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From the Chairman



It was good to see a number of residents attend our AGM and presentation by David Munro, Elected Police Commissioner for Surrey. Not surprisingly there were a number of tricky questions for David on local police matters. Also thanks to Mal Foster our local novelist speaking on his books including his new one coming out this summer.

Turning to Facebook we recently launched a Knaphill Community Facebook Page with the help of our KRA Editors. After just a few weeks we have

hundreds and hundreds of residents who regularly access Knaphill news and local events including the opportunity to provide feedback. I would encourage you to have a look.

Facebook also allows us to promote events including the Knaphill Show that the KRA organises. This year it is on Saturday at 15th July at Mizens Railway, Barrs Lane from 1.00 to 5.00pm. You will find further information in this newsletter on what promises to be a fun day, for all ages.

Have a great summer

John Butler, KRA Chairman

chairman@knaphill.org

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Editor's Jottings

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Loren Eiseley (1907-1977), the American anthropologist, educator, philosopher, and natural science writer, who taught and published books from the 1950s through to the 1970s, had a habit of walking on the beach before he began his work each day. Eiseley tells how one day, as he was walking along the shore, he looked down the beach and saw a human figure moving like a dancer. He smiled to himself at the thought of someone who would start the day dancing on the beach in the early morning, so he walked faster to catch up. As he got closer he noticed that it was a young man, who was not dancing at all but throwing starfish, abandoned on the sand by the tide, back into the sea. When he was close enough Eiseley asked him why he was working so hard at this strange

task. The young man replied that the sun would dry the starfish and they would die. Eiseley told him that he thought he was foolish. There were thousands of starfish on miles and miles of beach. One person alone could never make a difference. Eiseley tells us that the young man simply smiled at him, picked up another starfish, and hurled it far out into the sea. 'Well,' he said, 'it made a difference for that one!' Eiseley tells us: 'I abandoned my writing, and spent the morning throwing starfish!'

Since coming to live in Knaphill 18 months ago I have been impressed by the number of people who are involved, in a voluntary capacity, in a whole host of community activities ranging from church lunch clubs to charity shops, after school clubs to social care for the elderly, youth and children's activities to sports clubs... and so much more besides. Despite this, many worthwhile local organisations

desperately need help if they are to function efficiently or, in the case of Knaphill Care for example, even be able to carry on at all? Could you be a 'someone' who could spare a little time each month to help out in a voluntary capacity with one of our local organisations? A 'someone' making a difference?



Jim Binney, Editor

Village Bits & Pieces



New Funeral Directors

Alan Greenwood & Sons, the independent funeral directors have taken over the premises at 1 Anchor Hill, previously occupied by PC Paramedics and before that, the fish & chip shop. Alan Greenwood & Sons have 18 offices currently, with Knaphill being their newest. See www.alangreenwoodfunerals.com for more details.

Incredible Edible

Incredible Edible Woking have been busy Knaphill! Their community gardening project is transforming the patch of land beside the post office. The ground has been cleared of weeds to make way for raised beds containing all sorts of fruits and veggies! Contact them at ed.incred.knaphill@gmx.com if you'd like to get involved!

Knaphill Cricket Club

Sadly, Knaphill Cricket Club has folded after just one season. Apparently, there were not enough people willing or able to get involved as either helpers or players. On the bright side... the team only ever lost one game!

Knaphill Care

Knaphill Care, our local volunteer 'good neighbours scheme' is also in danger of having to close because of a lack of volunteers. Could you spare just a couple of hours a month to help? Older residents who need help and transport to the doctor, hospital appointments, hairdressers, etc really appreciate the friendly help Knaphill Care volunteers give to help them stay active and independent. Even if you are not a 'people person' perhaps you could help with general admin and support? Phone Sheryl or Eileen on 07792 514166 (Monday-Friday from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon) or email them at Knaphill.care@gmail.com

Oasis Dental Practice

Oasis Dental Practice in Knaphill have re-opened their NHS books and are happy to take on new patients. Go to www.oasisdentalcare.co.uk/practices/oasis-dental-care-woking-knaphill/ for more details.

Squire's Garden Centre

Squires of Woking closed on 18 June for a major refurbishment. The donkeys have been moved to a nice new field in preparation for the work. They will be re-opening in the Spring of 2018 with a larger stylish centre and Café Bar.

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STUBBS' STUBS

All the latest from our Knaphill Residents' Association Planning Expert, Phil Stubbs

In the last edition of the KRA magazine I wrote that the Meadows hospital on the Bagshot Road had stood empty since 2013. Since the publication of that edition the Meadows was placed on the market at £1,250,000 and is now under offer. What we do not know is whether the current building is to be refurbished or flattened. Either way we must assume that the site will be used for residential units. The old ambulance station site is also under offer and again we must assume for more housing.

Staying with the ambulance service provided in Surrey by South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAmb). In the last edition, I reported how the KRA and other interested resident groups had met with managers from SECAmb and at that meeting the ambulance service stated that they were actively looking for a site for what they call an ambulance community response post. This is somewhere where the paramedics could park their vehicle and have a building where they could rest between shouts. We

were also promised data to show the impact the closure of the Knaphill ambulance station had had on response times. On both points, there has been a complete silence from SECAmb. In the meantime, the performance from the ambulance service remains poor with one of the worst records on response times in the country.

Woking Borough Council recently published a draft supplementary planning document on car parking. We at the KRA have been pressing for years for the Council to update their document of 2006. This new planning document included guidelines for off street parking that a developer must meet when seeking to build a new dwelling. The question of the lack of new off street parking for a house was central to resident's objection to the building of a new house in Highclere Gardens. The County's Highway Officer stated that, and I quote, 'an additional one or two cars would not make a difference to parking in Highclere Gardens'. Clearly the officer did not visit Knaphill prior to submitting his opinion

and WBC Planning Officer refused to challenge the view of the County Highways.

In the end the plans were approved. Under the proposed new planning guidelines, the planning application for the new house in Highclere Gardens would have failed to meet the parking criteria so one must assume that the Planning Officer for WBC would not have recommend acceptance. The Planning Officer could of course ignore the planning guidelines, as they frequently do, but that is another story. Continuing with roads, by the time this magazine is issued we should have received the latest set of figures from WBC on air quality especially around the top of Anchor Hill. Anchor Hill has failed to meet national standards on air quality for several years and so is subject to special measures. This included new traffic light systems. The new figures should give us an indication as to whether the new system has kept the traffic moving and thus improve the air quality.



ENJOY-A-BALL BOUNCES BACK TO KNAPHILL!

We are delighted to announce that Enjoy-a-Ball Children's Sports Coaching has returned and are running classes at the Knaphill Methodist Church.

Toddlers and children, aged 18 months to 9 years, can enjoy action-packed, fun-filled weekly classes. The difference with Enjoy-a-Ball is that they play 10 different ball sports, which include Football, Rugby, Tennis, Basketball, Cricket and Dodgeball. The emphasis is always on fun, so the children learn important physical and social skills through playing with all the different equipment and playing games with the other children.

The award winning multi-sports program was developed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and PE specialists with the goal of giving children a solid foundation in movement and sports skills, as well as social skills.

The classes run throughout the year, including holidays, with holiday camps also available. Class sizes are limited to ensure individual attention for each child. Coaches are DBS checked and first aid qualified. There is free on-site parking with step-free access to the hall at the Methodist Church.

Under 3's play with parent participation, and enjoy using sports equipment, a huge variety of balls, the sensory parachute, learning and developing gross motor skills, concentration, hand/foot-eye coordination and confidence. Over 3's take part on their own, learning independence and listening skills. They play a different sport each week to give them a broad range of skills and sporting experiences. Social interaction, confidence and coordination are just a few of the benefits from the classes.

To enquire about classes, contact Rebecca Ward on 07843 283830 or email woking@enjoy-a-ball.com. More details can be found at www.enjoy-a-ball.com

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IT'S SHOW TIME

Sue Stocker looking forward to our popular village show

Well, here we are now in June, and only a few weeks to go until the 2017 Knaphill Village Show, and as the temperatures rise so does the anticipation! The Show Committee has been beaver away behind the scenes, marshalling the various people, groups and organisations that go into making up the day the fun-filled event it is.

As mentioned previously, the ever-popular musicians and dancers we've enjoyed the last few years are with us again. There's a wide variety of stalls with some new additions to ring the changes. Punch and Judy, the Dog Show and Beat the Goalie are always firm favourites. The youngsters will enjoy their games, activities and rides – this year's roundabout is the old-fashioned galloping horses! And we've some novelties such as

a stilt-walker and a traditional games corner where you can try your hand at quoits, a coconut shy and shove-ha'penny. The Mizens trains will naturally be running all afternoon as well, Toot! Toot! All that fun can take it out of you of course, but fear not, there's plenty on offer in the way of drinks and food, both savoury and sweet, to top up the energy levels.

All that with free parking and free transport from and back to The Wyne. What can we say?! You'd be mad to miss it, or at least mad at yourself! So, come one and all to the Village Show on Saturday 15th July 1pm to 5pm at Mizens Farm Miniature Railway in Barrs Lane, and join your fellow villagers in the most fun that can be had for £1 for adults and 50p for children (all profits to local charities). See you there!!

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Its early on Saturday morning and we are on the way to Stef's Café for breakfast – a 'Full English' of course. My son and his family live 15 minutes from Knaphill in one direction, and my daughter and her family live 15 minutes away in the opposite direction. They have decided between them that it would be nice for us to all meet up for breakfast – grandparents, parents and grandchildren – and what better place than Stef's Café in the middle of Knaphill Village.

My wife and I get there early just to make sure that Stef's can accommodate all 10 of us without disrupting their usual Saturday morning trade. It's no problem. We are warmly welcomed. Three tables are pushed together along one side of the café by the window. Orders are quickly taken once

everyone has arrived – which is not an easy task when you have a real mix of big men, a couple of vegetarians, someone who is 'gluten free', and some young grandchildren who only have eyes for the 'giant milk shakes'. Everyone is accommodated, the food is good and served quickly, and we have a great time. The two youngest grandchildren colour in their 'Stef's Colouring Sheet' while the rest of us linger chatting together over another cup of coffee or tea. We have a great morning and then go our separate ways determined to 'do this again'.

A couple of weeks later my wife and I are looking after the two youngest grandchildren (it is election day and their school is closed) whilst their parents are at work. Their mother drops them off at our house with large lunch

boxes for each of them. 'I don't want you to go to much trouble' she says, explaining the lunch boxes. As soon as their mother has left to go to work, however, the two boys turn to us and say, 'Can we go to Stef's Café for lunch please?' So, we do!



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HOPE FOR ALIX

The monies raised from this year's Knaphill Village Show are going to support the Hope for Alix charity. Thank you to everyone for all your love and support. We still need to be fundraising to allow Alix to continue her treatment. Here is Alix's story:

Hi, my name is Alix Manders and I am the mummy to three wonderful and beautiful boys. My world was turned upside down in November 2014, I was 22 weeks pregnant with my third child and I just knew that something wasn't right. I felt very unwell with pain under my left rib and my ever-expanding tummy was already the size of a 40-week pregnancy, so I went to my maternity unit. The doctors were baffled with what was wrong, however an ultrasound and an emergency MRI confirmed that I had a huge mass in my left ovary which had grown so big it was now under my left rib. After my obstetrician performed emergency surgery to remove it, she and a colorectal surgeon came and gave me the devastating news that they had also found a tumour on my colon and that I had cancer.

Whilst recovering from surgery, I suffered a blood clot in my arm - being pregnant, having surgery and having cancer had increased the risk of this. I then was referred to and seen by the oncology team. They told me I had stage 4 colon cancer as it had spread to my liver and ovaries, but because I was pregnant, I could not have treatment straight away. The doctors decided that my little boy would be delivered by C-Section at 30 weeks - this was necessary because

the cancer was spreading at a fast pace to other organs. My beautiful son, Finley, was delivered healthy and after spending five weeks in SCUBU, he was eagerly welcomed home by his over-excited brothers! A week after Finley's birth, I began my 12 rounds of gruelling chemotherapy. This was a joyful, but physically draining time for me - having to care for two energetic children, stay with and care for Finley in hospital and endure chemotherapy all at the same time! My family were an incredible help and gave me the support and strength I needed. A CT scan and an MRI showed I had responded well to the chemotherapy and the tumours had shrunk - we were over the moon with this news. I was also told I was suitable for surgeries to remove the tumours, giving me further hope that I would win this battle.

In December 2015 I had a liver resection. It took me a month to recover from this operation and in February 2016, I then had cytoreductive surgery to remove the tumour from my colon and the surrounding lymph nodes and they stripped off the lining of my peritoneum. I also had hot chemotherapy directly in my abdomen to hopefully get rid of any cancer cells left behind. Recovery was hard and slow. I spent 7 long months in and out of hospital. In the last few months

I was allowed home in the days, but had to return for treatment and care every night. I moved into my mum's house with my kids, as I needed help to take care of them. Daily life was hard - school runs, after school activities and the usual chores were all too much on my own. However, with the help and support of my family I carried on. When I returned to hospital for an appointment, a CT scan picked up tumours that were still on my liver, so I had to endure more chemo. I was also offered more surgery or radiotherapy which was promising and yet again gave me further hope!

Devastatingly, a PET scan then showed I also had areas of cancer on the peritoneum (lining of my abdomen) which had never been seen before on previous scans. Eventually I was told there is nothing more they can do to cure me on the NHS. One kind Doctor told me my only chance is immunotherapy, but there is a huge private cost which I could never raise alone. So here I am - I am not ready to give up and I am not ready to leave behind my three loving boys and the most amazing mum and family I could ever wish for. So please... I really need your help. Thank you xxx

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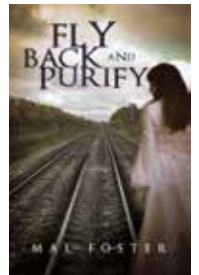
Local author Mal Foster's new novel 'Fly Back and Purify' is a psychological/paranormal drama set in 1994 and is scheduled for publication in July.

When young local journalist Jack Compton suffers a breakdown due to depression and anxiety he turns to his beloved Aunt Amanda at the end of his convalescence as he nervously prepares to go back to his job at the Woking Tribune after a twelve-week period away. Part of his rehabilitation is a renewed desire to explore his family tree as he looks for an alternative interest to release him from all the negativity that had led to his illness. His aunt invites him

to her house and she shows him some artefacts belonging to his grandfather Tommy Compton who had died some four years earlier. Jack then eases himself back in at the office but is having to work out how to fight his demons. Each day is a psychological minefield as he tackles the issues of everyday life and the presence of those who populate it. He is often taken advantage of but eventually rises to each challenge as he dreams of getting one of his stories on to the front page. In July 1994 Jack gets his big break. An 'unusual incident' occurs at Brookham railway station in leafy Surrey and he's sent to investigate.

What happens next is a 'Pandora's Box' of implosion that will either make or break him. An event so strange that even those around him cannot explain or comprehend. But with Jack... is it all just a state of mind?

'Fly Back and Purify' by Mal Foster, whose debut 'The Asylum Soul' attracted numerous five star reviews on Amazon and at Good Reads, will be available to order from all book stores and at www.amazon.co.uk in both paperback and Kindle formats.



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Kitchens trends have changed in the last 25 years, in the 90s it was a practical space. Doors were oak or beech in Shaker or Cathedral style, wall tiles were patterned and appliances white. In the noughties, it



became a valuable family room, formal dining areas were switched to islands, granite replaced laminate, appliances were integrated and flat glossy doors were on trend.

Currently the kitchen is the heart of the

home with style and innovation being paramount. Open plan continues to trend, so too is technology from smart fridges, remote control appliances, the choice seems to be endless. We see kitchens in every colour imaginable. The design trend seems to be a combination of traditional and contemporary, in fact an evolution of the 90s and noughties.

Not Just Kitchen Ideas are very proud of their family roots and since opening in St Johns they now have showrooms in Frimley and Guildford and have also added bathrooms and bedrooms to their portfolio. Why not pop in and see just what they have to offer? Visit www.notjustkitchenideas.com for more information.

COMING... READY OR NOT?!

When you hear the words 'school readiness' you automatically think of the practical skills. Can they read and write, do they know their alphabet, can they spell their name? Recently we've been told "as long as they can hold a pen that's ok". But there are far more important skills for your child to develop to prepare for starting school.

The first being Social Skills! Does your child play with other children, do they see different children every week, have they been able to form friendships? If they haven't been used to a pre-school setting, playgroups can help your child's confidence, independence and develop their social skills.

The other skills that are important for your

child are Physical. Are they toilet trained, can they dress themselves? Can they eat with cutlery and drink out of an open cup? Choose clothes that are easy to get on and off, avoid clothes that fasten at the back. Teach your child how to fold their clothes so that they won't get mixed up with other's clothing. Label your child's clothes so that they can recognise their name.

Don't forget that children develop skills at different times and your child may be with other children up to a year older or younger than them.

Separation is a source of anxiety not just for your child, but for yourself. To help both of you with the transition of going to school,

practise the school run. What will your route be, will you be walking, cycling, going on the bus or in the car? Where is the drop off & collection point, what will your routine in the morning be? Make use of the induction days if your school runs them. You could attend the school Summer Fair. When they start school, arrive in plenty of time to meet friends and go in together. Keep the goodbye quick and reassuring, reiterate that you will see them later and definitely do not cry!

If you have any concerns or worries about your child starting school you can contact your local St John's Knaphill Children's Centre, Victoria Road, Knaphill, GU21 2AS. 01483 476 450 childrenscentre@stjohnsknaphill.co.uk

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ANCHOR'S AWAY?

Is Knaphill's oldest pub doomed... or has it got an exciting new future?

You know you are in the centre of Knaphill Village when you arrive at the mustard coloured pub by the traffic lights on the corner of Lower Guildford Road and the High Street. Built in the 1700s as a hotel, The Anchor was one of the first buildings to be built when Knaphill grew rapidly due to the development of Brookwood Hospital. As the only 'hotel' in the village it was popular with commercial travellers as well as general visitors to the area. As such, The Anchor has a very important place in the history and heritage of Knaphill Village.

The future of The Anchor as a 'pub' remains in doubt however. It seems that neither the present owners, Premier Pubs Estate Ltd., nor Merlin Inns, who lease the pub, envisage any future for The Anchor as a pub. The developer Metbase Ltd. have plans to turn the site into a mixture of residential units and a restaurant. These plans have not been submitted to Woking Borough Council, however, having been thwarted by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) who have succeeded in having The Anchor made 'an Asset of Community Value' by Woking Borough Council. CAMRA would like the pub to remain a pub and a 'real ale pub' at that. In effect, the ACV means that The Anchor cannot be developed in the way Metbase Ltd. would like it to be for at least five years.

Knaphill Baptist Church, however, with the support of our local Councillors and the Knaphill Residents' Association, are

behind a radical scheme to see The Anchor developed into a Community Hub along similar lines to the successful Lighthouse Project (www.lighthousewoking.org) in the centre of Woking which houses a variety of community initiatives. Staffed by a collective of volunteers seeking to transform the community around them, the Lighthouse Project incorporates a foodbank, a social enterprise cafe, a job club, addiction recovery support, good quality second-hand children's clothing and equipment, debt advice, cooking training, creative workshops, support for out-of-work women (including interview training, coaching and job-searching), youth work, live music, bread making, spiritual support, community meals, and much more. Most important of all The Lighthouse provides a place of authentic welcome, where people experience dignity, acceptance, restoration, and hope.

Knaphill Baptist Church see such a use for The Anchor – to be renamed The Anchor Centre – as the best option for a renewed use of the building. It would both enable an important historic building to be retained and is an ideal way to stimulate the regeneration of Knaphill Village. The scheme would echo The Lighthouse's aim of 'transforming lives through kindness, belief and hope' in many ways, but would differ according to perceived community needs here in Knaphill. Ideally the Baptist Church would like to work with the local community



– local churches, faith groups, community groups, local businesses, charities, etc – in seeing this project come to fruition, possibly expanding to incorporate some of the vacant shops nearby. The idea would be (wherever possible) to partner with existing shops, rather than replace them, and encourage new business ventures in Knaphill Village. Some of the ideas that have been mooted so far (in addition to those mentioned above) include a Wellbeing Centre; a Paleo (Gluten Free) Café; 'social space' for the clients of the nearby mental health care hospitals; an ethical Fairtrade clothing outlet; a monthly 'Farmers' Market'; and short-term social housing accommodation.

What is envisaged are alternative initiatives that would both fill current gaps but also help create a market and stimulate business activity in ways that would attract people to shop in Knaphill. As such, The Anchor Centre would complement, rather than oppose or undermine, the role of the existing Vyne Community Centre.

Surely anything is better than Knaphill Village being slowly but surely eroded – local shops disappearing and replaced by blocks of flats – and the former Anchor Pub becoming simple another set of traffic lights on the way into Woking?



IT'S YOUR FUNERAL!

Knaphill's popular Roman Catholic Priest, writer and broadcaster, Father Alexander Lucie-Smith, shares some helpful advice.

Funerals are difficult occasions. A friend of mine once remarked to me, after her father had died: "It's a bit like organising a wedding, but you only have a week to do it in." Quite so. After the funeral was over, clearing out his desk, going through her father's papers, she found an envelope containing his funeral instructions. By that time, it was too late. When you organise a funeral you only have one shot at it.

The good news is that there are lots of people to offer advice. Funeral directors, formerly known as undertakers, have made a profession of it, and it is very rare that any family ever finds that the service offered is in any way inadequate, in my experience. Also on hand to offer advice are the clergy, who are generally happy to be consulted, and often are by provident people who decide they want to organise things in advance.

Having done a fair few funerals at St Hugh of Lincoln in Victoria Road, and numerous cremations in Woking Crematorium, as well as burials in Brookwood, Chobham and Send cemeteries, there are a few tips I would like to pass on.

Funerals are always changing, but there are certain things that do not change, and chief among these things that stay the same is a certain formality to the process. This formality gives the funeral shape, and it also gives it dignity. So, whatever sort of funeral you have, it is best not try to reinvent the wheel, but to go along with the things that have always worked well in the past. In other words, do not be scared of tradition.

This applies not just to funeral organizers, generally the next of kin, but also those who attend funerals, and in addition those who do not. These last are all those who may be walking or driving down a road when a funeral procession goes past. As you are at the wheel, or on the pavement, what should you do when a hearse and the attendant cars appear?

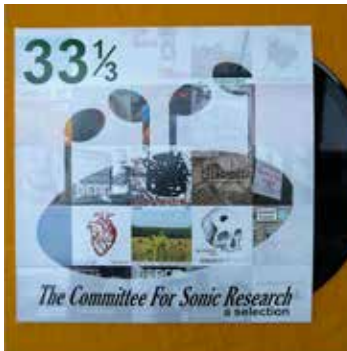
The first thing to do is to remember that this is a person on their last journey. That last journey is a rather special one, and it is for the bystander the last chance to show respect to the person in question, even if that person is not known to us. So here is what our forebears would have done, and here, I suggest, is what we should still do, following their example.

- Stop what you are doing, and stand to attention by the side of the road. Remove your hat, if wearing one (this only applies to men). As the hearse passes, incline your head. After the hearse has passed, carry on as before.

- In a car, give way to the hearse, and let it pass first, regardless of who has right of way. The hearse must have priority. Moreover, do not come between the hearse and the following cars. Please remember that some of these cars may be driven by people who are unfamiliar with the local geography, and who are in danger of getting lost on their way to cemetery or crematorium: so never, ever, break up a funeral procession.

As for what not to do, the thing to be avoided is any attempt to pretend that nothing is happening. A funeral is an important event, and bystanders and onlookers really do need to acknowledge that. After all, just as we are all sure to pay tax, we are equally sure that one day we shall have a funeral ourselves. So, by paying respect now, perhaps we shall generate some respect from which we ourselves will later benefit.

THE COMMITTEE FOR SONIC RESEARCH



Knaphill's Mini Record Label The Committee For Sonic Research have released their first Vinyl double album to mark their 33rd anniversary. The impending anniversary inspired the release of the label's first ever vinyl double album, aptly named "33 1/3", alluding to the rounds per minute of such a longplayer on the turntable. It assembles songs and sound art from the

label's artists and their projects, and includes some vinyl only mixes and exclusive tracks.

Founded in 1985 by four friends, The Committee For Sonic Research started out with a P.O. Box address and a few tapes. Its primary output was the work of Except Buses, an experimental electronic music group.

After laying dormant for almost two decades, the audiolabel came back to active life six years ago, and has published more than 30 releases, including downloads, limited artisan CDs, and special editions with original artworks – all of which are produced at the home of Trixie Delight and Dental Drill in Knaphill.

In addition to German expat Trixie Delight, who moved to Knaphill in 2015, three more artists from the USA, Brazil and Germany have joined the roster. As a specialist label for sound art and extraordinary music, The Committee For Sonic Research has found devoted fans and collectors throughout the world. Some of the most avid listeners order CDs to be sent to exotic far away places such as Australia and even... Norwich!

Trixie Delight and Dental Drill also host The Comfy Show on Radio Woking, the local radio station broadcasting from the Winston Churchill School in St. Johns. Tune in each first Saturday of the month from 8-10 p.m. to hear experimental, electronic and extraordinary music from small labels and lesser known genres.

You can find the label's homepage at <https://www.tcfshr.net> and their music at <https://tcfshr.bandcamp.com>



BISLEY LADIES CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Bisley Ladies Choir are holding a Summer Concert on 22 July at 7.30 p.m. at Knaphill Methodist Church, the Broadway, Knaphill GU21 2DR. The concert is called Bisley on Stage and will include songs from popular musical theatre such as West Side Story, The Aristocats, and Guys and Dolls as well as much loved pieces from the Mikado, Verdi's Nabucco, Saint-Saens' Samson and Delilah, and Bizet's Carmen to name but a few. All a joy to sing as well as to hear.

Tickets are £10, concessions £5, refreshments included. A Raffle will also be held. Tickets can be purchased by calling Brenda (01483 474911) or Sylvia (01483 725527) or by visiting the Bisley Ladies Choir website www.bisleyladieschoir.co.uk

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

KNAPHILL BOWLING CLUB

During May Knaphill Bowling Club held two open days to give anyone interested in taking up the sport to 'give it a go'. Despite the mixed weather, a good number of people turned up and several have already applied to join the club for the new season. All are 'newbies' (as they are affectionately known) are enjoying coaching from one of the club's qualified coaches. Although these 'taster sessions' are finished, it is never too late to come and say 'Hello'. Knaphill Bowling Club is a friendly club with a growing reputation for encouraging and helping others to enjoy the game of bowls. One of the club's members, Marcus Street, recently had a trial for the England team. Who knows ... you too could possibly be the next 'international' in the club's esteemed history? Information about the club, and its various activities, can be found by visiting the club's website: knaphillbowls.org.uk.



CHURCHILL TENNIS CLUB

Churchill Tennis Club, a good value, friendly tennis club based at Winston Churchill School Sports Centre in St Johns, Woking, are holding a 'Try Tennis for Free' evening on Wednesday 5 July from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. The club runs all year round on three floodlit courts, playing mixed doubles, singles and tournaments. All skill levels are welcome. Regular club nights are on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. The first session is free and players can then sign up for one of the club's flexible plans designed to suit all budgets and include pay as you go and full membership schemes. You can get more information by going to the club's website www.churchilltennis.co.uk.



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