BROOKWOOD NEWS

February 2022

EDITORIAL

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself. I'm Ciará and the newest editor on the Brookwood News team, and really pleased to have joined.

Having lived in the village for a few years now, I've loved reading the newsletter and also being a part of the Brookwood Club Committee. I hope I can continue to support the community. If you would like to participate, do get in touch.

Have any of you watched the BBC's latest drama A Very British Scandal? Did you know that the Duchess of Argyll is buried in Brookwood Cemetery? Are you aware of any other hidden gems?

Stay safe

Ciará Nasseri-Chahpar
Editor

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY CHANGE TO PEAK SEVICE

SWR have confirmed that off-peak tickets travelling towards London are valid on any service arriving at London Waterloo from 10am. As the 9.16am service from Brookwood is scheduled to arrive in Waterloo at 9.59am, this is classified as a peak service. The first off-peak service from Brookwood is scheduled to depart at 9.53am and arrive in Waterloo at 10.34am.

Some residents have contacted SWR Customer Services to say that the least they could do is to apply off-peak concessions to the 9.16. Let's hope it happens.

SAFE ROUTE PIRBRIGHT–BROOKWOOD



The petition has now received over 630 signatures and we have received 50 responses and counting from the community sharing their experiences of the route and current issues. SCC councillor and the highways team have agreed to add improvement works to the list, but the project needs to make the top 20 of over 60 countywide projects. The decision will be made by March. Whether you are a pedestrian, bike user or car user, your comments and experiences of the route will be very helpful. You can send in your comments via the Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/SafeRouteBrookwoodPirbright/) or the website contact page (https://saferoute.wixsite.com/pirbrightbrookwood/contact). Thank you very much for your support.

WOKING RAILWAY STATION

Planned essential repair work to the public underpass at Woking Railway Station is due to begin at the end of January. The works, carried out by Woking Borough Council in partnership with Network Rail and South Western Railway, mean it is necessary to close the underpass from Monday 24 January 2022 for 8 weeks. Works include replacing damaged and loose stairs, in addition to general maintenance and improvements to the underpass.

A signed diversion route will be in operation throughout this period via High Street, Victoria Way and Station Approach.

We would like to thank local commuters and residents for their patience and cooperation during these important works and apologise for any inconvenience to their journey.

For further information on these essential repairs, contact Woking Borough Council's Building Services Team (01483 743808 or email Building.Services@woking.gov.uk).

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REPLACING KITTY: AN EXHIBITION OF CANAL ARTWORK

This special exhibition will reveal the beauty of the Basingstoke Canal through artists' eyes. Showcasing the best works by national and local artists inspired by the Basingstoke Canal, it is coming to The Lightbox gallery and museum next month, organised by Brookwood resident Gren Gale on behalf of the Basingstoke Canal Society.

Opening on Tuesday 22 February, the exhibition will run for 2 weeks and feature pieces from a number of local artists, as well as popular painter and printmaker Ian Mowforth, and Cranleigh artist Mark Weighton, whose sculpture Burnt Wood was produced for COP26.

The exhibition forms part of the Basingstoke Canal Society's fundraising campaign to replace its ageing community trip boat and secure a more eco-friendly future for the waterway.

Plans include the introduction of a new solar-electric cruise boat, as well as the installation of charging points along the canal in Woking to mark the first step towards making the canal fully electric for all users.

The new, more environmentally friendly Kitty II and electrification project will cost around £200,000, and the Society has already raised nearly £100,000 towards the target. Kick-starting the fund with £70,000 from its own reserves, the Society ran a crowdfunding campaign in the run-up to Christmas, adding £14,627 to the pot. A further £15,000 has come in from individual and corporate donations, bequests and grants.

The exhibition will be opened by Woking MP Jonathan Lord at 11am on Tuesday 22 February.

Art lovers will be able to view the exhibition from 10.30am to 5pm on weekdays and Saturdays, and 11am to 4pm on Sundays, until Sunday 6 March. Entry is free, with a suggested donation of £3. Every artwork on display will be available to buy, with all proceeds going towards the new, more accessible and sustainable Kitty II.

PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS



New Year is here and Brookwood Memorial Halls are back up and running, busy with hirers. Our appeal for helpers has been a success; we have been thrilled to welcome some new faces to the management team and now we look to the year ahead. It's been a long time since we were all able to gather together as a community and celebrate, so we thought we would use the Queen's Jubilee on Sunday 5 June (get that date in your diaries!) as the opportunity for a bit of a knees up! Everyone is welcome and details will follow, but in the meantime we would like to invite all village groups, individuals and traders to get involved, and to join the coordinating team. If you would like to be involved, please email streetparty@bmhalls.org.uk; the coordinator will be in touch soon.

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Pirbright Horticultural Society meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 8pm in the Club Room of Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright. Next meeting, 8 February.

Speakers:

February
Mark Dobell
Climate change thru gardeners' eyes

March
David Standing
Old fashioned flowers





NEWS FROM COUNCILLOR KEVIN DAVIS

Heathlands February Surgery

The Heathlands councillors will be holding a surgery at Brookwood Memorial Halls on 6 February at 11am for an hour. We'll be in the small hall and will be following the Covid guidelines at the time of the event. This is part of a series of surgeries across the ward. All three of us expect to be there but occasionally there may be reasons why any one of us is unable.

Garden waste collection

We are finally moving in the right direction with the garden waste. The next service will kick off week commencing 21 February and will be collected with your usual bin as it has been for the previous winter collections.

We're then very confident that we will move to a monthly service after that as our new HGV drivers come on stream, and, as the apprentices reach the end of their training, we should be able to reinstate the full service, hopefully late spring, early summer.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

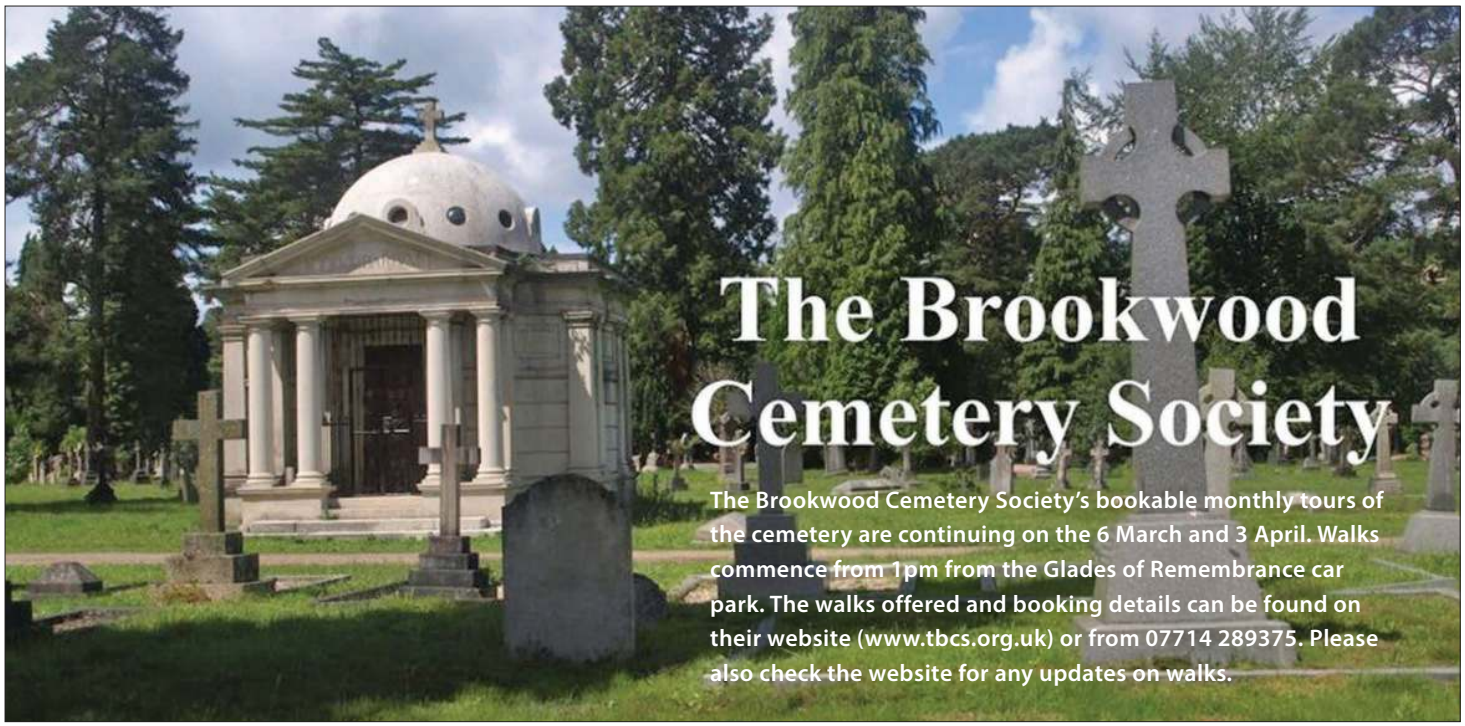
On Saturday 5 February, Bingo will be at 8.30pm. From then on, it will be the first Saturday of every month. More information can be found on notices in the club, on Facebook, Twitter and on our website (www.brookwood.club).



BROOKWOOD PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD

In December's edition we shared Bentleys Garage announcement that they're seeking nominations for the 'Brookwood Person of the Year' award. If you know that unsung hero in the Brookwood community who goes above and beyond, please contact us by email (brookwoodaward@gmail.com) with their name and what they have done, or alternatively drop your nomination into Bentleys Garage in a sealed envelope. All nominations are to be submitted by 28 February 2022. The recipient of the title 'Brookwood Person of the Year' will receive a trophy and a £100 donation to a charity of their choice in their name. The winner of the award will be announced in the April 2022 edition of Brookwood News.

re welcome. Please contact community@brookwood.org.uk before the 20th of the month



The Brookwood Cemetery Society

The Brookwood Cemetery Society's bookable monthly tours of the cemetery are continuing on the 6 March and 3 April. Walks commence from 1pm from the Glades of Remembrance car park. The walks offered and booking details can be found on their website (www.tbcs.org.uk) or from 07714 289375. Please also check the website for any updates on walks.

WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL – NEWS RELEASE



Eligible businesses can now apply for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant

Woking Borough Council has secured further government funding to support businesses severely affected by the spread of the Omicron variant. The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure grant scheme payment is a one-off payment which is applicable to:

- Business rated businesses – you receive a business rate bill.
- The applicant must be the rate payer named on the business rates bill.
- The Omicron Hospitality and Leisure scheme will provide one-off grants of up to £6,000.

The deadline for online applications for the Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant is 13 February 2022. Successful applications will be paid as soon as possible and final payments will be made by 31 March 2022. Go to https://www.woking.gov.uk/localrestrictionsgrants to apply online or see a full list of eligible businesses.

Lunch WITH Friends

Are you at home at lunchtime?

Do you work from home?

Do you live on your own?

Or simply like getting out and meeting new people?

Well, why not come and join Lunch with Friends, on the fourth Tuesday of the month?

A chance to have lunch, chat and make new friends.

We will provide a simple soup and a roll lunch, followed by a dessert and coffee for a small donation. At St Saviour's Church, 12–2pm starting on Tuesday 22 February 2022.

To book a place and let us know of any dietary requirement, please email lunchwithfriends4@gmail.com or call Ros on 01483 831881 by the Friday before.

Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

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

NB: DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20th FEBRUARY
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