our smaller boat based at Woking
- Help towards the upkeep of the canal by joining one of our work parties

Please help keep this wonderful canal open and alive.

Steve Chalmers, Basingstoke Canal Society

EDITORIAL

We are delighted that Year 6 children at Brookwood School have contributed to the newsletter this month and wish everyone there a happy summer holiday break after an unusual summer term. Meanwhile, I hope that you are finding happier moments and plenty to appreciate as the summer progresses in our 'new normal' routines

Yvonne Craven - Editor





BAKERS DOZEN
01483 472495
FRUIT and VEGETABLES



Open 8am to 5.30pm on Monday to Friday, 8am to 3pm on Saturday (the Post Office closes at 2pm), and 10am to 2pm on Sunday for the shop only.
Now serving takeaway food ie bacon/sausage rolls and cold fillings. Once again t hank you to the villagers for their continued support.

SUMMER AT BROOKWOOD SCHOOL



I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year and I am delighted with the progress we have made. We are very excited to move back to seven classes in September, with children learning in their year groups, partly due to a record number of applicants. I want to thank all staff for all that they have contributed this year, particularly over the summer term, when they provided outstanding support for children, both in school and at home, through such challenging times. There is a lot of work going on at school over the summer including a full refurbishment in our reception class, which we hope will match its 'outstanding' Ofsted status. On behalf of the school I would like to thank the community for your continued and valued support and I wish you all a very enjoyable summer.
David Gunning, Head of School

Year 6 children wrote some articles for the Newsletter which are published here:

Forest School

Many thanks to Becky Fookes and Emma Baxter who will be stepping down from leading our Forest School provision after five wonderful years. It didn't take long for 'Forest School' to become a favourite subject. Forest School quickly became a unique selling point of Brookwood and really enhanced the school's reputation, leading to an increase in applicants and interest. We are very proud to have been one of the first schools in Surrey to launch a Forest School and, while lots of other schools have followed, I believe ours is number one!

Another Exciting Year at Brookwood

As you may have heard, Brookwood Primary School re-opened its doors over the last few weeks and although we are all working hard we have still found many ways to enjoy ourselves and have fun! The school has participated in activities such as Sports Day, online escape room, science experiments, gardening, Raising Aspirations Week and so much more. The social distancing has been hard, but it's all to stay safe so we can carry on. It has been a really fun and exciting year at Brookwood and I will really miss it when I join secondary school in September.

School Garden

As a Year 6 child, this experiment has been inspiring! By starting with no plants, no fruit or vegetables, to the creation of Brookwood's finest garden – it is incredible! Mrs Coe had a vision to start this journey with the help of some junior gardeners. It started with the Year 6 pupils measuring the garden to see how it could be used. This helped Mrs Coe visualise where this project could go and after a few days of hard work, they finally planted all of the seeds in the right place – but don't worry, as there is more to come. As we stand here today, the school garden is at its best with fruit and vegetables crowded throughout, alongside a mixture of creative and beautiful plants. What a wonderful project!



A Big Change

After we were put in lockdown, we were told that there was a website called Seesaw that children could go on to do work and activities and watch lessons and assemblies. In addition, Seesaw was a great way to keep in touch with teachers and friends to talk about how you're feeling. The lesson I enjoyed the most was Mrs Hardiman's Art Challenge because of all the cool and imaginative art. Every day we would be sent the art challenge but we could complete it in our own style. Also, we would always be given a weekly task to do as a school. One of the challenges was a whole school code breaking activity where we used our maths skills to find clues.

Lockdown 2020

During the summer, Mr Gunning got in touch with an actor called James Merry and he met us through a video call. During the call he talked to us about what we want to be when we are older and he discussed his career and journey to be appearing in 'Waffle the Wonder Dog' on cBBC. Also, each week we have focused on a different theme in school and our favourite was Problem Solving Week. The week was full of fun challenges and our teachers also asked us to display numbers on our windows to create maths games to do on our daily walks. As part of the week we had a whole school challenge where Mr Gunning's signed football disappeared! Luckily we helped crack the codes and solve the clues – we found out that Mrs Fookes was just looking after it at home! We look forward to more fun activities when we return in September!

The Greatest Sports Day Ever

The sun was shining, the grass had been freshly cut and the lines had been painted; it was time for the greatest sports day ever! The day was full of sport and we had the whole field to ourselves. Our teachers set up lots of activities including: traditional races and relays, an obstacle course, some throwing challenges and many more exciting activities. As if the day wasn't good enough, our teachers bought ice-lollies and juice which we all enjoyed happily. The day couldn't have been any better and we would like to thank the teachers who helped make the day an enormous success!





BROOKWOOD CLUB OPEN

We are proud to announce that the club was able to re-open on Monday 13 July. We are currently operating under government guidelines and social distancing measures. We have postponed all our events (monthly bingo, weekly quiz, meat raffle) until further notice, and the pool table and dartboards are out of action. Please note that we are open to members only. This means no guests or under 18s allowed, no dogs or applications for membership. However, all of these are temporary measures while we adjust to the new government guidelines. Meanwhile, we look forward to seeing members in the club soon.

Lee Orriss

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS

The Halls will be open from Monday 27 July subject to any further changes in Government regulations. We have fulfilled all requirements to allow the return to use of the Halls in a COVID-secure manner. Gatherings of over 30 people and soft play activities remain prohibited, and room capacities are reduced to meet distancing requirements. Detailed guidance is published on our website www.bmhalls.org.uk. Enquiries to our Lettings Agent 07737 969231 or email: lettings@bmhalls.org.uk.

John Thornton

ROYAL VISIT





Top Prince Edward & Brotherhood
Above Walking in cemetery with Ian Tomes

On Wednesday 1 July, H.R.H. Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex, visited Saint Edward Brotherhood in Brookwood Cemetery. He was accompanied by the H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux; the High Sheriff of Surrey, Shahid Azeem; Mr Ian Tomes, Woking Borough Council's Strategic Asset Manager; and Avril Kirby, the Cemetery Manager. His Royal Highness was greeted at the church by members of the Brotherhood, and was shown the shrine of Saint Edward the Martyr, then taken to the Old Mortuary, where he saw the Exhibition Room and the main hall. Prince Edward then continued his tour of the cemetery to see some of the recent improvements. H.R.H. spoke to cemetery staff about the challenges they have faced over recent months due to COVID-19, and the measures in place for all faiths.

BAKERS DOZEN CHANGES

Many businesses have had to adapt to change over the past few months, but Bakers Dozen have definitely kept on the ball by converting from a café to a greengrocer. New shelving and products are now added, and takeaway food such as bacon and sausage rolls or other fillings are on offer. They would like to thank the villagers for their continued support.

New Business Hours: 9 AM - 5 PM Monday to Thursday
9AM - 4PM Friday to Saturday
144 Connaught Road, GU24 0AS

SURREY FLOORS & DOORS

WE'RE OPEN!

With proper safety procedures in place, we're ready to serve you once again.

Surrey floors and doors has re-opened and we are growing! We've added Alex to our team with Emma Tony and Sally, so we are now open 6 days a week! We are extremely excited to announce our partnership with Minoli, showcasing their porcelain tiles, allowing classic interiors to be transformed into modern spaces. If you have a vision for your property Surrey Floors and Doors can help make that happen. Call us today on 01483 351430 or email us on info@surreyfloorsdoors.co.uk to book a complementary survey and quotation .

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