

BROOKWOOD NEWS

March 2024

EDITORIAL

The true spirit of our wonderful Brookwood residents is showing. Last month we reported the finding of a lost cat, reunited after a long time. And this month I'm pleased to report that we've had a great response to our request for assistance in delivering the Brookwood News to Heath Drive. Seven wonderful people stepped forward! It's wonderful to know that so many of you are willing to help and that the volunteering spirit in Brookwood remains strong. I'm delighted that Paul Smith and Linda Williams (who moved to Brookwood recently – welcome Linda!) are going to share Heath Drive deliveries and we have lots of back up to cover for holidays, etc.

Now, if anyone wishes to join our team and become an editor (once a year), do get in touch.

As always, we'd love to hear from any businesses that would like to advertise in future, and any organisations or individuals who feel they might be able to make a donation to help with our costs. If you'd like to advertise or donate (or both!), or have any other thoughts on other funding sources, please email us at community@brookwood.org.uk. Thank you all for your continued support

Ciará Nasseri-Chahpar – Editor

BROOKWOOD MEMORIAL HALLS

AGM

Louise, Maria and the Management Team at Brookwood Memorial Halls would like to invite you to join us for our AGM on Monday 15 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, 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 anyone is 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.

BROOKWOOD FARM AREA



You may have noticed recently, if you have taken a walk across the country park towards Knaphill, that trenches have been dug bordering the pathway. This is part of a flood alleviation scheme designed to provide better drainage on the pathway and to lower the rate that water discharges into the streams. The streams that run through here eventually end up in the Hoe Stream, which is prone to serious flooding around the Leisure Centre area. The work is being done by Cala Homes and is part of their obligations to the site.

Please contact cllrkevin.davis@woking.gov.uk if you wish to see any design drawings.

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BROOKWOOD ART GROUP
Not Just Art for Art's Sake



In Brookwood Art Group (BAG) the opportunities are flexible, giving choice. If a space to focus is what you need, then 'free expression' provides just that. If you want to learn more, extend your skills, embrace new media and find inspiration, optional demos and workshops led by local artists facilitate all of that.

A recent survey of members shows why people join BAG and stay. Not everyone might use the term 'therapy' themselves but, like community choirs, 'doing art' really is about wellbeing as well as creativity.

The weekly sessions (Friday mornings) are companiable, offering a chance to chat about anything within reason, not just art! Walking round to see what people are doing, which nobody minds at all, means you can pick up tips and give encouragement.

The Committee works incredibly hard to ensure everything runs smoothly, and the programme secretary organises not only a yearly calendar of optional workshops but also participation in local events where works of art can be displayed and even sold. BAG supports charities each year, raising money through sales of original greetings cards, and small donations each month arising from art-related books and materials that members bring along. A voluntary double-donation whammy!

The cost really is a snip. For regular sessions it's just £55 for 6 months, which is little more than £2 a week. We are lucky to have the perfectly equipped Memorial Hall – warm, spacious and light.

First formed in 1927, it is clear that the original idea has endured. Whether a beginner or an experienced artist, you are assured of a friendly welcome (Art.brookwood@outlook.com; www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com; 07775 297938).

BROOKWOOD LYE MEETING

There was a meeting on 29 February in the Small Memorial Hall to update residents on the Brookwood Lye site. Unfortunately, we weren't notified in time to publicise this last month.

We understand that Beverley Kuchar, the Acting Strategic Director at WBC, and Mike Rolt from Thameswey were updating residents on the site, the state of various planning applications and agreed planning enforcement, and answering any questions. We hope to have a full report in the May edition.



ST SAVIOUR'S SPRING CLEAN/ GARDEN DAY



St Saviour's are looking for volunteers to help out on 23 March from 9am to 1pm. Can you spare some time to help with the cleaning or weeding in the garden? As we all know, many hands make light work! Refreshments will be provided.

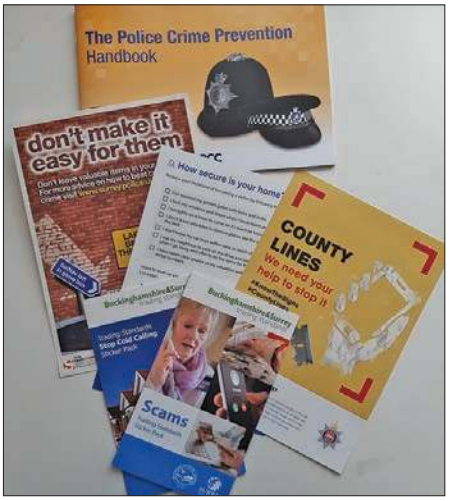
A SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

We were very pleased to welcome PCSO Robert Freeman to St Saviour's Pop-Up Coffee session on Friday 9 February. He is new to the area and spent the morning chatting to residents and visitors, providing some useful flyers and leaflets, and explaining how to get in touch with the Police. Also available was information to raise awareness on how to avoid burglary and how to keep possessions safe, while looking out for neighbours and each other. He is already patrolling Brookwood and Knaphill by car (sometimes unmarked), and will occasionally be on foot, so look out for him and say hello. Meanwhile check the list below for your own security.

- For more advice, visit surrey.police.uk/burglary
- Please report online via website, direct message on social media, or call 101
- In an emergency, always call 999

How secure is your home?

- Garden gates with locks and bolts
- Windows and doors locked when leaving home and overnight
- Lights on timer to come on if not at home after dark
- No valuables left in obvious places such as the wardrobe, or next to the bed
- Car keys not in view or reach of door
- Neighbour parks on drive, looks after bins and post when away and do the same for them
- Clear photos taken of valuables plus serial numbers noted





PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Our March meeting will be held on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall, The Green, Pirbright GU24 0JE, when our speaker will be Jim Arbury talking on 'Fruit for small gardens'. Hopefully we will be able to judge the daffodil competition.

Subscriptions are now overdue for those who have not paid, so they would be very much appreciated. You can pay by cash, card or cheque at the meeting.

Refreshments will be available as usual. Members, visitors and guests always welcome. Looking forward to seeing you all.

PIRBRIGHT TWINNINGS ASSOCIATION

There will be a Crêpe Supper on Saturday 9 March 2024, 6.30pm, at Lord Pirbright's Hall. The menu will comprise a homemade main course followed by French crêpes with a variety of fillings plus coffee. There will be a wine bar and a raffle. Tickets are £16 for members or £18 for non-members. Payment enquiries to George Lane via email (treasurer.twinning@gmail.com).

To support catering preparations, the deadline for purchasing tickets is noon Wednesday 6 March 2024.



RETURN OF THE CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR!

Many will remember our concerts with this choir before Covid and I am pleased to say that they have been enticed to come again in October for a lunchtime concert at 2.30 pm, on Saturday 19 October 2024.

We have opted for an afternoon concert as it gives the choir the opportunity of a concert in St Michael's Church, followed by tea and then retiring to a local hostelry for a good sing, and they will be able to leave at a reasonable hour for their journey home to Cardiff. Also, it suits so many people not to have to turn out in the dark evenings.

The chosen charities this year are Shooting Star Children's Hospices and Cure Parkinson's. Please keep this date free and support the Choir and these two worthwhile local charities.

BROOKWOOD VILLAGE FOODBANK APPEAL – UPDATE

Now that we are well into the New Year, we thought we would update you as to what we achieved in our 2023 campaign.

We delivered several van loads to the Foodbank warehouse in perfect time for the Christmas distribution, which included some 49 parcels from yourselves. This was down by some 21 bags in 2023, but we raised a total of £3,312 through our JustGiving page and cash donations. This was up by a staggering £187 which is fantastic, especially given the fact that the cost-of-living crisis continues to hit all areas.

We believe that our donations will go a long way towards helping those who find themselves in dire need in the local areas of Woking, including St Johns, Knaphill, Brookwood and Sheerwater to name a few as sadly the referrals in to the Foodbank increase year on year. Our campaign would be nothing without each and every one of you who has supported the campaign and for that we are truly grateful.

A huge thank you to the newsletter team and our lovely distributors for always taking the time to include the appeal in our monthly newsletters and delivering them to your door.

With best wishes for a healthy 2023
Darren & Trudi

BROOKWOOD CLUB

Brookwood Club are opening their doors to the village (non-members welcome) for a 'Race Night' from 8pm on Saturday 6 April. Come one, come all!

Regular events at the Club:
Sundays – Pub Quiz at 8.45pm
Mondays – Brookwood Poker nights
Fridays – Brookwood Meat Raffle
First Saturday of every month – Bingo (April Bingo moved to Saturday 13 April).
More information can be found on notices in the Club, on Facebook, Twitter and at www.brookwood.club.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Every Sunday	Evening Service, 6.30pm, St Saviour's
Every Monday	Brookwood Babies and Toddlers Playgroup, 9.45am, Brookwood Memorial Hall
Every Friday	Brookwood Art Group, 9.30am to 12.30pm, Brookwood Memorial Hall
Every Friday	Pop-up Coffee, 10am to 12pm, St Saviour's
Saturday 9 March	Crêpe Supper, Lord Pirbright's Hall, 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 March	Pirbright Horticultural Society, Lord Pirbright's Hall, 7.30pm
Saturday 23 March	St Saviour's Spring Clean/Garden Day, 9am to 1pm
Saturday 6 April	Race Night, Brookwood Club, 8pm
Saturday 13 April	Bingo, Brookwood Club, from 8.30pm
Monday 15 April	Brookwood Memorial Halls AGM, Committee Room, 8pm

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