BROOKWOOD NEWS

September 2024

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the September edition of Brookwood News. I hope you all survived the mini-heatwave and are prepared for the ever-closer winter months. With the government looking to cut winter fuel payments to thousands, let's all keep an eye on our senior residents, and make sure they are warm and comfortable. It has been a great summer for sport. The England team crossed the line and what a great effort from the GB Olympic team. With September comes the new school year, and we wish good luck to all our young Brookwood residents taking their first steps into education; we look forward to seeing them at the Christmas Fair. Oops, did I mention Christmas? Only 16 weeks to go – time to put the sprouts on! The pavement works seem to be carrying on at pace and still causing mixed emotions. The work that has been carried out is a great improvement. However, the process of applying for a dropped kerb is a labyrinth of bureaucratic paperwork and misdirection, which has left many in the village pulling their hair out and shouting very loudly at their computers. To end on a positive note, I heard from a very good source (who will stay anonymous) that Tudor Rose newsagent has applied for the sub-Post Office licence. Just a rumour, but fingers crossed. If you have any stories, events or news you would like to share, please send a copy or get in touch with us at community@brookwood.org.uk.

Graham Hunt – Editor

WASPS ON A SUGAR RUSH



It's not a late summer picnic unless the odd wasp buzzes by to add a slight edge to proceedings. But it's not their fault; they're hungry and have a sweet tooth, and we've got cake and Coca-Cola.

But why now? Well, by September the queen has stopped laying eggs and the thousands of female workers are without a job. And without much food. During the spring and summer, they've been busy catching insects which they bring back to the nest to feed to the carnivorous larvae. As a reward, the larvae produce a sugary liquid which the vegetarian female workers sip all summer long. However, with the larvae all grown up, the female workers have to find other sugary snacks, which bring them to our picnics.

They won't be around for long; the sterile females soon die off, along with the fertile males once they've mated with the new queens. The old queens soon die too, leaving the new queens to bunk down for the winter, ready to emerge next spring.

BROOKWOOD BAKERY

You may have noticed that the bakery was closed for a couple of weeks during August for a refit. I spoke with Chris, the new owner; he is very excited for the future and looking forward to meeting all the locals in the village. The grand reopening was on 31 August and all customers were welcomed with complementary hot drinks. The bakery is selling fresh baked bread, cakes and an array of sandwiches, and seating is available inside and out. Penny is still behind the counter so do drop in and see her.

Seymours. Successfully selling houses in Brookwood.

Interested in finding out what your property is worth?
Contact **Andrew, Simon** or **Mark** on **01483 798969**
to arrange a **FREE, no obligation valuation**.

seymours-estates.co.uk

Seymours

BROOKWOOD VILLAGE CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR WOKING FOODBANK

This year's Christmas campaign – our 10th anniversary – will commence on 25 October and finish on 8 December. Please help by supplying non-perishable items, making a cash donation, or indeed donating via our JustGiving page (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/tf2024 or scan the QR code). Your donation could make a huge difference to a family in dire need. The cash will be used to purchase non-perishables and essential items.

The JustGiving page has been a great success in previous years, especially for those less able to visit the shops. If you do donate via this page, please ensure that you leave your donor name as the system does not always ask for a name.

If you would like to provide a food parcel, please attach a label with your name and address so we can thank you personally. Drop-off points are currently Brookwood Club and our lovely new bakers in Brookwood village, Wildflower Café, during working hours.

We have had lots of companies getting involved in the past, which is a great community effort. If you are a local company and would like to participate, please let us know. I will be undertaking regular radio interviews with Jon Andrews at Radio Woking based at Winston Churchill School, and am more than happy to promote your business through all variations of social media throughout the campaign.

There are various ways to get in touch: e-mail (trudifletcher@rocketmail.com), telephone (07887 565163), or leave a message at one of my drop-off points if you would like us to collect your parcel. As this is being typed, we are dusting off the sleigh in anticipation of collecting all those heavy food parcels.

Thank you for your help and for thinking of others.

Trudi & Darren

FRIENDS OF PIRBRIGHT SURGERY

'Navigating Today's Challenges in a Stressful World' is the subject of an open meeting to be held by the Friends of Pirbright Surgery at Lord Pirbright's Hall on Thursday 12 September at 6.30pm.

Worried about a loved one, regardless of age? We have two expert speakers and a variety of related organisations to help. Subjects covered include mental health, social media, parental controls and online bullying, supporting mental health through nature connection, practical tools and local support.

DADS AND CARERS STAY & PLAY

Join us on Sunday 8 September for a fun-packed morning with our stay and play at Brookwood Memorial Halls. Meet other dads and make new friends. This is a free event for under 5s.

BROOKWOOD CEMETERY AWARDED COVETED GREEN FLAG AWARD

Woking's Brookwood Cemetery has once again received Green Flag Award status in recognition of the way the green space is managed for the enjoyment of visitors.

The award scheme, managed by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy under licence from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard across the UK and beyond.

Celebrating its 170th anniversary, the 220-acre Brookwood Cemetery site opened in 1854 and is the UK's largest operational cemetery. The site was acquired in 2014 by Woking Borough Council. Since then, it has implemented an extensive programme of restoration to return the Grade 1 listed park and garden to its former glory.

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award Scheme Manager, Paul Todd MBE, said: "I would like to congratulate everyone involved at Brookwood Cemetery on achieving a Green Flag Award."

Avril Kirby, Brookwood Cemetery Manager, said: "This fantastic achievement in recognition of our ongoing transformation is a great reward for the team, who work so hard all year round to improve standards and deliver excellent customer service.

"It's not just about the appearance, it's also about the benefits it provides to the community and ensuring it functions effectively as a cemetery now and in the future."

Cllr Ann-Marie Barker, Leader of Woking Borough Council, added: "Considered a site of national significance by Historic England, Brookwood Cemetery is one of the borough's most significant heritage assets.

"Achieving this accreditation, the international quality mark for parks and green spaces, is testament to the hard work and dedication of Avril and her team who care for the site so that visitors can enjoy the beautiful green space."

In recognition of its national significance, Brookwood Cemetery also achieved Green Heritage Site accreditation, supported by Historic England, for the management and promotion of its historical features.

GARDEN GIRLS
gardening services



In a world where gardens are more than just spaces, but reflections of one's personality and care, The Garden Girls emerge as a beacon of professional gardening services tailored to meet the individual needs of each client.

The roots of The Garden Girls trace back to two ladies who were raised in families where gardening was not just a chore but a deep-seated passion. These ladies have turned their love for cultivating greens into a local service that aims to transform gardens with a personal touch, creating stunning outdoor spaces that reflect their clients' visions.

The Garden Girls offer a variety of services ranging from one-time garden cleanups to regular maintenance visits, all customisable to suit the specific requirements of each client. Whether it's rejuvenating a neglected garden or ensuring the upkeep of a well-maintained one, The Garden Girls are here to cater to every need with their friendly and approachable manner.

Testimonials from satisfied clients speak volumes about the quality of service provided by The Garden Girls.

The Garden Girls offer transparent pricing structures and flexible packages to accommodate varying garden sizes and service requirements. Clients can choose from a range of options that best suit their needs and budget, ensuring a hassle-free experience.

Clients can easily schedule appointments to discuss their requirements via email (thegardengirls99@gmail.com) or giving Julie (07921 339671) or Kirsten (07511 536910) a call.

THE AMAZING COMMUNITY VOXCHOIR & FAMILY SINGING GROUP

We are welcoming new members to VoxChoir Woking this Autumn. Sing the hits of your life with us – popular music for the soul! Receive a free taster this September AND 10% off when joining up for the autumn term 2024.

De-stress by singing all your favourite songs from the 70s, 80s, 90s and today, and make new friends. Enjoy incredible mental health benefits and immune system boosting. There are no auditions or reading music, and there are plenty of opportunities to join in social and fun charity events. We welcome everyone and all abilities – you don't even need to be able to sing! Held in Brookwood Small Memorial Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9pm with our amazing leader Dan Armstrong.

info@voxskool.com
07776 133 507
www.voxskool.com

Quote this code when you contact us for your special discount: VOXSEPT24



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

WOKING CAR SHOW 2024: MUSTANGS TO MCLARENS



On Sunday 22 September 2024, Woking town centre will once again be lined with classic, custom and American cars for visitors to browse at their leisure.

The Woking Car Show is the borough's biggest showcase of locally owned, built and lovingly restored automobiles, and is free to both visitors and exhibitors to attend.

The show, which made a welcome return in 2023, is organised by Terry Fox, a Horsell resident and the proud owner of a 1950 Chevrolet pick-up. Buoyed by the success of last year's event, Terry said: "I'm excited to be bringing local car owners together again for what promises to be another fantastic family day out in Woking.

"We've got over 70 new and returning exhibitors signed up already, bringing everything from Mustangs to McLarens and Borgwards to BSA Super Rockets to the show.

"McLaren will be taking over Mercia Walk for the day, giving Woking residents an opportunity to get a closer look at the automotive models that are manufactured right here on our doorstep. We're expecting another guest appearance from everyone's favourite Autobot, Bumblebee, and Nova Cinema will be showing car-themed films throughout the day.

"There will be lots to see and do on the day so please save the date, and if you want to exhibit your rare or vintage vehicle in front of thousands of visitors, there's still time to register."

PIRBRIGHT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Our Annual Show on 27 July was another great success, with lots of entries in most classes. Our thanks to all who entered this year, and also to the Art Clubs of Pirbright and Brookwood, the Country Market, the Ballet School, Pirbright Historians and Gordon Stanley for bringing his vintage cars, all of which were appreciated by our visitors. Nearly 200 paying visitors as well as many members enjoyed the show. Thanks to Keith Witham for presenting the prizes.

Our September meeting is on Tuesday 10 September at 7.30pm in the Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall when our speaker, Belinda Allen, will be talking on 'Companion planting'. All welcome and refreshments available as usual.

CARDIFF ARMS PARK MALE CHOIR CONCERT



The Cardiff Arms Park Male Choir
in concert
St Michael's Church, Pirbright ,Church Lane, Pirbright, GU24 0JJ
Saturday 19th October 2024 at 2.30 pm

In aid of Shooting Star Children's Hospices and CureParkinson's

Tickets £25 each, available from Philip Barralet, Lawfield, Guildford Road, Pirbright GU24 0LW or 01483 473737 or preferably by e-mail

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

Every Sunday	Evening Service, 6pm, 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
Sunday 8 September	Stay & Play, 9.30–11am, Brookwood Memorial Hall
Tuesday 10 September	Pirbright Horticultural Society, 7.30pm, Clubroom of Lord Pirbright's Hall
Thursday 12 September	'Navigating Today's Challenges in a Stressful World', Friends of Pirbright Surgery open meeting, 6.30pm, Lord Pirbright's Hall
Sunday 22 September	Woking Car Show, Woking town centre

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

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

Printed by Knaphill Print and delivered to your door by a very lovely person.