BROOKWOOD NEWS

June 2021

EDITORIAL

Welcome to June. In case our recent weather has made you think otherwise, it's almost midsummer (hence the sunrise above) so now is the time to keep fingers crossed and plan some warm weather activities even if they are not yet allowed to be in foreign parts. There is plenty to see and do on our own doorstep. Life is getting back to something approaching normal; I for one was delighted that the Brookwood Barber Box had reopened so that I could get my own tonsure attended to. The message is, let's stay positive.

Ian Angell – Editor

OPEN GARDENS WALK 12th & 13th June

With COVID-safe distancing, and limited numbers in each garden, this is a rare chance to see behind that wall, over that hedge and through that gate into the secret treasures of Pirbright's back gardens. To sustain you as you stroll around the gardens, you can enjoy afternoon tea or the traditional Pirbright sausage sizzle (or both!!) and buy a cake to take home. Eight gardens are open to ticket holders from 11am to 5pm on Saturday 12, and 12 noon to 5 pm on Sunday 13 June. Tickets cost £7 for all eight gardens, they include a map and joining instructions, and are valid for both days if you want to spread your explorations out. Get your ticket in advance from helen-churchwarden@pirbrightchurch.org.uk or call Helen on 07777 659138 or buy them on either day in the churchyard.



Well done to Councillor Kevin for his efforts efforts to get the pillar box reinstated

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BROOKWOOD SCHOOL'S "JUST MOVE"

A thank you from David Gunning (Head of School)

Earlier this year, in the midst of the UK's second lockdown, we set out a challenge to promote the physical and emotional wellbeing of our children and along the way raise some money to develop Brookwood Primary School's Wellbeing hub – a centre providing pastoral support for children and families. The challenge was extended to teachers and staff, parents, carers, relatives and the wider community.

On Friday, 23 April, all the children of the school completed a 2km fun run. And over the weekend 24 and 25 April, adults individually completed either a walk, run or cycle of their chosen distance and route. I am delighted to announce that we had 286 participants who travelled a combined 1093 miles and raised £7,030!

It was heart-warming to hear of the many stories of personal achievements, both among the children and adults, with a common thread being a strong sense of accomplishment and wonderful community spirit. Personally, I completed a half-marathon – something I've not done before. Some adults completed an ultra-marathon, but really "Just Move" was the goal!

I want to take this opportunity to give my heartfelt thanks to everyone for their support with this amazing effort and I look forward to sharing the developments of the school's Wellbeing hub.

Special thanks to Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS), our charity that organised this event. We hope to make this an annual event!
Some of the Just Movers……..







MORE ON THE BROOKWOOD – PIRBRIGHT SAFE ROUTE

The Highways Team from Guildford representing Surrey County Council have confirmed improvements have been added to the running list. Improvements they have confirmed as viable are: " to include the addition of a pedestrian phase to the existing traffic signals on Gole Road, installation of a new footway with pedestrian railings on the north section of the tunnel with a new pedestrian island and dropped kerbs to make it easier to cross over the road there, before the canal bridge".

Obviously, things like this take time to come into the 'action' stage and can fall off the agenda. From my perspective as a resident, the more support Safe Route Brookwood Pirbright receives the better. With the parking restrictions and new road plans coming in Pirbright, there is likely to be even more traffic and delays in Brookwood. Hence another need to get this project approved and under way, to make people feel safe enough to walk during peak times – to reduce the traffic and delays. Many residents from Brookwood and Pirbright Camp, who use the route to get to school, have confirmed their prime reason for driving is because the route is currently not safe enough to walk.

I am waiting to hear back from Kevin and Woking Borough Council for their perspective, and will chase on this and get in contact once I hear. I appreciate they are very likely to have their hands full at the moment with all the things in the press recently about huge debts, Thameswey as well as chief exec appointment issues, etc.

The link to the petition is http://chng.it/fgF6CWVbpP. In between newsletters, updates can be found on https://saferoute.wixsite.com/pirbrightbrookwood. For those without internet access, a paper copy of the petition is available to sign at the Post Office/Bakers Dozen.

Sarah Dickin

FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN

Thank you to the village for re-electing me in the recent election. I'm honoured that residents continue to put their faith in me and I'll continue to do everything I can to make the village a better place to live.

My term is for three years, and I hope to get some things completed this term that I started almost a decade ago. Local Government can be really slow much of the time.

CELEBRITIES IN BROOKWOOD

Brookwood was lucky to be part of the route for a group of intrepid paddle boarding celebrities on Tuesday 18 May as they made their way down the entire length of Basingstoke Canal in two days to raise money for Movember, a men's mental health charity in The Big Stand Up. Celebrities including Charley Boorman, James Phelps, Matthew Wright, James Haskell, Chloe Madeley and Damon Hill spent two days in the sun, rain and hail to complete the challenge, and were cheered on through Brookwood from people in their back gardens and along the towpath. .







BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS

Have reopened as permitted in a COVID-secure manner, with social distancing and other measures. We can host supervised children's activities, organised indoor sports, and social gatherings up to six persons or two households. Hopefully all legal restrictions will be lifted in June. See bmhalls.org.uk for contact details.

APPEAL for information please on two residents who died in WW1 but not commemorated on the Hall plaque. Both died in 1917, both 23 years old. The CWGC recently added a Search Your Road function, identifying them. We know the house numbers below have changed since. If you can provide any related information for our website and Book of Remembrance, please forward it to john.thornton1@virgin.net

HAROLD ISAAC BONNER, son of Isabella Bonner, 151 Connaught Road.

WILLIAM BERNARD BARTON, son of Frances and Amy Florence Barton, 96 Connaught Road.

****The Halls are looking for a stand-in daily cleaner over the June period. Applicants, please contact John Thornton on 07720 289825****



VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Tuesday 1 June	SWT Big Wild Breakfast in your garden
Wednesday 2 June	Dog Training re-starts in the Memorial Hall
Monday 21 June	Memorial Halls re-open for all activities
Saturday 17 July	Pirbright Players summer BBQ



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The cost of advertising is £40.00. The advert will feature on the back of the newsletter and will be no less than a 1/4 of a page. We do not normally put advertising anywhere else in the newsletter. For more information on advertising please contact us on community@brookwood.org.uk

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