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From the Chairman



A warm welcome to our new Brookwood Farm residents. As I am sure you are aware, you reside in Knaphill and receive this quarterly newsletter from the Knaphill Residents Association (KRA). The amenities on Brookwood Farm are coming together nicely with the landscaping, children's play areas, football pitches and pavilion, not all open yet but I am sure when they do they will be impressive. The new pathway from Brookwood Farm to the canal and on to Brookwood has been open for a few months now and makes a

welcome addition through the open countryside – although the surface I understand leaves somewhat to be desire – feel free to share your opinion with us! The Residents Association is always pleased to hear your views, on this or any other matter. Our web site can be found at knaphill.org

Just a reminder that we are fast approaching the Knaphill Village Show (organised by the KRA) which this year is on Saturday 16th July from 1.00pm to 5.00pm at Mizens Railway, Barrs Lane, Knaphill. This is a great family day out with lots of attractions for young and old. Please turn to page 5 to find out more details.

Very best wishes

John Butler, KRA Chairman

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Editor's Report

It's that time of year when we all want to be outdoors as much as possible for various leisure and sporting events. In this connection we hope lots of you will come along to Waterers Park and support the new Knaphill Athletic Cricket Club and enjoy the entertainment on offer on and off the pitch. Even better, you might want to get involved as a player! Cricket has a history in Knaphill, so it's good to revive it, from both a sporting and a community point of view.

We're also welcoming a new contributor, Roger Westcott, who will be telling us about the ponds in Brookwood Country Park, both from the point of view of his passion, fishing, but also with regard to the wildlife and environmental aspects of the ponds and surrounding land.

And of course as our Chairman mentioned, the Knaphill Village Show is always a brilliant day out, in the lovely rural surroundings of Mizens Farm, and the choice to just chill or be a bit active. Whichever you prefer, here's wishing us all a good summer!

Kind regards Sue Stocker, Editor



Village Bits & Pieces

St George's day fair

St George smiled down on us and kept the rain away from the High Street and Anchor Crescent on 23rd April to support the St George's Day charity fair organised by Jim Ahmed of the PO shop in aid of Shooting Star CHASE, the children's hospice. There were plenty of attractions and entertainment for youngsters, and a variety of stalls and food and drink on offer for the adults, but the highlight of the day was the sponsored leg-wax endured by Jim, Sam, Martyn and Mick, all of which combined to raise the fantastic amount of £3,400.



Floral decorations

Good news, the planters have arrived on the mini-roundabout at the bottom of Anchor Hill. As we go to print, we're still waiting for the posts to be installed for the hanging baskets but are assured by our Councillors this is imminent, as are the boxes for the railings outside the Co-op.

Litter pick

The litter pick on 7th May was well attended, with several new faces and hands, so we were able to spread further up the High Street and down Anchor Hill than in the past. Large items of litter such as drinks cans and fast-food packaging were not as abundant as in the past, but there seemed to be a greater quantity of cigarette butts outside restaurants and take-aways. We shall be contacting these businesses to ask them to try to resolve this unsightly issue.

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Hustings

The hustings organised by the KRA on 28th April at St Hugh of Lincoln church was very well attended by residents, although sadly only fielding representatives of three parties. Father Alexander was a very able adjudicator, and there were several lively question and answer sessions on a variety of issues. Our thanks to Father Alexander for his assistance.

AGM

The Knaphill Residents' Association held its Annual General Meeting on May 17th at the Baptist Church, High Street, Knaphill. In line with previous years we invited a guest speaker to kick off the evening. This year Kim Lowe from Brookwood Cemetery Society gave an interesting and at times amusing presentation on the history of the cemetery and the work the society is doing to restore some of the gravestones and mausoleums. Following a short break, the business of the AGM was carried out and John Butler was re-elected chairman and Linda Parsons secretary. In the Q&A session, residents asked for an update on the old library site, and CIIr Hussain responded to this question. Other members raised issues on planning and parking in and around the village.

Shop closures

As most residents will by now be aware, we are unfortunately losing 3 long-standing shops from Knaphill village, the florists Autumn Leaves, Switchback Cycles and the Knaphill Pet Store. This is very disappointing news, having just had a period with no empty premises in the village which had led us to hope that things were looking up. The Anchor Pub will also be closing in the not-too-distant future, and we await details of the promised public information/consultation meeting regarding its future. It is still to be decided if the building will be demolished and a new building put up in its place, or if it will be retained and remodeled as flats and retail units.

Vyne Bollards

Yes, they remain out of use, and more and more motorists are breaking the law by using this junction to drive between The Broadway and Redding Way. It is now two years since the bollards were broken, and although Surrey County Councillors have made promises there has been very little action.

Knaphill Athletic Cricket Club's unlucky start to season

Knaphill Athletic CC's inaugural match on Sunday 15th May sadly had to be postponed due to the unplayable nature of the pitch subsequent to an invasion by travellers, followed by heavy rain. The match has been rescheduled for 31st July. For more information on Knaphill Athletic CC, see our Sports Section.

STUBBS' STUBS

Brookwood Farm

The building of the new houses on Brookwood Farm is now well past the halfway point and many new families are establishing themselves in Knaphill. The Residents' Association is monitoring the development of this site to make sure that the conditions included in the planning agreement are complied with. One issue that has been brought to the Association's attention is the state of the new footpath which goes from Brookwood Farm Drive across the country park to the canal towpath in Brookwood. The main issue is the stones used to surface the footpath, which residents find very rough on their shoes and difficult if pushing a buggy or accompanied by children on cycles.

Old Library Site, High Street

New Vision Homes have finally got round to surrounding the site with hoardings. The KRA has been informed that New Vision Homes has acquired land at the rear of the old library building, and we are to expect a new planning application from New Vision Homes. The original agreed plans were for a three-storey building of contemporary design containing 9 apartments. We have now been given to understand that the redesigned building will contain 18 apartments and the entrance will be off Englefield Road.

A322 (Bagshot Road) Congestion

Woking Borough Council is expected to publish their plans for easing the congestion on the Bagshot Road by the end of June. The KRA will publish the plans on their website when they become available.

Knaphill Village Show Programme

Well, just in case you'd not yet seen or heard...! Yes, of course you have, but a little extra reminder won't do any harm: Saturday 16th July at Mizens Farm, Barrs Lane is the place to be between 1pm and 5pm for the main local event of the summer.

Punch and Judy, face-painting, dog show, beat-the-goalie.

Also, a tempting selection of foods and drinks, BBQ, stalls selling a variety of useful, fun and decorative items, raffles and tombolas, and of course the non-stop fun for young and old of the Mizens steam and diesel loco-pulled rides all afternoon.

retailers and businesses who are so generous in their donations.



We'll have all the usual favourites: various musical groups, singers, Bisley Almac Brass Band, Morris dancers, children's funfair, bouncy castles,

Our thanks as always to Mizens without whose generosity in terms of venue and help this event could not happen, and also to all the Knaphill



New Vicar for Holy Trinity with St Saviour's Parish Church

Since our previous vicar, the very highly-regarded Rev Nick Grew, was called to a new Parish in Luton last November, Holy Trinity with St Saviour's Church has been without a vicar.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we can announce that a new appointment has been made. Currently a curate in Southampton, Neil Hopkins is due to be installed as vicar at Holy Trinity Church in Chobham Road on Wednesday the 7th of September at 7.30pm, when he will be licensed by Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford. All are welcome to attend.

Neil holds a Master of Theology, and was previously a Youth Minister for 11 years and an Assistant Clerk to the Justices at Marylebone Magistrates Court. He and his wife Jules have three children, and will aim to get involved in local life. Our church family in Knaphill and Brookwood has existing strong connections with the schools in both villages, and Neil looks forward to building on those in the years ahead. He said, "My family and I are very excited about moving to the Knaphill and Brookwood area. We are looking forward to getting stuck into the life of the church, the wider community and making new friends."

Holy Trinity and St Saviour's Church members all very much look forward to September and the beginning of a new era in our Parish.

By John Durrant and Christina Hunt of HTC





Knaphill Junior School commended for its inspirational leadership

Following its recent inspection, Knaphill Junior School has been rated as "Good" by Ofsted, with "Outstanding" areas. This is fantastic news following its previous inspection in 2014 where the rating it was given was "Requires Improvement". This report comes at an exciting time for the Federation of Knaphill Schools alongside the newly appointed Federation Headteacher, Sarah Mackintosh.

The lead Ofsted inspector praised the leadership at Knaphill Junior School, calling it inspirational and stating that, since 2014, the leadership team has transformed the culture of the school and fosters the highest expectations in all areas, specifically stating: "The drive to make sure that all pupils achieve well, no matter what barriers to learning they may have, is uncompromising."

They also recognised how the teaching has improved rapidly since the previous inspection as a result of strong leadership and is now good and continues to improve. Knaphill Junior School was praised by the inspectors

who said its "work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding" and that "pupils are looked after extremely well."

Head of School, Michelle Austen, said: "The Inspection was a really positive experience and my first one as Head of School. The report reflects the strength of the school and the incredible journey it has been on over the last two years. Everyone is over the moon and we are so proud to be part of Knaphill Junior School with such committed children, parents and staff".

Chair of Governors, Caroline Wright, commented: "I am delighted that Ofsted have recognised the hard work of the staff at Knaphill Junior School, have graded us as "Good" and have acknowledged the "Outstanding Leadership and Management" of the school. This is a result of hard work over the last two years with a clear focus on improving outcomes for our pupils, led by Michelle Austen and Lauren Daly with support from Ani Magill." The School continues to aim for an Outstanding rating in all categories.

By Michelle Austin, Head of School

KNAPHILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Knaphill Baptist Church are pleased to announce an addition to their Ministerial Team. The Rev Jim Binney has been appointed as Community Minister (non-stipendiary) with a remit to extend and develop the outreach of the church into the surrounding area. Church Members voted unanimously in favour of Jim's appointment at a recent Church Meeting. Jim is an experienced, ordained and accredited Baptist Minister (the husband of the Minister at Knaphill Baptist Church, the Rev Julia Binney), and has already become quite well known in Knaphill, being recently elected as a Committee Member of the Knaphill Residents Association, as well as also being actively involved in various local sports clubs.





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Then why not get involved in our Incredible Edible group this Summer! We're a group of Knaphill residents who are setting up a Community project in Knaphill for communal veg growing and food appreciation.

The "Incredible Edible" initiative that has sprung up in over 50 communities all over the UK has inspired us to try something similar here, which is basically to grow veg on communal spaces in the village, bringing together people of all ages and from all walks of life.

The 1st Knaphill Scouts are kindly allowing us to use land around their Hall, and we've made a start with planting some runner beans along the high fence. You can find us at https://www.facebook.com/Incredible-Edible-Knaphill-1015706398522110/ or get in touch via ed.incred.knaphill@gmx.com.

By Trixie Schoenfeld of Incredible Edible



Brookwood Country Park Ponds and Fishing



Established on 1st April 2015, the Goldsworth Park Angling Club works in partnership with Woking Borough Council, site owners Thames Water and the Environment Agency, to oversee and manage the sport of Angling at Goldsworth Park Lake and Brookwood Ponds 2 and 4.

As a non-profit making organization, the key objectives of the club

1/ manage and promote angling in a controlled and positive manner;

2/ offer new-comers to the sport tuition and support from fully qualified coaching teams;

3/ actively help care for the environment and wildlife, working in partnership with WBC, the Angling Trust, Surrey Choices and

To date, we have been very busy at Goldsworth Lake involving ourselves with many improvements off the back of the Goldsworth Park Restoration project that I created back in 2007, including planting reed beds, building fishing/viewing platforms, wildlife areas including a Kingfisher bank, an eco island, and it this positive approach that we wish to bring to Brookwood Country Park.

Surrey Wildlife Trust, and most importantly yourselves, the local

To set the ball rolling, from 1st April 2016 the club introduced a small charge for fishing on Brookwood Ponds, payable on the bank to one of our registered Bailiffs (always ask to see their ID cards please!), who will issue either a day or an annual permit. Prices are indicated on the notice board in the car park. Please note that juniors 12 years or under may fish free of charge, but MUST be accompanied by an adult. Our Bailiffs are make regular daily visits and part of their duties is to help and advise as best they can, whether fishing-related or not. In fact, Les Norton our Head Bailiff for Brookwood, is a hive of information on wildlife, and particularly when it comes to bird life, so if you spot him and you have a question, do stop and have a chat, he will be more than happy to help.

As a non-profit making organisation, all monies generated will go back into the upkeep of the ponds and the sport, and you will start to see examples of this in the near future such as reed management and bank improvements. This August 2016, we

will be holding some angling teaching days specially designed for beginners of all ages over 7; these events will be FREE of charge but you will need to book a place, so if you'd like to try your hand at angling or would like to know more about the club and its activities, please do give me a call on 07779 896393 or e-mail me at rogerwestcott@mail.com.

Roger Westcott, Secretary, Goldsworth Park Angling Club

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9 July – Party in the Park 16 July – Squeezebox

23 July - Band of the Surrey Yeomanry

30 July - Grandpa's Spells Band

6 August - Herd of Sax

13 August - Alder Valley Brass Band
 20 August - Staines Lammas Band

27 August - Saxophony

3 September - Friary Guildford Band 10 September - Bagshot Concert Band

By Tara Stephenson, WBC

WOKING & SAM BEARE HOSPICES

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are proud to announce that Sky News Presenter Isabel Webster is to take the role of New Build Appeal Patron. Best known for co-hosting Sunrise on Sky News, Isabel has a personal connection with Woking Hospice as her mother was the original architect for the current building in Hill View Road.

Isabel recently visited the hospice to announce her official support of the New Build Appeal, and said "I remember walking around the building with enormous pride as a school girl. Having witnessed its creation, I am now thrilled to be looking to the future and lending my voice to the new hospice." She then visited the new hospice build site in Denton Way, Goldsworth Park where she took a tour of key areas under construction such as the Wellbeing Centre, the Café area and Therapy rooms. She continued, "It's fantastic to see for



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The Hospice launched a £3.4 million New Build Appeal in February 2016, of which so far nearly £1 million has been pledged and fundraising activities are continuing. For ways to get involved and to donate visit: www.wsbhospices.co.uk/NewBuild.

Debbie Hickman, Marketing Officer, Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Do you need a new wardrobe?

Woking & Sam Beare Hospices will be holding a Warehouse Clearance Sale on Saturday 16th July from 9.30-12pm. Fill a bag with clothing and accessories for just £10, while supporting a great local cause. There will be items for men, ladies and children. The event is taking place at The Vyne community centre Knaphill. For more information, call 01483799711 or visit www.wsbhospices.co.uk

By Debbie Hickman, Woking & Sam Beare Hospices

Summer Family Fun at The Lightbox

A brand new action-packed Summer Family Fun Festival will be taking place at The Lightbox from 25th July to 5th August. There's the Balloon Modeller with his incredible creations, a dinosaur themed day, a Circus Skills workshop, theatrical mask making, Bubble Fun, Face Paint Fridays... the list is endless! With a whole host of activities scheduled, many of them free, kids are guaranteed to have huge amounts of fun. For more information, call 01483 737800 or visit www.thelightbox.org.uk

Discover H.G. Wells' connection with Woking

This year marks the 150th anniversary of the birth of H.G. Wells – one of the nation's greatest literary talents and public intellectuals. He made Woking infamous in the late 19th Century by choosing Horsell Common as the location for his Martian invasion in his science fiction novel, War of the Worlds.

To celebrate Wells' connection with the Borough, a series of talks, guided walks, arts projects and themed activities will be taking place

throughout 2016. Delve into the world of Wells at these forthcoming events.

To discover the fascinating and inspirational Wells in Woking programme of events and activities, please visit

www.wellsinwoking.org.uk



Basingstoke Canal anniversaries

This year's Woking Canal Festival on 6th and 7th August will celebrate no less than three anniversaries. Firstly, it's 25 years since the reopening of the Canal to navigation, secondly it's the 50th anniversary of the Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society who lobbied the two Councils and undertook so much restoration work to enable this reopening, and last but not least it's also the 50th anniversary of the Narrow Boat Owners Club, one of the oldest



inland waterway boat clubs. As well as vintage canalboats, there will also be approximately 40 70ft narrow boats attending the festival, so the atmosphere and spectacle promises to be colourful to say the least. For landlubbers, there will also be stands and entertainment around Chertsey Road Bridge.



Surrey Libraries are offering children aged 4 to 11 years an exciting Summer Reading Challenge celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl. From the shy and retiring Mr. Hoppy in Esio Trot to the mind-blowing 24-foot giant with superhuman hearing, the Big Friendly Read features some of Dahl's best loved characters enhanced by the wonderful illustrations of Sir Quentin Blake.

Children who sign up to the Challenge at any Surrey Library from 16th July will receive their free collector folder and can borrow their first two books. Over the summer all they need to do is make two more visits to their library and read 6 books in all to complete the Challenge. On each visit they will receive rewards and incentives to encourage them to read more, and when the 6 books have been read, they will receive a certificate.



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By Emma Anderson, Surrey Library Service

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By Sarah Davison, SurreySave

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SPORTS ROUND-U

A Great Season for The Knappers



In one little corner of Knaphill, a big story is emerging. The story of Knaphill Football Club!

The team from Redding Way has just enjoyed a record breaking season finishing fifth in only their second campaign in the Premier Division of the Combined Counties

League, reaching the fourth round of the FA Vase only to succumb to a narrow 2-3 defeat at Kidlington in January, and also reaching the Quarter Final of the Surrey Senior Cup before bowing out to a solitary goal at Sutton United who play their football in the Vanarama National League in February.

Many games during the season have provided entertaining, skillful and attacking football which a seasoned spectator would only expect to see in the higher echelons of the English football pyramid. All this is a credit to First Team Manager Keith Hills who has assembled a superb squad of local players, who have bonded together well as team mates, play for the badge and always give 100% commitment. Keith's biggest task during the close-season is surely to try and keep his excellent squad intact.

The Reserve team under Simon Martin won the Suburban League and were presented with the championship trophy in May.

Behind the scenes a strong boardroom headed by Chairman Dave Freeman has ensured that all has been 'Hunky Dory' even though they've had issues with postponements due to poor pitch drainage to contend with and other distractions.

A number of local businesses have begun to sponsor the club as it becomes more successful and evidence of this can be seen through kit sponsorship, pitch-side advertising and adverts in the club's excellent match day programme.

The 2015/16 season also saw the emergence of Knaphill's 'Two Man Army' who have already gained notoriety throughout non-league circles for the unique way in which they support the club. That in itself is entertaining and definitely worth seeing!

In conclusion, Knaphill Football Club provides the community with a fantastic amenity which should not be overlooked. They work hard all year round to achieve excellence and everyone connected with the club should be congratulated. Yes, it's time now for all of us to support our real local football team! Club website: http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/ knaphillfootballclub/

By Mal Foster

Knaphill Athletic Cricket Club

This is the first time Knaphill has had a cricket club since back in 1991 when the old club was in a local league. Ne have recently found out that there was actually also a Knaphill Ladies CC which played in Waterers Park until the end of the 1930s. The present club is fortunate to be associated with Knaphill Athletic FC who have been very

supportive. The club's home games will again be played in Waterers Park. We have a limited number of games in this our first season, and you'll have heard that unfortunately our first game against Byfleet CC on 15th May had to be postponed and is rescheduled for Sunday 31st July.

By the time you read this, we will have had our game on 12th June against the WBC XI, with a Picnic in the Park for the Royal Anniversary.

The two remaining games of the season (over and above 31st July) will be on Sunday 17th July versus Brookwood CC, our local rivals, and Sunday 21st August vs Woking & Horsell CC Sunday 2nd XI, which will be our Charity Match benefitting Woking & Sam Beare Hospices to support their new-build fundraising effort. Over and above the cricket, we will have a BBQ/hog roast, beer tent, a range of activities including face-painting, raffle, Welly Wanging, and a tug of war between The Royal Oak and The Garibaldi pubs.

Depending on the success of this season, we would like to be able to look at setting up a junior and ladies team.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our games, and you will be sure of a warm welcome, be it as a spectator, player, umpire or on the organizing committee!

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Neil Thomas, Knaphill Athletic CC Team Captain

Knaphill Bowling Club

We were pleased to welcome nearly 40 people to our Open Days last month, and delighted that 25 of them (so far) have decided to join us. Most of them have never played before, but they are now enjoying coaching and playing sessions. We hope that these sessions will help them to improve their game and encourage them to play in our teams. Knaphill News, along with other local publications, played its part in getting our message out to the local community.

Regular readers will know that that the Club, although hidden from most people's view, is situated close to the centre of the village. We have a busy schedule during the playing season with lots of matches, competitions and social bowling. We recently had a fun bowls evening which proved very popular, especially with many of our new members, and we plan to hold more of these evenings over the rest of the Summer.

If you are interested in sampling bowls with us, please contact our Secretary, Alan Bennet on 01483 480262.

By Alan Bennet





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