BROOKWOOD NEWS

June 2024

Celebrating 10 years of Brookwood News

In 2014 a group of us decided to take up the task of producing a regular newsletter again in the village. For many years there had been a monthly news provided by Mac Fryatt and then Mike Peel, but it is hard work as a sole editor, and difficult to keep up with the editing and printing schedules when there are many other life commitments. We therefore formed a group of editors, a proof-reader, treasurer and distributors, which has meant the 'burden' of producing the monthly editions is so much lighter. By having different editors each month we hope that this results in a good variety of articles and highlights that are representative, and of interest, to Brookwood residents. Our first edition was in June 2014 and we adopted the current format in November 2014.


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This month's editor: Judith Male

We're back!

Brookwood and Bridley Neighbourhood Forum (BBNF)

A note from Mike Peel


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POEM FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

BREAK-IN AT THE POST OFFICE

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From the comments and encouragement we have received over the years, we are delighted that, 10 years on, the newsletter is still appreciated and worth doing. Although many of us get our news and events through social media now, we hope that the newsletter is still useful as a reminder, provides information for those who don't use social media, and, importantly, helps to bring the community together and keep up that special community feel that Brookwood has.

Many thanks to all those who have been editors and are still editing: Sarah Abrams, Ian Angell, Yvonne Craven, Jo Greenwood, Graham Hunt, Richard Johnson, Jackie Kenny, Mark Kilcullen, Barbara Lugton, David Lugton, Judith Male, Ciará Nasseri-Chahpar, John Power, Andrew Prout, Sue Webber and John Wheeler. If you would like to add your name to the list then please get in touch!

Thank you to Nick Webster, our patient and dedicated graphic designer. A big cheer to Barbara Lugton who sorts all the copies and drops off batches to distributors every month. We also have a wonderful group of distributors who trudge the streets delivering in all weathers including Laurie Dyche, Jeremy Martin, Alison Harris, Robin Linklater, Sue Gale, Sue Webber, Skip Mugridge, David Stonor, Steven Salter, Neville Broyd, Paul Smith, Linda Williams, Yvonne Craven, Marian Wright, Mandy Sherwood, Trudi Fletcher, Jean Hassell, Keith Nixon, Chris and Aimee Reid. Hilary Gower is an amazing proof-reader and rarely does a wrong comma or hyphen get past her. Thank you also to Jean Hassell who keeps our finances on track. Finally, thank you to Jon Davies and the staff at Knaphill Print for being so reliable and helpful.

EDITORIAL

I'm sure most of you skim Brookwood News each month and, although you hopefully find it interesting, give very little thought to the work that goes into creating and delivering it to you. I make no apology for taking the entire front page this month for what some may see as a bit of self-praise purely because, on our 10th anniversary, I think it's right to thank all those who contribute their time each month.

I'd also like to thank our sponsors and advertisers, who provide our funding, and all those people and groups in the village who regularly contribute interesting and useful content. If you'd like to volunteer or contribute anything, or just let us know what you think of Brookwood News, then please get in touch or come and chat at the tea party on Sunday 23 June. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

John Power – Editor

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BRING AND SHARE SUMMER TEA PARTY – SUNDAY 23 JUNE



To celebrate 10 years of the newsletter, we are providing an opportunity for residents to get together on hopefully a sunny summer's afternoon at Brookwood Small Memorial Hall from 2 to 4.30pm. Come along to chat and enjoy each other's company with tea, cakes, a raffle and to get some help with the quiz in this edition. Refreshments will be provided and, if you are able, a donation of a small plate of cakes or savouries would be much appreciated. We really hope to see as many of you as possible there, and family and friends are all very welcome.

QUIZ

Here are 11 questions based on events covered in Brookwood News from 2014 to 2024 – one from each year. We will be giving a prize to one lucky winner at the tea party on Sunday 23 June. You can enter either by sending your name, the question number and your answers to community@brookwood.org.uk before Sunday 23 June or completing an entry form at the tea party (possibly after skimming through some of the back copies of Brookwood News!).

In which year did:

1 _____ the D-Day darlings perform at an evening of music and remembrance at Brookwood Military Cemetery?

2 _____ Brookwood WI take part in the Women's Institute Centenary celebrations?

3 _____ the new Prince and Princess of Wales visit the Army Training Centre to thank the troops carrying out important roles?

4 _____ an exhibition open at Brookwood Military Cemetery to mark the Commonwealth War Graves Commission's Centenary?

5 _____ the village celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day?

6 _____ the station have barriers installed?

7 _____ Messy Church at St Saviour's celebrate Prince Harry's marriage to Meghan Markle?

8 _____ the post box beside the telephone box get reinstated?

9 _____ the new station car park be built?

10 _____ SWR have a consultation to close many station ticket offices?

11 _____ burglars break into the village post office?

KEVIN DAVIS

Following last month's elections we have a new councillor. I've invited Pav Pandher to introduce himself to you and hope that we'll be able to include something from him in a future edition of Brookwood News. I'm very pleased to say though that Kevin Davis has kindly provided a few words.

"As someone that has lived in Brookwood for many years, it has been an absolute honour to serve the residents of Brookwood and surrounding areas for 12 years as your councillor. When I walk through the village, I'm constantly reminded of things that are better because of the time I put in. Whether it's the reversal of the entrance and exit at the station, parking bay changes to support the businesses or simply double yellow lines that make it safer for our children to get to school. I'm very proud of the investment that went into Sheets Heath and Brookwood Cemetery, both absolute jewels in the crown for Brookwood.

At times, it's a very stressful role to take on and can be non-stop if you let it, as I did. I'm very much looking forward to not spending three nights a week on Council business, reading endless papers and losing a chunk of my weekend as well. Being able to spend time with my family and hobbies that have been neglected for quite a while is my new priority.

I'll always be grateful to those that put their faith in me and put their cross in the box at election time. Thank you.

I'll get on now and sort the telephone box out which is looking neglected as it has been 14 years since we first restored it."

I know I speak on behalf of the whole Brookwood News team when I say that we'd like to add our thanks to Kevin for contributing regularly to Brookwood News and always supporting the village. We wish him well for the future and are sure he will remain an important member of the village community.

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS AT THE VILLAGE SUMMER FAIR

The Pirbright Players will be celebrating at the Paris Olympics-themed Pirbright Village Fair on Saturday 8 June with a game of musical chairs to the soundtrack of Vangelis's film score for Chariots of Fire, about the Paris Olympics 1924. Anyone can enter this game with different age groups from under 5s to 80 plus. Chairs are set out in the middle of a circular track in the main arena. The runners run around the track in slow motion to the music, playing a game of musical chairs. There will be prizes for the winners. They look forward to seeing you on Pirbright village green between 11am and 5pm on Saturday 8 June.

PIRBRIGHT SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR



The pupils at Pirbright Primary School created this image of the Olympic Rings in celebration of the games this summer and to help advertise the Pirbright School Summer Fair, which will also have an Olympic theme and is taking place on Saturday 15 June between 12 and 3pm.



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

The Summer Fair is on Saturday 15 June from 12 to 3pm. FOBS would love to see as many of you at the fair as possible for a great family day with lots of stalls, refreshments, raffle, games, tombolas, popular Scouts' plate smash, bar and a bouncy castle. Please get in touch to reserve your space at fobschair@googlemail.com if you'd like to have a stall at the fair.

FOBS would also like to thank everyone who supported the school and FOBS fundraising event – Just Move 2024 – which saw the children running in school and receiving their fantastic bespoke medals. Just Move water bottles were also given as prizes and we still have a few left that can be purchased at the Summer Fair.

BROOKWOOD WI: CWGC TALK

Brookwood WI are inviting everyone in the village to join them at 7.45pm on Tuesday 18 June in the Small Memorial Hall to hear a talk from a member of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) covering all aspects of their work. This will undoubtedly be of interest to all those who regularly visit the military cemetery.

If you would like to go to this, please contact Kath Brooks (01483 480139) by Friday 14 June and leave a message.

SUMMER WORK AT AB EVENT HIRE

AB Event Hire Ltd at the end of the village hire out a variety of equipment for all sorts of events such as weddings, conferences, school functions, private parties or any other social gathering that you care to mention. They don't have any minimum or maximum orders and are quite used to handling functions from 10 to 500. They have been in Brookwood for many years now and have done a lot of local events, so please pop in and see them if you would like to see what they do. As you could probably guess, their busy period will soon be here and they usually try to recruit two or three students to help out during the summer. Ideally they like to hire local people, so if you know of anyone who is looking for summer work then please let them know. You can call them on 01276 856440 or email sales@abhire.com.

SKY ARTS CONTENDER VISIT TO BROOKWOOD ART GROUP

The Brookwood Art Group's varied schedule of events includes visits from talented, established artists who share their experience. Miriam Wakerly, a member of the group, has told us about landscape artist Stewart Beckett who recently came along for a demo and then returned a few weeks later to run a workshop. He has worked hard to follow his passion in life and achieve an enviable goal of earning a living while being creative.

He passed on many watercolour techniques and tips, engaged us in preparatory exercises before we began our painting, and guided us through simplifying a complicated scene. It was interesting to see how each of our paintings represents an individual take on the scene we worked from.

A few years ago, Stewart took part in the popular Sky Arts Landscape Artist of the Year competition and you can see a fascinating time lapse video about this on his website (https://landscape.stewartbeckett.co.uk). We hope he can find time to come back!

If you would like to join us, please do get in touch by email (Art.brookwood@outlook.com), phone (07775 297938) or via our website (www.brookwoodart.wordpress.com).





PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Thanks to everyone for supporting our plant sale, either by attending or providing plants for resale. We do not have a meeting on Tuesday 11 June but a visit might be arranged. On Tuesday 9 July we will have a floral art demonstration by Elizabeth Barralet and our annual show will be at 2.30pm on Saturday 27 July. Check out our website www.pirbrighthort.co.uk for full details.

ST JOHNS CARE

St Johns Care is a voluntary organisation which provides transport for those less able in our community to hospital and doctors' appointments. They have been in operation for the last twenty years and are entirely made up of volunteers in the St Johns area. All these local transport systems liaise with Surrey County Council.

A while ago they extended their operations to include Brookwood residents but, while they took on a number of our residents, they only gained one volunteer. They are now seeking the help of anyone in Brookwood who would be willing to volunteer with St Johns Care. They are looking for people who could help with administration, take a turn with the mobile phone in their own home no more than once a week for a couple of hours to take incoming requests, or become drivers with all their petrol expenses reimbursed.

To find out more, please call 07717 597721 between 10am and noon on weekdays or email stjohnscare.woking@gmail.com.

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

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

Every Sunday	Evening Service, 6.30pm, St Saviour's
Every Monday	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 2 June	Tabletop sale, 10am to 12pm, Memorial Hall
Saturday 8 June	Pirbright Village Fair, 11am to 5pm
Sunday 9 June	Memorial Hall Annual Clean
Saturday 15 June	Brookwood and Pirbright Schools' Summer Fair, 12–3pm
Tuesday 18 June	Brookwood WI, CWGC talk, 7.45pm, Small Memorial Hall
Sunday 23 June	Brookwood Village Bring and Share Summer Tea Party, 2–4.30pm, Small Memorial Hall





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