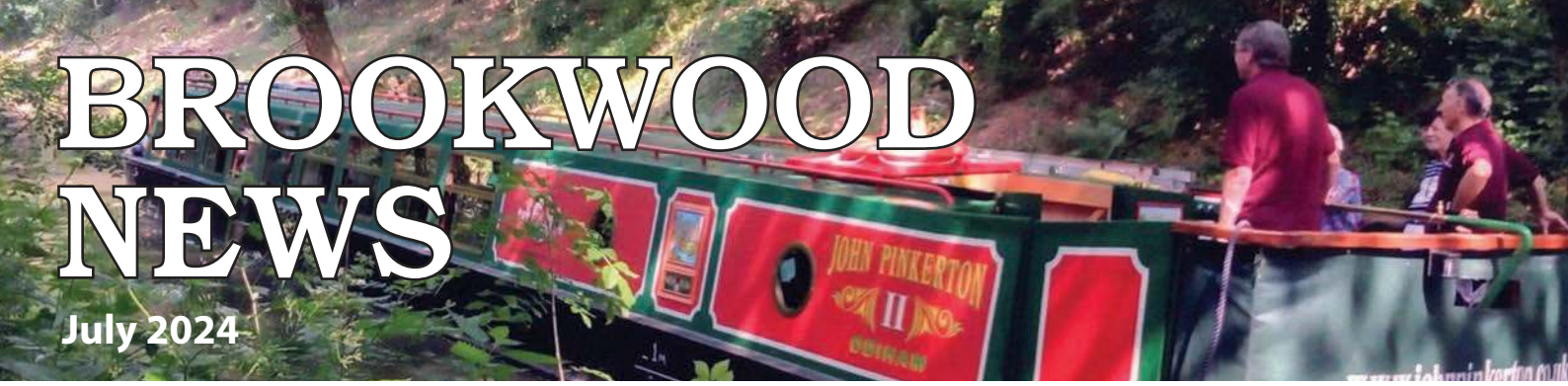


BROOKWOOD NEWS

July 2024

FAREWELL TO THE POST OFFICE

It is with great sadness that we have to bid farewell to Shaun, our popular sub-postmaster, who is leaving at the end of the month to concentrate on baking activities elsewhere. With his cheerful demeanour, he has been a popular and much-loved figure on the Brookwood scene. Sadly, the new owners of the bakery have no wish to take on the Post Office functions too. For the moment, our options appear to be Bisley or Knaphill. Shaun understands that the Post Office organisation is hoping to interest one of our other local businesses in taking on postal responsibilities though that, I suspect, will take time. Happily, Penny and her colleagues will remain in the bakery and shop.



EDITORIAL

Welcome to the July edition of Brookwood News. As I write, it almost feels as though summer is with us at last: the sun is shining and the forecast looks good for the next week.

What is not good is the news that Brookwood Post Office is to close on 29 June. Please see the report and photo aside.

I imagine that calmness now reigns in many households given that important exams have now concluded. Fingers crossed for the next couple of months in the hope that the longed-for results come to pass.

The roadworks in Connaught Road are going on apace and I have to say that the pavement section completed beyond Connaught Crescent looks to be in good order.

Ian Angell – Editor

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NEWS FROM OUR COUNCILLORS

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a fund available for communities and is generated whereby most new development which creates net additional floor space of 100 square metres or more, or creates a new dwelling, is potentially liable for the levy.

There is about £16,000 available for Brookwood and approximately £97,000 for the Heathlands Ward as a whole.

CIL money can be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities. (For further details, see section 216(2) of the Planning Act 2008, and regulation 59, as amended by the 2012 and 2013 Regulations.)

Your Heathlands' councillors would be happy to receive community-supported requests, and can be contacted as follows: Guy Cosnahan (cllrguy.cosnahan@woking.gov.uk), Pav Pandher (cllrpav.pandher@woking.gov.uk) and Leslie Rice (cllrleslie.rice@woking.gov.uk).

END-OF-YEAR REPORT FROM BROOKWOOD SCHOOL HEAD

As we reach the end of another busy school year, we are delighted to inform our local community that we had a very successful visit from Ofsted this term. We were incredibly proud of our staff and children and for the support from our families. There were a huge number of positives and some excellent points for development. We were particularly proud of the following comments made by the Inspectors who said that 'Brookwood Primary School's HEART values of Happiness, Enthusiasm, Aspiration, Respect and Togetherness pulse through this school' and 'This is a school that works hard to meet the needs of all pupils, no matter what their background or situation'.

Please visit our school website at www.brookwood.surrey.sch.uk to read our report in full.

In spite of the weather, our Summer Fair, held on Saturday 15 June, was a huge success and we are very grateful for the hard work of Friends of Brookwood School (FOBS) and everyone else who gave their time to run stalls and events.

On behalf of Brookwood Primary School, I would like to wish everyone within the Brookwood village community a safe and happy summer.

Wendy Thomas

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM THE BROOKWOOD NEWS TEAM



The team wishes to thank the residents who joined us to celebrate 10 years of Brookwood News on Sunday 23 June. A good time was had by all, aided by celebratory bubbles kindly provided by the Lansbury Estate and lovely food brought to share by those who attended. Many thanks to Fulks Butchers, East West Indian Restaurant, Brookwood Club, Complete Cleaning & Maintenance, and Complete External Cleaning for donating prizes for the raffle and quiz.









BROOKWOOD WI UPDATE

Brookwood WI has been very busy for the last few months with some very interesting talks, and a lot more to come.

In April we had a talk from Iain Wakeford, a local historian. He gave us a very informative and entertaining talk on the history of Woking and the surrounding area. There were many pictures and stories from places that we recognised, showing how much areas had changed and how some parts still retained some of their historical beauty. But, did you know, at one point in history, there was a company that wanted to purchase the whole of Woking to turn it into a burial site for the whole of England? We didn't either!

In May we had our resolution meeting, which was enjoyed along with a fish and chip supper. Each year the WI chooses a resolution, or cause, to throw its weight behind. This year, the proposed resolution is to push the government to do something about the lack of NHS dentists. The WI has its AGM at the Royal Albert Hall later this month where this will be discussed, amended, proposed, planned and agreed.

Our June meeting was an open meeting where we welcomed members of the village for the evening. We welcomed members of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission who spoke to us about their work locally, in Brookwood Cemetery, and internationally in over 100 different countries. Whilst many of us knew about their work in Brookwood, it was their efforts in the wider community and abroad that we really found interesting.

Some of our members have also been busy sewing and crocheting poppies, to be taken across to France to be part of the D-Day celebrations. In total, nearly 35,000 hand-crafted flowers from across the UK went across to enhance the memorials taking place. What an amazing achievement.

If you are interested in coming along, we meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the small hall, ready for a 7.45pm start. Please feel free to either come along, or contact Maureen on 01483 475543 for more details

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Many thanks for your support for our plant sale. We raised nearly £1300, less a few expenses, which was a pleasing result.

Our next meeting is on 9 July, when Elizabeth Barralet will be encouraging entries for the Floral Art section of our forthcoming show. Our meeting will be in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7.30 pm. All welcome. Refreshments will be available as usual.

Our Annual Show will be held on 27 July in Lord Pirbright's Hall, 2.30–5.30pm.
This is our 125th Anniversary Show.

Entries can be submitted online at www.pirbrighthort.co.uk or brought to the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall on Monday 22 July between 7 and 8pm. Do come and support us! Entry only £1; members free.

To mark this great achievement of our anniversary, we are hosting an afternoon tea party on Saturday 31 August in Lord Pirbright's Hall for all members and relatives past and present. Tickets numbers will be restricted so please apply early by contacting Philip Barralet (01483 473737 or philipbarralet@gmail.com).

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR CONCERT



Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir will be performing in Pirbright Church on Saturday 19 October at 2.30pm. Tickets now reservable at £25 from philipcardiff1@gmail.com.

Proceeds going to CureParkinson's and Shooting Star Children's Hospices. Please support these excellent charities.

CURE PARKINSON'S

Shooting Star children's hospices

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING



The Pirbright Singers' concert "Music for a Summer's Evening" will take place on Saturday 13 July 2024, 7.30pm, at St Michaels and All Angels Church. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are available on the door (cash or card): adults £10, under 18s free. Come and join us to hear a varied selection of uplifting pieces including Irving Berlin's "From Rags to Ritz" medley, Morten Lauridson's "Sure on this Shining Night" and Eric Whitacre's "The Seal Lullaby" to name a few. There will be light refreshments served afterwards in the Church Room.

PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION



Work is underway on Connaught Road pavements and is expected to be finished by the end of August.

Please cut back any overgrown vegetation, tree branches, hedges or shrubs from your garden that are hanging or growing over the pavement to expose the full width of the pavement surface before work starts.

Please do not park in the area where the team is working. These works will be carried out in stages along the road. The contractors will try to give residents prior warning to move vehicles by marking the work area with cones and barriers and by placing no parking flyers on vehicles.

The council's contractor Ringway is carrying out these works and you can contact the council at www.surreycc.gov.uk/highways, by phone on 0300 200 1003 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or by post: Contact Centre, Dakota, 11 De Havilland Drive, Weybridge, Surrey KT13 0YP.



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

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NB: DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER IS MIDDAY 20th AUGUST preferably by e-mail to community@brookwood.org.uk or telephone 01483 480273 or a note through the door of 78 Connaught Road.

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