BROOKWOOD NEWS

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EDITORIAL

It's been a funny year so far, full of optimism and potential, yet also worry and hesitation. Whilst we start thinking about getting our life back to some sort of normality, it's worth thinking about what you'd like your 'new normal' to look like. I know a lot of people have relished spending more time with their immediate families, rediscovering forgotten joys and hobbies, or just simply stopping and spending time in the 'here and now', and would like to include more of these as the world picks itself up. It'll be difficult to not fall back into a routine we know, and resort back to how we spent our time prior to COVID. For me personally, I am enjoying more family time, the chance to appreciate good friends and wonderful neighbours, and to explore the jewel that is Brookwood.

However you spend the rest of the year, stay safe and be kind.

Jackie Kenny – Editor

ROYAL VISIT TO BROOKWOOD CEMETERY





Brookwood Cemetery hosted the Countess of Wessex and the Duke of Kent on Wednesday 21 July for a tour. They spent a long time touring the site and spoke to many of the staff and military personnel. Sophie, Countess of Wessex, is Patron of the Java Far East Prisoners of War Club, whilst the Duke of Kent has been president of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission for over 50 years. As part of their tour, they both laid two wreaths at the Stone of Remembrance to honour the Commonwealth personnel who died in the UK as well as overseas.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

With news that restrictions are lifting, and Brookwood Halls reopening, Brookwood WI have enthusiastically been looking forward to meeting up. Initially, we will have a social get together in August to catch up with our friends, many of whom we have not seen for over a year. Meetings (all being well!) will recommence in September.

If you are interested in joining Brookwood WI, please contact Jean on 01483 829934 or turn up. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at Brookwood Memorial Hall for a 7.45pm start.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Brookwood Club is taking a managed approach to the lifting of COVID restrictions. The committee has decided to remove some of the restrictions that were in place but is doing so gradually in accordance with our main aim of keeping our members and staff safe.

Our regular deep cleaning will continue and hand sanitizer is still in place at all key touch points in the club. We have added more seating and have returned to serving people at the bar. The dedicated ordering and collection points with floor markings for members to queue safely, however, remain in place. The jukebox and games machines can be used by one person at any time. Members' children are permitted to visit the club up to 9pm as long as they remain seated and supervised. Members are encouraged, but not required, to wear face masks and to continue to use the signing in book or QR code when using the club. Members are also asked to be considerate towards those who wish to maintain social distancing while moving around the club or selecting seats.

For the time being the seats at the front bar, the pool table and dartboard cannot be used. We are also not yet allowing guests or new members to use the club. We will be reviewing all of these arrangements each month. Further information on these and other changes can be found on a notice in the club and on Facebook.

FOBS

Friends of Brookwood School have been enthusiastically planning activities for the coming year. We hate to possibly be the first to mention 'the C word' (Christmas, not crisps or cake) but we are thinking ahead to our Christmas Fair. There, I've dared to say it, Christmas! We would like this year to be even more fantastic than previous years, and to include the community as well as our school community. With that in mind, we would love any local businesses that may be in a position to have a stall to leave their details with Brookwood School (office@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk) who will pass your details on. Dates and times are still to be confirmed, but we will get them to you as soon as possible.

We would love to see you there!

PIRBRIGHT COUNTRY MARKET CAFÉ

From Thursday 5 August coffee and cake will again be available every Thursday from 10 until 11.30am during the opening hours of Pirbright Country Market. So why not visit the market and stop for some refreshments? Served by Pirbright WI in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall.



QUICK QUIZ

(or 'Oh, hang on, it's on the tip of my tongue!')

Can you identify the songs these lines come from? Answers are on the back page.

1) Love, love me do
You know I love you
I'll always be true
So please

2) Night is young and the music's high
With a bit of rock music, everything is fine
You're in the mood for a dance
And when you get the chance...

3) Oh, I'm burnin' through the sky, yeah
200 degrees
That's why they call me Mister Fahrenheit

4) Mars ain't the kind of place to raise your kids
In fact it's cold as hell
And there's no one there to raise them
If you did

5) Pressing down on you no man ask for
Under pressure that brings a building down
Splits a family in two
Puts people on streets

6) Cleaned a lot of plates in Memphis
Pumped a lot of tane down in New Orleans
But I never saw the good side of the city
Until I hitched a ride on a riverboat queen

7) I was wondering if after all these years you'd like to meet
To go over everything
They say that time's supposed to heal ya
But I ain't done much healing

8) Let's go back, let's go back
Let's go way on, way back when
I didn't even know you
You couldn't have been too much more than ten (just a child)

ANOTHER WEDDING AT SAINT EDWARD'S

On Sunday, 5/18 July, after Vespers, the marriage of Stefanos Deskas and Aspasia Foteinou was celebrated at Saint Edward's Church. The celebrant was Fr Borislav Popov, and the sponsors Gregory and Marina Ferguson. Aspasia had previously belonged to the New Calendarist Church and so on the Saturday evening, after hearing her confession, she was received into the Church of the Genuine Orthodox Christians of Greece by the mysterion of Chrismation, served by Archimandrite Daniel. Her sponsor there was Evphimia Calcantera, and at the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning Aspasia received her first Communion with us. After the celebration of the marriage in church, the participants were treated to a 'reception' on the lawns around the church. Fr Daniel had not been able to visit us for nine months, because he lives in Germany, and had to abide by the various COVID regulations; however, he will be staying in England for two more weeks and will, we hope, serve and preach at Brookwood again on Sunday, 1 August n.s. Aspasia's name saint is one of the Forty Virgin Martyrs with Amoun the Deacon, who are celebrated on 1/14 September. May Stefanos and Aspasia, who shared the common cup, in the celebration of their marriage, be strengthened to share the same throughout their married life together and attain unto the Kingdom on high. Please keep them in your prayers.

BROOKWOOD BABIES AND TODDLERS PLAYGROUP



Brookwood Babies and Toddlers Playgroup opens again on Monday 6 September at 09.45 until 11.30am. Come and join our long-standing, informal playgroup in the big hall where we have a variety of activities to keep little ones entertained, and refreshments for their grown-ups! We are very excited to announce the opening of our 'bumps to babies' room, a separate room designed for those who prefer a slightly quieter environment.

We are always looking for new helpers, but this time we are specifically looking for someone, or people on a rota, to come without children and help serve the tea and coffees, and to tidy the kitchen towards the end of the session, particularly as we don't want the adults to have to leave their babies and come and serve themselves. We can see this being a lovely role where you get to chat to new babies and their grown-ups, and get to know new families with small children in the community. If you are interested in helping out, or would like some more information, please contact Natalie on 07980 618040, or email Brookwoodbabies@gmail.com.



Catherine, Jackie and their babies try out the spot where the new baby hangout will be

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS FULLY REOPENED



Brookwood Memorial Halls have fully reopened for all activities without restrictions on distancing or capacity, in line with Government actions. Kitchen facilities are reopened. We continue daily cleans and sanitiser wipe downs of all frequently touched surfaces. We ask hirers to clean and wipe down equipment used; sanitiser is available in each kitchen. We encourage all visitors to keep up frequent hand washing, maximise fresh air, keep sensible distances apart, avoid congestion in confined spaces, and wear face coverings if preparing food etc for others or where distancing cannot be assured. Many thanks to all our hirers for upholding restrictions to get us this far. See www.bmhalls.org.uk for hire enquiries.

Our AGM will take place on 27 September, when the new team of trustees will be publicly voted in. New volunteers are needed to help maintain and develop the Halls and our online presence; contact secretary@bmhalls.org.uk for more details.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Just to remind you that our first meeting for some long time will be on 14 September 2021 at 8pm in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's hall. There will be a question and answer discussion with one of our long-standing judges, Geoff Peach, so please make an extra effort to join us for this special occasion.

If you have any questions that you would like to put to Geoff, it would be good to send them to me at philipbarralet@gmail.com or to our secretary (Lucyb2477@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Enjoy your gardening for the rest of this strange summer and I very much look forward to seeing you on 14 September.



VILLAGE SUNFLOWERS

You know summer is on its way when the sunflowers at the end of Connaught Crescent start blooming. It is a joy that is looked forward to by many, from the children attending St Saviour's, parents on the school run, to dog walkers and people getting their daily exercise. It adds a burst of summery colour – you can't help but feel happy as you walk past them!



CANAL WARNING

There have been reports of indecent exposures to females along the length of the canal. This is being dealt with by the Police who have set up patrols and have increased their visibility. Crimestoppers are offering £5000 to help catch the individual concerned; their number is 0800 555111.

GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS

At the end of July, due to an HGV driver shortage, collection of our green garden waste was suspended for two weeks. All service subscriptions will automatically be extended by two weeks.

OLYMPICS

I have been captivated watching the Olympics from Tokyo, but did you know that some of the competitors are local?

Jacob Peters, Butterfly swimming, is from Guildford

James Gall, Hockey, was born in Frimley

Alex Peters, Ladies' Rugby 7s, is from Camberley

Oliver Wynne-Griffith, Rowing, is from Guildford

James Woodgate, youngest member of the GB archery squad, is from Woking

And although he wasn't born here, **Andy Murray** lives 'just down the road' in Oxshott!

Answers to quick quiz

1) Love Me Do by The Beatles.
2) Dancing Queen by ABBA
3) Don't Stop Me Now by Queen
4) Rocket Man by Elton John
5) Under Pressure by David Bowie and Queen
6) Proud Mary by Tina Turner
7) Hello by Adele
8) Think by Aretha Frank

GOOD LUCK!

Good luck to all the children leaving school and heading onto the next chapter in their lives, we wish you all the luck in the world!

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