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Something different this time from our young contributor



**The Moon**

I took a step. My foot felt heavy as I watched it sink towards the ground; ever-mesmerized by the stillness and slow-motion effect it gave. Heart racing I moved forward in

my bubble of air, as the otherworldly, weightless feeling gave me the sensation of eternal and limitless freedom. I was on the moon.

Where I had walked, my boot left a clear footprint, like a small canyon in the fine silver dust and I gazed in awe at the powder-like substance that spread across the land. My eyes were absorbing everything: the pebbles, the rocks, the boulders on the surface, the spaceship I had travelled on and lived in, my partner and friend Buzz, the space... I suddenly felt small and insignificant, crushed by the overwhelming sensation of helplessness and lack of power. What was I, in this universe that was so incomprehensibly huge and beautiful? As many philosophical questions or journeys into deeper thought require you to do, I looked up and I gasped. In my frantic attempt to process everything that I was surrounded by at once, I had not focused on the biggest phenomenon of all: Earth...home.

The blue of our oceans gleamed, illuminating the dark, mysterious world around me. The green and brown of our land painted images of trees and grass in my mind. The sparkles of light in darkened cities reminded me of extravagant jewels and diamonds. The world I had known and grown up in was most stunning. Why had it taken me

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384,400 km of space travel to realise how inconceivably magnificent our planet was? How had I been blind to the incredible things that have surrounded me for years? Why had I not been grateful enough or more appreciative before? I guess I'm only human.

*Vivienne Mathews*

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## From the Chairman



Very soon you will be casting your vote in the General Election and receiving knocks on the door from local politicians. On page 5, you will see an excellent contribution from our Planning guru Phil Stubbs, including reference to the 650 new homes recently built or being built in the A322 corridor and the infrastructure that is required to meet the demands of such a large influx of new residents. You may wish to ask the canvassers about the number of local GPs,

NHS dentists and the A322 congestion!

Before then, we have our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 22nd April at the Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill, which is open to all. To start the proceedings, at 7.30pm we will have a presentation on the Basingstoke Canal from Robyn Higgs, who will tell us all about the history of the canal and plans looking ahead. After refreshments, the official business of the AGM will start at 8.30pm.

The Knaphill Residents Association always welcomes new members onto the Committee, as extra help is always appreciated, no matter how much or how little. We also have a subcommittee running the annual Knaphill Village Show, which will take place on Saturday 18th July at Mizens Farm. If you are interested in helping out and joining a dedicated team, please email me on [chairman@knaphill.org](mailto:chairman@knaphill.org)

*John Butler*, KRA Chairman  
[chairman@knaphill.org](mailto:chairman@knaphill.org)

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**KRA AGM**  
22nd April  
Methodist Church

litter pick  
Saturday, 16th  
May

PCC Meeting  
Stebs Cafe  
7th April

**Cricket match**  
planned for  
August

**Village Show**  
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Well, I hope you like the lovely sunny cover picture of the Basingstoke Canal, a source of many enjoyable leisure activities and a home to a varied species of wildlife, and it seemed appropriate as this is the subject of the presentation at our forth-coming AGM.

It seems that with a bit of luck we're seeing an end to grey skies and rain, and gardens with soil as sticky as treacle; there are more and more days with a good showing of blue sky and sunshine, spring flowers are starting to bloom and there's more birdsong to be heard again.

Hopefully you'll enjoy this spring edition of the magazine; there's a lot going on as always, some positive, some more challenging. The KRA is doing its best on an on-going basis to maximise the former and resolve the latter. Have a read of the article on page 8 "The KRA, what's it all about then?", and let us know what you'd like to see added to this list; a few readers' letters are long overdue! Best wishes,



Sue Stocker, Editor  
editor@knaphill.org

## Village Bits & Pieces

### Christmas lights

The Christmas tree initiative launched a couple of years ago was still going strong in 2014, and we've heard that the additional red ribbons were appreciated. This year we will endeavour to ensure that all the lights are working, and we'll also hopefully have more participants, as additional interest was expressed belatedly. In addition, we are looking at the possibility of planting a tree which could be illuminated on the green opposite the Garibaldi pub.

### PCC Meeting 7th April

The next PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April starting at 7.30 pm at Stef's Café. Come along and air any concerns with your neighbours, councillors and our local police officers. In this connection, Sgt Chris Lee who was the neighbourhood sergeant for Knaphill & Brookwood has taken up a new position within Surrey Police, and our thanks and best wishes go with him. We await news of his replacement.

### Hanging baskets

At the request of the Residents Association, Cllr Saj Hussein is actively organising hanging baskets for Knaphill. These will be mounted on lampposts along the High Street and Anchor Hill, and will certainly help brighten our street scene as they do in other neighbourhoods of Woking.

### Village sign refurbishment

As you may have seen in the local press recently, Giles and his team at Tesco Knaphill responded magnificently to our request for help in financing this work, raising a terrific £600. The repainting of the sign is currently underway, and we look forward to it being reinstated shortly in its fresh new colours.

### The Chillis Indian Restaurant

See our Business Focus article on page 10 for more information – and look out for the tempting special deals!

### Spring litter pick

This is being organised for a Saturday morning on 16th May. Keep an eye on the website and notices around the village for confirmation of the date. We had a very good turnout last November, let's see if we can do even better this time!

### New business Kärcher



Kärcher Industrial Compressors, specialist suppliers of equipment for steam cleaning without chemicals, cleaners and sweepers for home and garden for both professional and personal use, moved into the

old Coral premises at 29a High Street in the first half of February. A new business is always welcome in Knaphill, so more power to your elbow, Kärcher!

### With a jingle jingle jingle and a tap tap tap

Yes, that's right, the Morris Men cometh!! On St George's day, 23rd April to be precise, at 8pm at the Garibaldi Pub, Chobham Road. The Guildford Pilgrims Morris will be putting their best feet forward to entertain us with this unique example of Olde English folklore. So come along and encourage them to jingle louder and tap harder!

### Knaphill firm helping the hearing-impaired

A specialised Knaphill company providing products to assist people with hearing impairments has been granted a £125,000 Enterprise M3 expansion loan which it hopes will help increase its product range.

Conversor, located in Lower Guildford Road, designs and manufactures assistive listening devices (ALDS), which work by using a microphone that can be directed towards or placed near the desired sound source. This is then transmitted to a receiver worn by the user, thereby amplifying the sound and reducing background noise and improving the hearing experience for the hearing-aid wearer.

## Stubbs' stubs

Our planning guru and secretary to the KRA, Phil Stubbs, has a few updates...

### Houses Houses Houses!

Woking Borough Council has an adopted Local Development Plan which commits the Council to the building of 292 new homes a year. This is a major challenge not only to build the houses but to provide the services that will be required to meet the demands of new residents. So what has been the impact on Knaphill?

From our monitoring of all things planning we have recorded 334 new homes in Knaphill that have either been built or have received planning approval since the new Local Development Plan was adopted. There are a further 19 new homes in the planning process.

Given the location of Knaphill of interest to residents is what is happening in neighbouring Surrey Heath. A favourite development area is the A322 corridor. The A322, better known to locals as the Bagshot Road connects M4, M3 and A3 with Guildford and by any definition should be considered a major highway. Returning to new homes, if you take the A322 corridor from Brookwood Crossroads to Gordon Boys School roundabout in West End we have recorded over 650 new homes either being built or in the planning process. During the debate on Brookwood Farm all those involved agreed that the A322 is congested and Brookwood Farm development is less than 50% of total build being considered. Also on top of new homes we have a 62 bed care home being built on the site of the old Fox Inn, Bisley.

I am sure that politicians at every level are pleased with the number of new homes that are being planned but where they fail, and fail miserably, is the provision of infrastructure that is required to meet the demands of such a large influx of new residents. By infrastructure I mean easy access to a local GP, NHS dentist, places in local schools and improved road network. The Government, when they launched their New Planning Policy Framework, promised that the infrastructure would be improved as new homes were being built. This promise does not seem to be on the agenda of either Woking Borough Council or Surrey Heath Council and local Councillors do not want to talk about it.

As we approach an election and you get local politicians on your doorstep ask them what they are doing about

the lack of GP's, NHS dentists and the congestion on our roads.

### 41 Highclere Road

Following a protracted planning appeal the Planning Inspector had good news for the residents of both Highclere Road and Lane End Drive as the Inspector dismissed the appeal to build either 3 or 4 new houses on the site of the bungalow.

### Brookwood Farm

A number of the new houses that are part of Phase 1 of the development on Brookwood Farm are now occupied and the KRA welcomes the new residents to Knaphill. Work on the new estate is progressing in two parts. Enter the estate from Redding Way and you have the show houses and the first group of houses to be occupied. Walk down Sparvell Road and take the footpath towards Sheet's Heath and you will see the second phase which includes the affordable houses being built.

### Vyne Bollards Debate

This issue has not been forgotten, and will be pursued in the near future in the wider context of other local traffic issues.

### Knaphill Residents Association AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd April in the hall of the Methodist Church on The Broadway.

The evening will open at 7.30pm with an illustrated talk by Robyn Higgs from The Basingstoke Canal Society on the history of the canal and its use today.

The official business of the AGM will commence at 8.30pm, and will offer an opportunity to meet the Residents Association Committee and hear about the activities of the last twelve months. Woking MP Jonathan Lord, our local Councillors, and representatives of Woking Borough Council and Surrey Police will also be attending and ready to address your concerns and offer advice as necessary.



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### Work in Sussex Road playground and carpark.

Work has been carried out by WBC in and round the play area in Sussex Road Recreation Park. Over the past couple of winters the playground has been seriously flooded making it unusable for weeks at a time. A trench has been dug and a soakaway installed which will hopefully avoid such problems in the future. In addition, a new barrier has been erected on the land by the side of the playground with two removable posts to allow additional parking on the old tennis court and basketball area, to alleviate parking problems associated with school opening and closing times and when special events take place at the Bowls Club.

The Residents Association has also requested WBC to investigate the possibility of clearing the surface of the tennis court and basketball area and repainting the lines. There are no sports facilities for older children at this end of the village, and this would mean that at weekends and school-holiday times youngsters can put this area to good use.

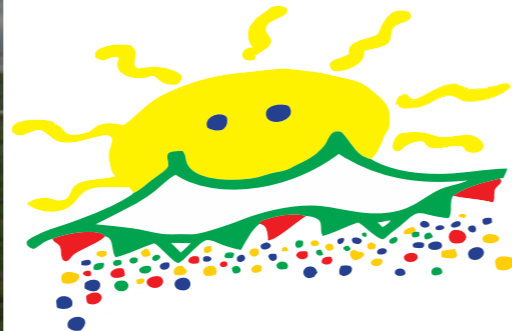
### Towards a (slightly) greener Knaphill

A new tree, a Pyrus Chanticleer or ornamental pear, has been planted outside the new Karcher shop, replacing the ugly stump that had been an eyesore for too long. Our thanks go to Kate Wilson, our WBC Neighbourhood Officer for her help in organising this, and to Serco for carrying out the work.



### VILLAGE SHOW

Well, although we are still impatiently awaiting spring, nothing says we can't look a season further on and turn our thoughts to the summer 2015 Village Show, which indeed the RA committee are already actively doing, as all that fun doesn't just happen by itself!



So, turn your diaries and calendars to Saturday 18th July, and make sure you keep the day free to be at Mizens Farm at 1pm.

As usual, there will be plenty of activities and entertainment for young and old, based around this year's theme of an Olde English Country Fair. Details of the day's full programme will be published on our website and in our June edition.

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### Library reduced hours of opening?



## Support Knaphill library!

The Friends Group at Knaphill Library has learnt that there is a review taking place of the opening hours of the smaller libraries, including Knaphill, looking at reducing opening times by 15%.

Knaphill Library moved to its current building eight years ago when it extended its opening hours to what they are today. The library is an excellent facility which is well used and appreciated, not only by Knaphillians, but also people from areas around Knaphill who prefer it to travelling into Woking for the library. It is in fact the busiest library of its size in Surrey.

It has many excellent facilities and activities including a very popular Rhyme Time for toddlers which would be directly affected by a reduction in hours. It also supports two Reading Groups, activities for children during the summer holidays, author visits, and has excellent free internet and wi-fi provision.

As a Friends Group we are keen to see the library continue to prosper by maintaining its opening hours and current usage. We have had promises from our MP Jonathan Lord and County Councillor Saj Hussain that they will support our endeavour to retain Knaphill Library's opening times and activities as at present, but please contact them yourselves to underline our efforts and prove that there is very real grass-roots support for our campaign.

### MIZENS RAILWAY

The Mizens Miniature Railway in Barr's Lane re-opens on Easter Sunday for the start of our 2015 Running Season, and many special events are planned for the coming year.

An enthusiastic team of volunteers has spent the winter carrying out routine maintenance and developments to the site. There have been many improvements including extensive changes to the track in front of the signal box to facilitate access to the high-level line. The new running line over this route is to be known as 'The Highlander'.

As well as opening up new routes, the new track layout will provide additional interest for those wanting to watch trains go by. An extra platform has been added to the main station for passengers to disembark from The Highlander and leave via the footbridge. A new lever frame for the North Signal Box has been installed and additional signals are nearing completion for the new high-level route although there is still quite a lot of electrical work to do to connect all of the points and signals to the signal box. Several trains ran over the Highlander Route towards the end of last season to test the new track and signalling, and as soon as these

are fully commissioned the route will be put into regular use. The popular 'Suburban' and 'Miler' routes will continue in use as before.

The railway is generally open to the public on Sunday afternoons from the beginning of May until the end of September, plus Easter Sunday and Thursday afternoons in August. For full details of running days, please see the Mizens website

[www.mizensrailway.co.uk](http://www.mizensrailway.co.uk).



HeartBeat Support Woking is a registered charity voluntary support group, affiliated to the British Heart Foundation, open to anyone who has heart problems as well as their partners, carers and family living in or around Woking. You'll be sure of a warm and understanding welcome from members at our informative and entertaining meetings as we have all been through and come out the other side of all types of cardiac events.

We meet at 7.30 on the first Thursday of each month at the Sea Cadets Centre, TS Dianthus, Wishbone Way, Goldsworth Park. We have speakers on a wide range of subjects, admission is £1 to members and £2 to non-members, including tea and coffee. With the money raised through raffles at our meetings, as well as other fund-raising events throughout the year, we also support the Cardiac Unit at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey with the purchase of special equipment. For example, with the £75,000 we have raised over 12 years, we have funded heart monitoring equipment, a crash trolley, a defibrillator, gym equipment in the Cardiac Rehab gym, state-of-the-art telemetry equipment for ambulances, and a Quiet Room in the Cardiac Unit for patients' families and friends.

If you'd like to join the Group or just have some more information, please contact our membership secretary Jean D'Arcy on 07799 072694, or via our website [www.heartbeat-support-woking.org](http://www.heartbeat-support-woking.org).

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### The KRA –

#### What's it all about then?

Somebody asked me recently, why should I renew my membership subscription and help support the Residents Association, what exactly do you do for the Village? Fair question, as you might be aware of some of what we do but not everything.

Firstly, the subscription funds this publication which we hope you find useful in keeping you informed on current and future happenings in the Village. Two very visible projects are of course the Village Show, which is organised by the RA with the invaluable help of additional volunteers experienced in this field (no, not Mizens field, well actually, yes, I suppose, that as well!), and the Christmas trees and lights that the RA helps fund with some of the local businesses and is literally very hands-on installing. However, the RA is also very busy behind the scenes:

- working closely with local Councillors assisting individuals or groups in planning and traffic issues, such as monitoring large developments such as Brookwood Farm, and ensuring residents are kept informed on planning matters, Council communications not always being as prompt and or speedy as they could or should be;

- attending Council meetings and/or writing to Council departments to put residents' viewpoints and ensure Knaphill gets its slice of the local authority cake;

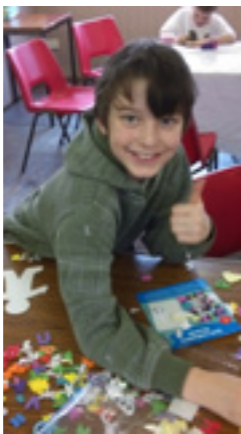
- helping organise PCC meetings and the Village Forum, thereby giving residents the opportunity to speak face-to-face with local and police authority representatives;

- getting involved with issues such as access to GPs and NHS dentists, a very topical issue;

- liaising with Kate Wilson, our WBC Neighbourhood Officer to resolve street-scene issues such as litter, graffiti, trees and flowerbeds, etc.

- supporting practically and financially The Knaphill Cabin youth club, which the residents' association actually set up several years ago.

If you feel there are other matters that the KRA could assist with, please get in touch and let us know and we'll be only too happy to do so.



### KNAPHILL WOODCRAFT FOLK

Knaphill Woodcraft Folk enjoyed a residential weekend in huts at Walton Firs campsite on 30th January to 1st February, where fun was had in the snow and then warming up with indoor games and crafty activities, as can be seen from the photos!

The Woodcraft Folk is a national voluntary movement for children and young people founded in the early 1920s, as an offshoot of the Scouting movement. The name refers to the skill of living close to nature (rather than making things out of wood), and the group encouraged people from towns and cities to enjoy the outdoors. It was rather radical in its day as both boys and girls were welcome!

Knaphill Woodcraft Folk has been running groups in the area for about 45 years.

They currently have two groups that meet weekly during term times at the Dianthus Building in Goldsworth Park: Elfins for 6-9 yrs and Pioneers & Venturers for 10-16 yrs. The group is very much about equality and cooperation whilst empowering young people to shape the world in which we live, with a strong focus on sustainability, camping and outdoor activities.

For further information or to join Knaphill Woodcraft Folk please contact Bryony Walsh on bryony74@ntlworld.com.

### KNAPHILL CARE

This poem written in 1942 still rings true today.

*There's always time to lend a hand tho' hurried you may be, always time to speak a word of sympathy*

*These are busy days but no man lives at such a speed, that he cannot stop and do some kind and friendly deed,*

*We seem to find the time for things that serve no useful end, on foolish talk and idle thought how much of life we spend,*

*How much time is squandered in a purely selfish way of the four and twenty hours God gives us every day.*

By A.H. Poole

If you would like to find out how you can lend a hand and help with a kind and friendly deed in your community, please contact Knaphill Care Good Neighbour Scheme on the helpline: 07792 514 166 (Mon-Fri 10-12), and speak to one of our four volunteers or leave an message, or email us: knaphill.care@gmail.com.

And if you're just not able to help with our work "on the ground", why not show your support by helping us raise the funds we need to carry out our work by coming to our Sing Along Community Evening at Knaphill Scout Hall. This year the musical delights will be "Songs from the Shows". The date is still to be confirmed, so please check the Village Notice Board and KRA website in April and May for details.



#### Ooh la la - A new French Club has arrived in Knaphill!

Anna's Language Lab is making learning French

fun and enjoyable for primary-aged children in Knaphill and Woking. Local Knaphill resident, Anna Fuller, has created an after-school French Club with a difference. Children are enjoying craft activities and French food tasting as well as using the latest French Apps and software and so far,

it's been a recipe for success.

Anna is currently taking bookings for her Easter French Club which will focus on French chateaux, and the children will be constructing famous chateaux and having fun with Easter crafts including French Easter cards. Due to the success of the after-school club, a new beginners class will also be starting after Easter. For more information please contact Anna Fuller on 07771964124 or visit [www.annaslanguageclub.co.uk](http://www.annaslanguageclub.co.uk)

### Knaphill Methodist Church



When the Methodists first arrived in Knaphill in the middle of the 19thC, it was a small village consisting of a few houses and farms, a forge, a couple of inns, the Anchor Hotel and a farmhouse which served as the post office. Open-air Methodist services were first held on Anchor Hill from 1865, partly in an attempt to dissuade people from playing cricket on the local green on Sunday!

Wesleyan ministers then formed a Sunday School which meet first in a barn and then in what is still the Royal Oak public house.

As Membership of the Methodist Society grew, a chapel was opened at the top of the hill in 1867 on land purchased from the London Necropolis Co., and a hall was added 10 years later for the Sunday School. Lord Shaftesbury himself was said to have preached in the chapel.

By the early 20th century, the chapel was a feature of the village, not only providing a religious focus but also serving the community and providing "wholesome" social activities such as the Coronation Cycling Club. The Sunday School grew rapidly, and in 1908 the annual outing used a new-fangled charabanc to transport the children to their picnic in Ottershaw Park.

During WW1, the Sunday School Hall was opened to local soldiers so that they could write letters home in some comfort and enjoy light refreshments. After the war, new links were created with the community: the chapel became the venue of Surrey County Council's Infant Welfare Centre, and two years later to meet the needs of the young people in the church and the village, the Knaphill Sunshine League was set up providing a wide programme

of social gatherings, sporting activities, talks and outings, with devotions included in the meetings.

Over time it became necessary to improve and renovate the Chapel, and work was completed in 1917, but in 1935 it was found to be beyond repair, and a fully rebuilt new church opened in November that year. It included a completely equipped church pipe organ specially designed to fit the building, the smallest the manufacturers had ever made.

During WW2, activities had to be curtailed due to the blackout; many children were evacuated from London to Knaphill and the church hall was used as a day school. Post WW2, many Woking area churches came together to reach the population with the Gospel and a particular effort was made for "young people in their teen ages" by creating many activities and groups. There was a strong church choir led by the choirmaster Walter Deakin, which became the basis of Woking's famous Epworth Choir. The annual Harvest celebrations included huge themed displays of harvest products much of which was provided by Brookwood Hospital farm. During the 60s and 70s, youth activities were numerous and varied – sports, artistic and practical - and the regular pantomimes and musicals continued the musical tradition.

In 1968-70 major work was carried out to the rear of the premises to update sanitary and catering facilities as well as create a new store room which was eventually divided into two to become the crèche and Youth Club. A little later, the old organ was replaced with a modern electric organ and a new boiler was installed, better access and increased storage facilities were created. In the late 1990s it was decided that further extensive work was required to improve access to the various parts of the building, including a central welcome area and upgrade of catering facilities, and this took place between May and November 2004.

Work with young people continues to be a strong part of the ministry with many groups and activities taking place, as well as community activities such as a choir and play scheme.

Future plans are now being devised. The church has engaged an architect who will consult church members and community representatives before drawing up some options about how the congregation may continue to use the site on Broadway to serve Knaphill and the surrounding areas with the love of God in the coming generations.

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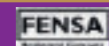
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Woking Bikeathon



The Woking Bikeathon will take place on Sunday 10th May, 2015. Individuals and groups are welcome to join in a fun day out knowing that the money raised will help those in need throughout the Borough. The Bikeathon will start in Woking Park at 10.00h, with two routes available to riders, a short route of approx. 3 miles and a long route of approx 28 miles.

For the second year running The Woking Kids' Bikeathon will also take place in Woking Park. Starting at 11.00h, this gives younger children the chance to be involved by following a short course around the Park. Once again, grateful thanks go to our corporate sponsors Barlow Robbins Solicitors, Bourne Valley Garden Centre, Trident Honda, Freedom Leisure and our media partners The Woking Advertiser for their continued support. This year the Woking Bikeathon is supporting Woking & Sam Beare Hospices, Blood-runners, Woking First Responders, Woking Mayor's Charities and the Hallow Project. The Rotary Club of Woking is once again seeking the support of the local community to help make it another great success.

The entry fee is: Children £10 early entry (£15 on the), : Adults £15 early entry (£25 on the day). The entry fees include a rider's pack including route maps. Entry and Sponsorship forms are available at [www.wokingbikeathon.co.uk](http://www.wokingbikeathon.co.uk). Or, for more information call Terry Smith on 01483 762832.

Notes  
Cyclists aged between 8 and 12 years old are welcome on the shorter route of the main Bikeathon, but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Parents must give their signed consent to their child taking part in The Woking Kids' Bikeathon and must confirm that they consider their child has the necessary skills and experience to join in the event.



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KNAPHILL & SURROUNDING AREA SPORTS



KNAPHILL FC



With just over a couple of months to go in the current 2014/15 season, Knaphill's first season in the Premier Division of the Combined Counties League has brought a mixed results over the last few months at this higher level of football. But the Club's aim in the League is to finish around the mid-table position by the end of their

programme of 40 League games.

A few of the fixtures since December were hit by the weather - defeated by the rain! – so rearranged matches have therefore been on the agenda just recently. Results-wise, the past month has seen three narrow 2-1 defeats in away fixtures, but one of the best results recently came with a 3-0 win over Spelthorne Sports; the two new signings in the team made a big impact on the game which produced a good all- round team performance.

The Club saw a Management change in January this year when first team manager Phil Ruggles left the club; Knaphill now have Keith Hills as caretaker manager for the rest of the season. Having had a good 'mini run' in FA Cup and FA Vase earlier in the season, it's now into the latter stages of the season; the club had twelve games remaining in their League programme as they went into the last week of February, and are looking at a points target they hope will stabilise a favourable finishing position in the Premier.

Off the pitch, Knaphill are planning to have an additional seated stand and a second standing covered stand to complement their current 50-seater stand and covered standing at Redding Way, making further progress with the additional facilities required at Premier Division level for next season. Although a tight timeframe, it's hoped the extra stands will be in place by 31st March.

So, ambitions high on the current agenda right now: on the pitch the Club looking for good results in the forthcoming weeks,

and off the pitch enhancing facilities by the end of the season. Still going...onwards and upwards!

KNAPHILL BOWLS CLUB



Knaphill Bowls Club continues to flourish in the centre of the village. With financial help from Woking Borough Council, we have been able to improve and repair the ditches around our green and are now planning further improvements to the facilities.

The Club had a successful year in 2014, winning the Area's Top four competition and three other West Surrey and Guildford titles. We were also runners-up in the competitive West Surrey League and a couple of other inter-club competitions.

During 2014, the Club also welcomed a number of new members who took to the game enthusiastically and can't wait for the new season to begin. They obviously found the combination of friendliness and competition to their liking!

The Club are keen to welcome more new members this year so, if you think you might be interested, why not come along to one of our open sessions on Saturday 25th April (from 10.00 am) or Wednesday 29th April (from 6.00 pm)? Alternatively, for more details, please visit the Club's website at [knaphillbowls.co.uk](http://knaphillbowls.co.uk) or phone the President, Norman Crawley (01483 830040) or the Secretary, Alan Bennet (01483 480262).

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