

BROOKWOOD NEWS

April 2023

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the April edition of Brookwood News and many thanks to all our contributors. It feels like Spring is here at last and we have a busy month ahead. There's quite a lot going on so please be sure to get involved.

David Lugton – Editor

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS

Louise, Colin, Maria and the Management Team at Brookwood Memorial Halls would like to invite you to join them for an AGM on Monday 24 April at 8pm in the Committee Room (off the large hall).

If you've attended a party, learned to dance or trained your puppy there, please join us to find out what's been going on and our thoughts for the future. And if that's not exciting enough there will be wine and nibbles!

If you are interested in supporting the hall in any way, we'd love to hear from you, so why not pop along and meet our super team.

We are also really excited to reveal our new Brookwood Memorial Halls website. Please visit and have a look around; we'd love your feedback (https://www.brookwoodmemorialhalls.org.uk/). You will find all our regular hirers listed – please check the details and don't hesitate to give us a shout if there are any amendments. You can "meet" the Committee on the website too.

VOTING IN LOCAL ELECTION

A local election will be held for ten of the thirty councillor seats on Woking Borough Council on Thursday 4 May 2023, including one of Brookwood's three councillors. The official candidate list will be published on 5 April 2023.

Remember that to vote on 4 May you will need to show a suitable photo identity document, so be sure you have yours ready. We already did this in 2018 and 2019, when the borough took part in government trials to test the feasibility of requesting photo ID at polling stations, so it shouldn't be a surprise now.

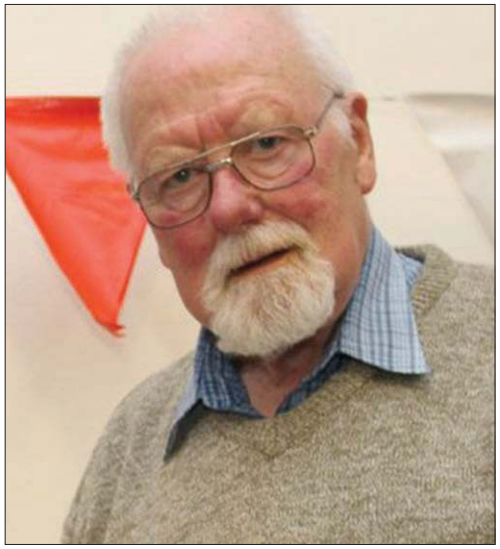
When voting in person at your polling station, you can use any of the following as photo ID:

- passport
- driving licence (including provisional licence)
- blue badge
- certain concessionary travel cards
- identity card with PASS mark (Proof of Age Standards Scheme)
- biometric immigration document
- defence identity card
- certain national identity cards.

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a Voter Authority Certificate. The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the local elections is Tuesday 25 April 2023.

SAD LOSS OF BROOKWOOD'S OLDEST RESIDENT Brian Kinder 1932–2023

Wendy, Will and George would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their support and messages of condolence, which have been such a comfort at this sad time..



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BROOKWOOD WI



On Tuesday 21 March, Brookwood WI members and invited guests gathered to celebrate its 70th birthday. As a change to our usual meeting, we met in the big hall and had a wonderful evening celebrating together. A wonderful selection of foods was enjoyed, followed by some fun and games.

After a tough few years, it was lovely to be able to catch up with friends, to reminisce and laugh.

Brookwood WI would like to thank its members and the community for all their support over the last 70 years – you are what makes the WI! Cheers to the next 70 years!



PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our April monthly meeting will be held in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11 April, when our speaker will be Peter Herring on the topic of "Magnificent Magnolia". Guests and visitors most welcome. Refreshments will be available and hopefully we will be able to judge the daffodil competition. Anyone wishing to become a member from Pirbright or neighbouring villages will be most welcome.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

This will be held over the weekend of 20/21 May at the home of Pauline and Mike Allen, 5 West Heath, Pirbright GU24 0JQ (half a mile up Church Lane past the church). The sale will run on both days from 10am onwards. There will be a raffle and refreshments.

Any good quality bedding plants, vegetable plants, herbaceous plants, shrubs, fruits, alpine plants etc. that you wish to donate for sale would be most welcome. Where possible all plants should be labelled and in clean pots. Any garden tools or pots etc. will also be welcome.

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY ON THE BBC



The wildlife in Brookwood Cemetery has featured in the new BBC series Wild Isles presented by Sir David Attenborough. It included a charming sequence of a roe deer and her two fawns amongst the gravestones.

CAR PARKING AT PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

Over the last 10 years Pirbright Surgery has doubled in size; we currently have 4,600 patients registered at the surgery. To manage demand, we have increased capacity, with extra GP and nurse appointments. We only have five parking bays and one disabled bay. Please could we ask that you park across the road in the Avenue De Cagny car park if you are able to; this will free up car parking bays for our less mobile patients.

BROOKWOOD CLUB

A reminder that the Club has bingo on the first Saturday of each month starting at 8.30pm. Please note there will be no bingo on Saturday 6 May due to the King's Coronation.

The Club AGM will be held on Monday 24 April at 8pm. All members welcome

BROOKWOOD ART GROUP

As usual, members of Brookwood Art Group have been busy working on their various artistic projects since the beginning of 2023. We have had a workshop on landscape painting with Chris Forsey, and last week we had a mini workshop on methods of applying acrylic paint. These sessions enable members to expand and improve their techniques, and gain experience of working in different media. The next instructional day that we have planned is on painting landscape with reflections, in watercolour; this will be given by Roger Dellar.

The group meets every Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm at Brookwood Memorial Hall. Our members range from novices to experienced artists and work in a range of media, including watercolour, acrylic, pastel, collage, etc.; anyone with an interest in doing art work is welcome to join. The club provides an opportunity to discuss and learn from others, and we aim to generate a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. Demonstrations and workshops are optional; if members wish to work on their own projects, they are free to do so. During the summer there will be several opportunities for members to offer their paintings for sale, as we run art stalls at events such as Pirbright Fete and West End Show.

If you think you might be interested in joining us, please get in touch and you will be welcome to come along and try out the club for a couple of weeks before deciding whether to join (email: art.brookwood@outlook.com; website: www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com; phone: 07775 297938).





EASTER AT ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH

Palm Sunday – On Sunday 2 April at 10am, a family friendly Puppet Church Service at St Saviour's, which will look at the Palm Sunday story.

Maundy Thursday – On Thursday 6 April at 7.30pm, a Passover Service at St Saviour's. This will be an evening with reflections based upon the last meal that Jesus ate with his disciples.

Good Friday – On Friday 7 April at 9.30am, Youth Good Friday Journey. Starting from St Saviour's. Please check the website (www.htandstschurch.org) youth page for details. And at 2pm, An Hour by the Cross at St Saviour's. We will spend an hour meditating on the great sacrifice Jesus made for us and the whole world as He died on the cross.

Easter Sunday – On Sunday 9 April at 6am, a Sunrise Service at Newlands Corner. We will welcome in Easter Sunday with a service of worship and prayer as the sun rises. Meet in Newlands Corner car park just before 6am. And at 10am, Easter Sunday Celebration, a united service at Holy Trinity Knaphill with Holy Communion and Baptisms.

ST SAVIOUR'S LUNCH WITH FRIENDS

This is advance notice that we are changing the day for our monthly lunch at St Saviour's. Commencing in April, the lunch will now be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 12 to 2pm (rather than the fourth Tuesday). The proposed Wednesday dates for 2023 will therefore be: 26 April, 24 May, 28 June, 26 July, 23 August, 27 September, 25 October, 22 November; the provisional Christmas Lunch date is 20 December. On these dates there will be a Holy Communion Service at St Saviour's with refreshments afterwards followed by the Lunch with Friends.

And a reminder that there is now a weekly Sunday Evening Service for all. The church is open from 6pm for refreshments with the hour (max) service commencing at 6.30pm.

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS

Pirbright Players are excited to be planning a Murder Mystery evening, to be held at Lord Pirbright's Hall on Saturday 10 June. The evening will consist of a performance of an original Murder Mystery written by one of our members, and the audience will be invited to guess the murderer. The audience will be seated at tables and will be served a two-course meal during the interval. During the interval, the cast will mingle amongst the audience, and can be asked questions to help identify the murderer. There will be a prize for the winning table, and also a raffle with exciting prizes. This event is bound to be popular so please see future editions of Brookwood News for how to book tickets.

Pirbright Players are also in urgent need of good storage facilities for some of their costumes, and props, etc. If anyone has any suggestions regarding where we can store our property, please contact Carole Gailer (carolegailer@hotmail.com).

CORONATION WEEKEND SATURDAY 6 TO MONDAY 8 MAY 2023

As we all know, the Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort will take place at Westminster Abbey on Saturday 6 May, 2023.

On Sunday 7 May 2023, a special Coronation Concert will be staged and broadcast live at Windsor Castle by the BBC, with 10,000 tickets available via public ballot (the lucky winners will be notified by late April).

The Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together, will take place across the country on Sunday. On Monday 8 May 2023, when we have an extra bank holiday, members of the public are encouraged to take part in 'The Big Help Out', and try volunteering to support their local area. The website (https://thebighelpout.org.uk/) and app still need some work (!) but you can keep an eye out for local opportunities nearer the time.

So come on Brookwood! Get involved! Get together with friends and neighbours on Sunday – maybe we can have an informal village picnic on the rec? Hang out the bunting, tidy up your gardens and spruce up the village; be proud to live in Brookwood!



BROOKWOOD BABIES AND TODDLERS' PLAYGROUP



We are so lucky in Brookwood that we not only have a neighbourhood playgroup, but also a baby group. These are a rarity these days but, thanks to the lovely team of volunteers who run the playgroup, it has been possible to make use of a separate quiet room away from the hustle and bustle of the toddlers, for parents and carers to spend some social time with their babies. Colourful sensory toys, comfortable seating, and tea and coffee made for you, and brought to you, so hopefully you can actually drink it whilst it's hot!

The baby group runs alongside the toddler group on Monday mornings during term time at 9.45am at Brookwood Memorial Halls. All the usual crafts, toys, ride-ons, singing and good coffee available. Details at brookwoodbabies@gmail.com, or call/text Natalie on 07980 618049.



FRIENDS OF BROOKWOOD SCHOOL



FOBS would like to thank everyone who attended the quiz night at the school in February. Many parents, carers and people from the community joined forces to enjoy a fun evening. We raised approximately £400 to put towards vital projects in the school.

It's time to get moving again! Just Move 2023 is being held on 28–30 April, when the children will be running 2km in school. Members of the community, parents, carers and teachers are welcome to take part by choosing to walk, cycle or run any distance. If you'd like to donate towards this fundraising campaign, you can visit the JustGiving website (https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/JustMove2023).

THE BASINGSTOKE CANAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

Kitty is our community trip boat based at Woking Town Wharf. Unfortunately, Kitty is nearing the end of her life and becoming increasingly difficult to maintain, so we are raising funds to replace her with an all-electric boat. At the same time, we will install charging points to kick-start the electrification of the entire canal. The Basingstoke Canal is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) so it's particularly important to protect its environment. The new Kitty will also be designed to be better adapted for wheelchair use, and contain a toilet. Every penny raised goes directly to replacing Kitty because, as with everything that the Canal Society does, no-one is paid to crew and look after Kitty; everyone is a volunteer.

Thanks to the huge efforts of countless volunteers, we have raised over half of what is required to replace Kitty. We have applied to Your Fund Surrey for a £75,000 grant to cover the rest.

We really need your help to get the grant and it will only take three minutes of your time. All we need you to do is click the link below and answer a few questions about how you feel about replacing Kitty followed by a few questions about yourself (https://yourfundsurreyproposals.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/help-us-replace-kitty/step1).

Kitty is very much a community resource which, in addition to introducing thousands of visitors each year to the beauty of one of the finest canal environments in the UK, also provides trips for local schoolchildren, care homes, hospitals, heritage open days and people with disabilities. Time is running out so please do this now.



VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Every Monday	Brookwood Babies and Toddlers' Playgroup, 9.45am, Brookwood Memorial Hall
Every Monday	Brookwood Art Group, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Brookwood Memorial Hall
Every Monday	Weekly Sunday Evening Service, 6.30pm, St Saviour's
Saturday 1 April	Bingo, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 2 April	Palm Sunday Puppet Church Service, 10am, St Saviour's
	Matilda the Musical film, 2pm, Pirbright Church
Thursday 6 April	Passover Service, 7.30 pm, St Saviour's
Friday 7 April	Youth Good Friday Journey, 9.30am, starting from St Saviour's
	An Hour by the Cross, 2pm, St Saviour's
Sunday 9 April	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6am, Newlands Corner
	Easter Sunday Celebration, 10am, Holy Trinity Knaphill
Tuesday 11 April	Pirbright Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall
Monday 24 April	Memorial Hall AGM, 8pm, Committee Room
	Brookwood Club AGM, 8pm, Brookwood Club
Friday 28 April	Just Move 2023 for children at Brookwood School
Wednesday 26 April	Lunch with Friends, 12–2pm, St Saviour's
Thursday 4 May	Local election voting, 9am to 10pm, Small Memorial Hall
Saturday 6 May	The Coronation
Monday 8 May	The Big Help Out
Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 May	Pirbright Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale, from 10am, 5 West Heath, Pirbright GU24 0JQ
Saturday 10 June	Pirbright Players Murder Mystery evening, Lord Pirbright's Hall



There will be an afternoon showing of Matilda the Musical at Pirbright Church on Sunday 2 April at 2pm (curtains up at 2.30pm). Pay what you can on the door.



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