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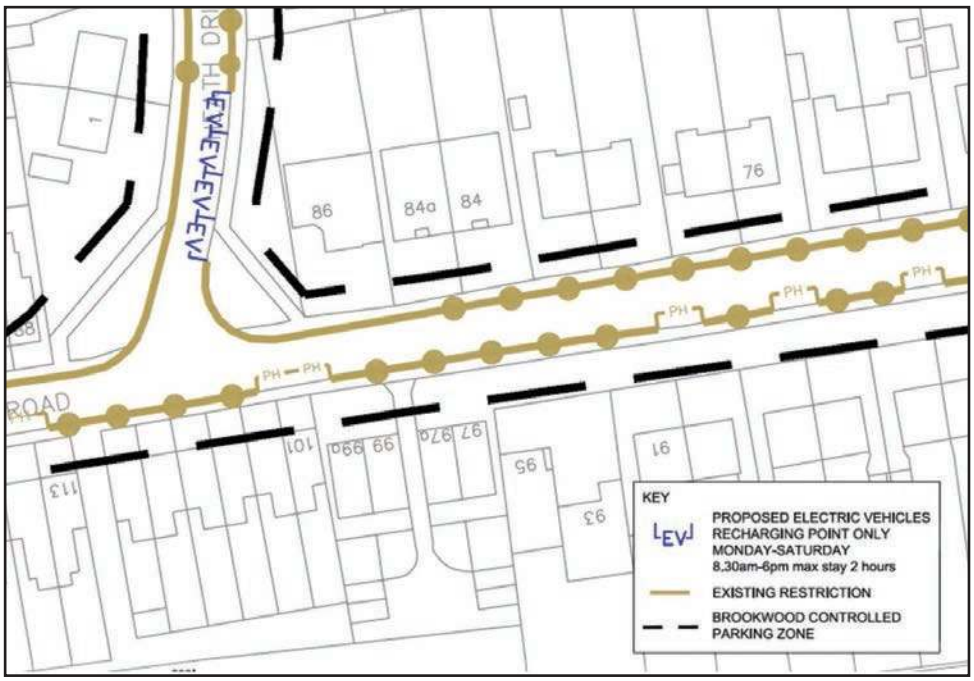
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EDITORIAL

As usual this edition of the newsletter carries a seasonal banner image. These images are usually provided by Nick Webster, the newsletter's designer and one of the wonderful team of volunteers that works each month creating content, proof-reading, designing and delivering the newsletter to your door. Now it's the chance for any photographers in the village to have their images shown at the top of the newsletter. If you have some pictures that you think would make good banner photos, please send them to community@brookwood.org.uk; we'll be happy to use them if they are suitable and we would credit the photographer!

John Power – Editor

ELECTRIC VEHICLE BAYS IN BROOKWOOD



If you don't read the Woking News and Mail or live in the houses by the entrance to Heath Drive, you may not be aware that Surrey County Council is planning to put electric vehicle charging points in four parking bays in Heath Drive.

The consultation period ends on Thursday 2 March so you'll have to be quick if you would like to comment on these proposals. You can submit your views at https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/woking-ev-2023/.

Councillor Kevin Davis isn't pleased with the proposal or the lack of advertising about the consultation. He tells us: "Two years ago I was talking to officers about where in Brookwood a pilot could be run to test systems and see what worked. At the time, it required a minimum of four bays to be converted as the costs didn't work for fewer than that. I resisted the changes because people I spoke with were none too keen on losing four bays as petrol/diesel engine cars are banned from these bays.

The proposals here are for four bays at the entrance to Heath Drive. These will be EV only between the hours of 8.30am and 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday, with a maximum stay of two hours. Outside of these hours I assume it is the usual free for all and anything may be parked there providing it is legal.

I don't have a problem with electric vehicles and they are certainly part of the solution with regard to localised air pollution. I'm not convinced that their overall impact on the environment is less than that of an equivalent hybrid/petrol car when considering the lifecycle of manufacture through to scrapping. My concern here is that these bays will have a wider impact on what is already a nightmare parking spot and, whilst the intent is good, I'm concerned by the number of bays, and the hours of operation.

I'm going to write to our County Councillor and find out what is going on as well as the Portfolio Holder for the environment at Woking Borough Council as I expect he was consulted."

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CORONATION TIDY-UP

You may have heard that King Charles is encouraging a day of volunteering on Bank Holiday Monday 8 May. The newsletter team is suggesting that as many people as possible come together to have a Brookwood community tidy-up, ending with a tea party or barbecue. The tidy-up might involve helping neighbours with their front gardens, litter picking, or any other areas in Brookwood that need a spruce up.

At this stage, please have a think whether there is anyone near you who might like some help and whether you would like to be involved. We'll be giving more details in the next couple of months.

We would also welcome any other suggestions for volunteering in the village so please get in touch with us and let us have any ideas you have, or let us know if you'd like to be part of the volunteering teams.

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALL

Brookwood Memorial Hall is thrilled to launch its new website; you can book your parties, find out what's happening in the community and meet the team who run the halls (including the wonderful individual behind the new site – Lauren) at https://www.brookwoodmemorialhalls.org.uk/.

We are holding our AGM on Monday 24 April at 8pm at the Halls. All are welcome to attend so please hold the date and more information will follow next month.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Everyone is welcome to join in the Bingo at the club from 8pm on Saturday 4 March. The club is also looking for a cleaner to clean the club at weekends. If you are interested, please contact info@brookwood.club for further information. Members will also want to note that the AGM will be held at 8pm on Monday 24 April.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNING ASSOCIATION – CREPE SUPPER

Would you like a delicious home cooked meal followed by pancakes with lots of different fillings? If so, please to get your tickets for the Crepe Supper at 6.30pm on Sunday 26 March at Lord Pirbright's Hall. The tickets cost £15 for members and £17 for non-members, and are available from George Lane (treasurer.twinning@gmail.com). Please say if you have any dietary requirements when you book your tickets.

WHAT IS HIDDEN BEHIND YOUR GARAGE DOOR?



I was asked to write something about the old cars my wife Annie and I own. I'm happy to do so but I'm sure we are not the only people in Brookwood who have interesting cars. So if we tell you about ours, please tell us about yours.

'Primrose' is a 1962 Triumph Herald convertible, built in Coventry. We have owned her for nearly 40 years, having bought her from a friend whose father had had her from new. She is in very original condition, although her paintwork was refreshed before we bought her. She has now covered a little over 50,000 miles.

We have other, supposedly grander, old cars, but Primrose always seems to draw the most attention. For several years she took part in the London to Brighton Classic Car Run, with my late mother riding as celebrity passenger in the front, whilst Annie drove and I acted as navigator and wind break in the back. One year, on arrival at the Madeira Drive, a small boy was heard to remark, "That's the one I want!" And our MoT man always says, "This is the only decent car you own".

The Triumph Herald comes from a time when Britain still had a major, indigenous motor industry. By that time, its manufacturer, Standard-Triumph, had been bought by Leyland, the truck manufacturer based in Lancashire. However, this was before the ill-fated merger with the British Motor Corporation (BMC), which led to the sad descent to oblivion, via BLMC and other attempts at revival, of most of the great British marques – Austin, Morris, MG, Riley, Wolseley, as well as Standard and Triumph.

The Triumph Herald was a traditionally built small car. Unlike most of its competitors it still had a separate chassis, largely because the companies that made the one-piece body shells, by then adopted by most of the industry, were owned by competing manufacturers, on which Standard-Triumph did not want to be reliant. This had the benefit of making it relatively easy to build convertible versions and variants such as the larger engined Vitesse, the Spitfire sports car and its coupé sister the GT6.

I'm sure ours aren't the only old cars in Brookwood, what is behind your garage doors?

Chris Bass

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 March at the new time of 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall. Our speaker will be Geoff Peach, who will give a talk on "A gardener's look at Ireland". Geoff is the main horticultural judge at the Annual Show in July and, if they are ready, he will also be judging the entries of daffodils in the daffodil competition.

With Spring round the corner your thoughts should be turning to preparing for our Annual Show on Saturday 29 July. Last year's was well supported but hopefully this year will be even bigger and better. The show schedules will be available soon. Please support our show.

Subscriptions are now due at the very reasonable cost of £20 single and £25 for a family membership. Please contact the Treasurer Julian (07799207059 or juliandidyk@sky.com).

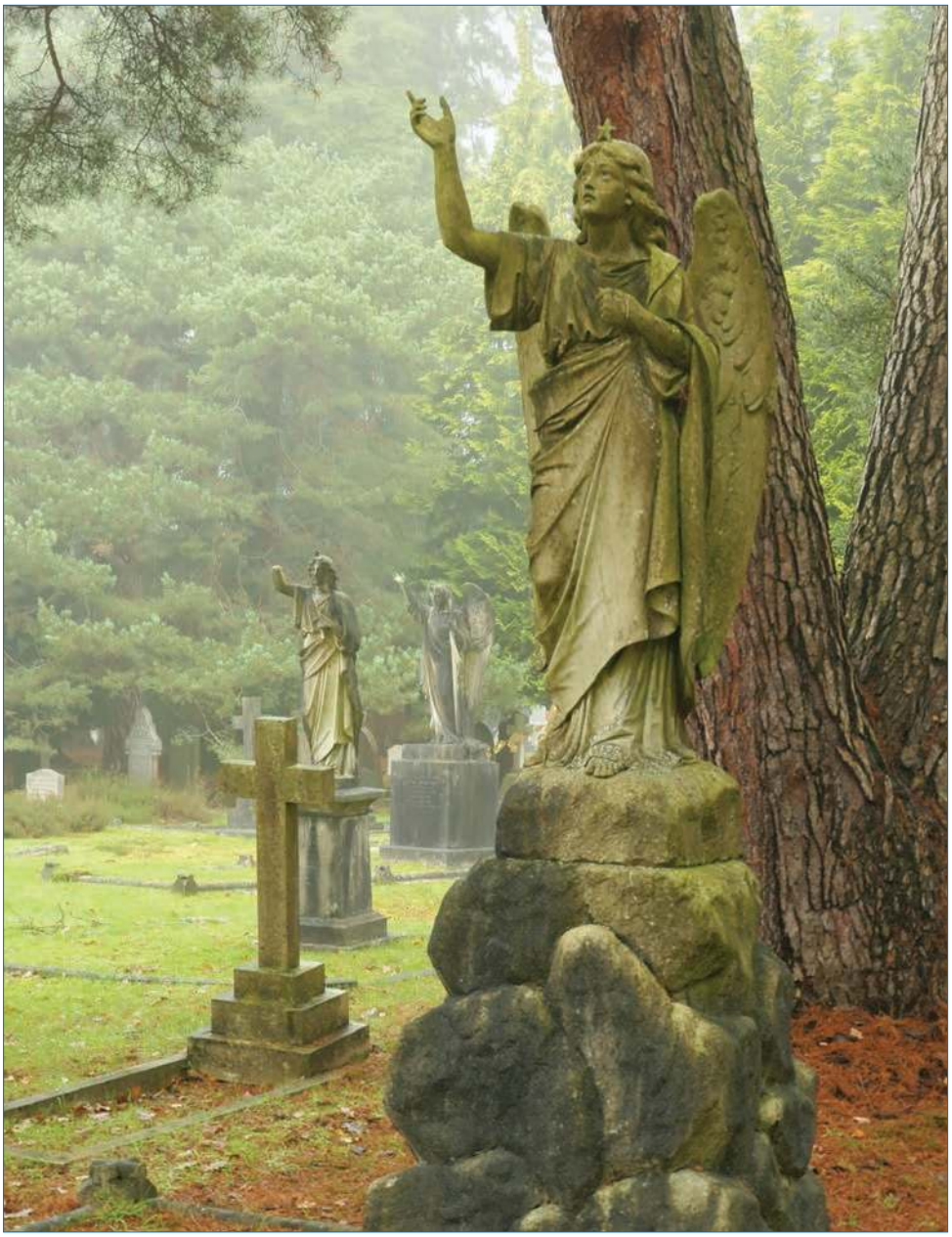
EVENTS IN BROOKWOOD CEMETERY

Brookwood Cemetery are opening their Chapel doors on the second Tuesday of each month this year from 10.00am to 11.00am. Complimentary tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash, and biscuits will be available. This is an opportunity to meet cemetery staff, learn more about the cemetery, ask questions, or simply enjoy a warm drink as part of your own cemetery walk or visit. The Chapel is located just inside the entrance from the station.

They also run a volunteer gardening group weekly on a Thursday from 10.00am to 1.00pm. No experience is required and tools are provided. It's a great opportunity to get outside and enjoy the cemetery with a small, friendly team who work on all kinds of projects.

If you have any questions about the coffee mornings or gardening group, please contact Lucy at the cemetery office (01483 472222 or info@brookwoodcemetery.com).





In addition, the Brookwood Cemetery Society has arranged three walks at 2pm on Sunday 2 April. There will be:

- General walk – a walk around the cemetery with a difference.
- Symbolism walk, led by Alison Vince and Margaret Hobbs – the Victorians placed great importance in symbolism on their graves, as a remembrance to help the living mourn, and to ensure their loved ones went to heaven. Alison and Margaret will help you understand these symbols.
- HS2 and other reburials, led by Barry Devonshire – the new HS2 reburial monument is near completion. There are many other reburials that date back to the early years of the cemetery, some marked, some unmarked. We will explore these.

Each walk will start at the Society Lodge beside the Cemetery Office, will end with refreshments at the Lodge, and have between 15 and 20 people. Booking is essential for all these walks and a donation of £5 per person is required. Please book your place at walks@tbcs.org.uk or 07714 289375.



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

Become a Governor

The Local Governance Committee at Brookwood Primary School is looking for new school governors from our local community – you do not need to be a parent or carer linked to the school.

The role of a school governor is strategic rather than operational. Governors don't get involved with the day to day running of a school, instead supporting and challenging the school's leadership team to drive school improvement.

With a new Headteacher, Wendy Thomas, on board, now is an exciting time for the school. We need more volunteers to bring their passion and experience to help ensure we are operating in the best way possible.

Contact Cath McCormick (office@brookwood.surrey.sch.uk) to find out more and apply to make a difference to young people at our school.

School events

FOBS are holding the annual Brookwood Just Move event on the weekend of 29 and 30 April; this is open to the community to register and take part. They hope to have a barbeque and refreshments at the school on Saturday 29 April and to give out medals. Further details to follow next month.

The summer fair is set for Saturday 1 July. If anyone would like to register their interest in having a stall, they should contact the chair (fobschair@googlemail.com).



SAVE KITTY

Basingstoke Canal Society is looking to replace Kitty, the old diesel trip boat based at Town Wharf, Woking, with a new electric boat. She will accommodate 12 passengers, have wheelchair access, a toilet and kitchenette. Some of the funding is hoped to come from Surrey County Council, and you can show your support for their application by visiting Your Fund Surrey. The address of the project page can be found at https://www.brookwood.org.uk/. They already have support from more than 700 people, but the more support they have, the more likely they are to get the funding they need.





Would you like to advertise in the newsletter?

The cost of advertising is £30.00. 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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