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From the Chairman



This edition is the 57th since it began over 17 years ago. It has come a long way reporting Knaphill news and information for the benefit of the local community.

Our current Editor, Jim Binney, has produced excellent newsletters and content but will be standing down in 2018. If there is interest from a local resident (or two) in becoming our new Editor(s) I would be pleased if you can contact me at chairman@knaphill.org

We have everything in place to continue, including distribution of 5000 copies to all Knaphill residents, local meeting places and businesses. Ideally, we would like to continue to publish the Knaphill News as a magazine and not just rely on the electronic format that you can find on the KRA Webpage, or information shared on the Knaphill Community Facebook page.

On that thought may I wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hopefully we will be able to publish the Knaphill News well into the future.

Best Wishes

John Butler, KRA Chairman

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Editor's Jottings TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY

After a long day of putting on a wonderful Christmas meal, Mum was standing over the kitchen sink wearily washing the mountain of dirty dishes. In the middle of this monumental task, her teenage daughter strolled into the kitchen and saw what her mother was doing. The thoughtful girl said, 'Mum, today's a holiday, you shouldn't be doing that!' Mother was taken aback by the seeming kindness of her daughter. She began to put down the dish cloth and take off her rubber gloves. A sense of pride overtook her as she thought her little girl was at last starting to show signs of maturity by helping with the dishes. Her bubble was burst, however, when the teenager continued, 'No ... just leave them until tomorrow and do them then!'

We are all familiar with the saying: 'Never do today what you can put off till tomorrow!' Oscar Wilde took it a stage further when he suggested, 'I never put off till tomorrow what I can possibly do ... the day after that!' The problem is that time literally does fly by! I shall be 75 on my next birthday, but on the inside, I still feel

about 25. I look in the mirror and wonder, 'Who is that old guy looking back at me?' Part of me wonders where the years have all gone, but another part of me is determined to make 'best use' of the time I have left. 'Time' it has been said, 'is an equal opportunity employer'. Each of us has the same number of hours and minutes every day. Rich people can't buy more hours. Scientists can't create new minutes. And none of us can save time to spend it another day. Even so, no matter how much time we've wasted in the past, we still have an entire tomorrow!

As intimated earlier in this issue I will be standing down as Editor of the magazine in the new year. This is not because I am past my 'sell-by-date' but because I am moving on to other things. I leave in the hope that others – particularly some younger people or 'early retirees' who still have plenty of energy and enthusiasm – can take my place. We have some great women on the 'team' who are doing a wonderful job, but perhaps we need some more men to give us a better balance on the KRA Committee. The week or so

between Christmas and New Year, often provides space for reflection as we think about the old year coming to its end and the new year about to begin. We sometimes make 'new year resolutions' and maybe even manage to keep a few of them? Perhaps for some that will include a resolution to make best use of our tomorrows ... even to play our part in the regeneration of Knaphill as a member of the KRA Committee?



Jim Binney, Editor

Village Bits & Pieces



Entertaining Angels Unaware?

Holy Trinity & St Saviour's are once again running their innovative Angel Go competition with various knitted angels hiding in the windows of many of the shops in Knaphill. So why not join in the great Angel Hunt in the days leading up to Christmas itself. Clues can be found via the church's website (www.htandstschurch.org).

Yellow Peril

New single yellow lines have appeared opposite Knaphill Lower School, Chobham Road. Parking is restricted between 8.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. If you need to park at the school, there is an allocated area by the park, entrance is via Sussex Road. There is always plenty of space and the bollards have been replaced so should now be lowered during school drop off and pick up times. Wherever you park please be considerate of all our Knaphill residents that need to access their driveways. We also need to be careful of our children, where they walk or play, please drive slowly and park safely.

Knock, Knock... Who's There?

There have been reports of the 'Nottingham Knockers' (so called because the 'scam' started in Nottingham) working in the Knaphill area in the lead up to Christmas. They are doorstep callers who target areas offering small household products for sale. These callers may claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, however Nottingham Knockers are not part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme. Some doorstep callers may offer poor quality goods at inflated prices, and if a caller is not genuine they may be gathering information for future crime. Please warn your neighbours, particularly the elderly or vulnerable, not to open the door to strangers or buy or sell on the doorstep. Bear in mind that if cold callers don't get any sales in the area they are less likely to return.

Is Knaphill the New 'Dead Centre' of Woking?

Alan Greenwood & Sons, Independent Family Funeral Directors (opposite the Anchor) are now officially open. They offer a 24-hour service and you can contact them on 01483 487889. Rumour has it that they are soon to be joined by a fourth Funeral Parlour in Knaphill, on the site of the former Lorenzo Italian Restaurant, in the new year.

No Need to be Down in the Mouth

Bupa has bought Oasis Dental Care including all their dental practices (soon to be rebranded Bupa Dental Care). Bupa are anxious to assure existing Oasis patients that their care and service will continue. They are taking on new patients both NHS and Private and will be open every other Saturday. Located on the corner of the High Street and Sussex Road you can call them on 01483 475822. If you would like an alternative in Knaphill, White House Dental Practice, 45 High Street (01483 473850) or Highclere Dental Practice, 1 Anchor Hill (01483 475511) are both very good.

LOCAL EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE

Phil Stubbs writes about a matter close to his heart

In the last edition of the Knaphill News I announced my retirement from the Knaphill Residents' Association Committee, and one reason for that was so that I could concentrate on specific issues. One of these is the emergency ambulance service supplied to Surrey by South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust or SECAmb for short. First let me state that there is no criticism of the front-line paramedics and ambulance staff who provide good service to the patients.

In November 2016 SECAmb closed the ambulance station in Knaphill. Prior to the closure the KRA, via our MP, had sought a meeting with SECAmb managers, they finally met us in December, after the closure. At this meeting SECAmb managers told the KRA and other residents' associations that the closure of the ambulance station in Knaphill would not have a negative impact on the performance of the ambulance service to urgent 999 calls. We were also informed that SECAmb were urgently looking for an alternative site, west of the town centre, for what they called an 'Ambulance Community Response Post'. This is somewhere where

the crew can park their ambulance with the facilities for a short break. Currently the main ambulance station serving this part of Surrey is in Chertsey. There is a 'Community Response Post' at the Woking Community Hospital with one ambulance for the whole of Woking and a significant part of Surrey Heath.

As I stated earlier at the meeting with SECAmb managers we were offered data to compare the response times prior to the closure of the station in Knaphill and post its closure. When we eventually received the data it clearly showed that response times had got longer, i.e. the service had deteriorated. Also at the time of writing this article there has been no announcement regards a new 'Community Response Post' west of Woking town centre. It can be argued, and some do, that the response times for the whole of Surrey had deteriorated and that is true but not a good enough reason for removing the ambulance station in Knaphill and not finding an alternative location. SECAmb cover Kent Sussex, Surrey and part of Hampshire. When we pointed out that the response times for Surrey were worse than those for the whole region, we were told that Surrey is a problem area because it is mainly rural!

SECAmb is in special measures and it has been in this state since September 2016 with no indication that there have been significant improvements.



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GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Eileen Martin shares more news about the wonderful work of Knaphill Care

One of the joys of working with Knaphill Care are the appreciative letters we get, from time to time, from people we have been able to help as an organisation. Here is an excerpt from one we received recently from a Mrs Ball: *'Thank you Knaphill Care ... you're the best "good neighbours" we could wish for. When my husband had to give up driving due to ill-health, we became house bound. Family and friends helped when they could, but our lives seemed to close in on us. When we found out about Knaphill Care (KC) it was like a new beginning. Over the years Knaphill Care has helped us to get to doctors, dentists, hospital appointments and for me (a great boost to my spirits) to get to the hairdressers. The Volunteers are all local people; they are so kind and friendly; we've had some lovely chats. They give their time to help others and we really appreciate their help. They've helped us to stay active and independent. Thank you, Knaphill Care.'*

Who would you turn to if you need help to get

to the doctor's or hospital, or for help with shopping? If you are healthy and active and/or you have family and friends living locally you may not have thought about this. But loss of health or mobility can start to make everyday tasks more difficult. It can become more important to have a range of helpers and support to call on.

We're very fortunate in Woking. We have community transport from the Bustler Bus, and many services like Careline, Homelink and our local Centre for Community at The Vyne. Knaphill Care is a 'good neighbour scheme'. Volunteers aim to offer help on an occasional basis to support family, friends and the other services; to help local residents stay independent.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Knaphill Care Volunteer, or if you think Knaphill Care may be able to help you, please call our Helpline: 07792 514166 (10.00 - 12.00 noon, Monday - Friday) or email us at knaphill.care@gmail.com



Mrs Gilbert, with a helping hand from Knaphill Care Volunteer, Roz Turley.

BISLEY LADIES CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT



For more information please see our website www.bisleyladieschoir.uk

Bisley Ladies Choir will be presenting their popular Christmas Concert – a varied mix of Christmas music and readings – on Saturday 16th December 2017 at 4.30 p.m. at Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, Knaphill GU21 2DR. Tickets are £10 per adult, £5 for children/young people between 5 and 16 years of age, and under 5s get in for free. Tickets will be available at the door, or you can phone Brenda (01483 474911) or Sylvia (01483 425527) to book in advance. Free refreshments will be available on the night, and there will also be a Raffle for those who wish to take part. Free parking is available behind the church, off Englefield Road.

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Many people who find Event Planners through their website – www.event-planners-surrey.co are impressed with the list of services which can be provided which include event planning, bouncy castles and other types of inflatables such as Zorb Suits, Bucking Bronco and Assault Courses. They also offer Magicians, Caricaturists, Punch and Judy, Face Painters, Photo Booth, DJ's, Marquees, Tables and Chairs, Cutlery and Crockery, Red Carpet, Red



Ropes and Chrome Barriers and many other types of theming. The shop still offers Helium balloons of all types, including the very latest must have colour 'Rose Gold' range which was launched earlier this year, as well as other party items, chair covers plus a wide range of coloured sashes, large glass centrepieces

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THE SECRET KNAPHILLIAN: FAST FOOD

Our intrepid Secret Investigator shops anonymously in Knaphill

What better way to follow the last edition's article on a Knaphill pub crawl than with a review of some (and just some!) of the fast food establishments in the village. Well you can't really move for choice to be honest, but are they any good? So, in advance of those post-Christmas Parties munchies hunt I have again taken one for the team and put the High Street to the test! I will start with a firm Friday favourite ...

SkipJacks Fish and Chip Shop. You don't have to save this one for Fridays, I actually went for a 'cheeky chippy' lunch during half term! I do think this is one of the best fish and chip shops in the area, really lovely crispy fresh fish and good old-fashioned chips all wrapped up in that off-white paper that has a certain smell when it is sitting next to you on the passenger seat of the car as you dash home before too many of those yummy chips stick to it! I can also report that the kid's options are perfect ... and actually large enough for the average adult!! A firm favourite with our family! Next,

I will wander just slightly up the road to ...

Charcoal Grill. Now I am not certain I really need to do a review of this one given the queues that tail out the door over the weekend evenings – that speaks for itself. Now I wouldn't say that kebabs previously featured in my takeaway top five. However, since moving to Knaphill a few years ago, I have allowed my husband to pick his takeaway of choice, and I must admit I am not too upset when he suggests this establishment. I always have the chicken Shish kebab, fresh grilled marinated chunks of chicken, with stacks of salad (leave off the onions for me!) and a lovely warm pitta. The cheesy chips are a pretty good side order too!! Top tip from me ... call up to place your order to avoid waiting on the pavement outside for a long time ... it really is popular! Just a little further along the high street is ...

Milano Pizza. We have tried a few pizza places for delivery, and this is one of our favourites. Lovely thin Italian style bases, but the best thing is the sheer choice of topping combinations. You really are spoilt

for choice from your average typical choices to some pretty off the wall suggestions. There really is something for everyone on the takeaway menu, and they are pretty quick to deliver too. Lastly, I will end with somewhere that strictly is not a takeaway, but it would be remiss of me to not mention ...

Stef's Café. Just the place for that morning after the night before absolutely perfect fry up. You can pick a standard menu option, or you can build yourself a feast of choice (extra double mushrooms for me please). But the very best bit about Stef's is the amazing warm welcome you get, and the real feeling of being part of a community when you sit at tables in amongst the locals who chat to your kids and make them laugh while you sip your freshly made coffee and watch the world go by from the window. A little bit of bliss on Knaphill high street made perfect by Stef himself!

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SHOPPING IN KNAPHILL by



Some inspirational ideas to help you make the best of Christmas



ShuZu Shoes not only have a huge selection of shoes, but also a lovely range of children's gifts. These Origami LED Lights are perfect for a children's bedroom. Designs include Dinosaurs & Foxes from £11.95.

Valentino's in the High Street have a great selection of men's and children's wet weather gear as the cold weather approaches. Children's wellies £19.99, Waterproof Trousers from £9.99 & Jackets from £14.99 and Hi Vis vests from £4.99.



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Inspirational Ideas for Christmas [1]: New Hair Style for Christmas?

With the festive season just around the corner, and plenty of parties and nights out to get dolled up for. If you're looking for inspiration for your hair, look no further. Here's **Sorella's** six step guide to sparkling hair:



1. Start with smooth, straight, clean hair. Separate into three equal buns and tie with clear bands.



2. Plait each section and tie ends with clear bands.



3. Pin left plait to the right side with a bobbie pin.



4. Repeat step three on the right side.



5. Use the remaining, middle plait and curl under, like so, securing with a bobbie pin.



6. Finally, add some extra touches... leave sleek and sophisticated, or gently tease pieces to look more relaxed.

If you need more help and advice – or even a hairdo – call in at **Sorella's** on the High Street, or follow them on Facebook for more tips and their video tutorial.

HUFF AND PUFF AND BLOW THE HOUSE DOWN

*Is another historic Knaphill landmark
about to disappear?*

Despite all the promises over recent years to retain the historic heart of Knaphill, including at least the façade of some of its older buildings, it looks like another of Knaphill's landmark buildings is about to go for good! A planning application has been submitted from the owners of 1-3 High Street, Knaphill – the building that housed the old pet shop, Pets Kingdom – to demolish the existing premises and build a new three storey building.



Currently the old pet shop premises remain vacant but there is a computer repair shop on the adjoining ground floor, and solicitors on the first and second floors. Our understanding is that the solicitors are on a short lease. The planning application is to demolish the existing building and build a new three storey building comprising of three retail units on the ground floor and eight self-contained one bed units on the first and second floors. The planning application reference number is PLAN/2017/1036 and can be seen on the Woking Borough Council's website.

The existing building dates from the Victorian era and was originally the farm house for Highclere farm. To be fair, over the years, there have been several additions which detract from the building's original qualities, such as that housing

the computer repair shop, and the dormer windows in the roof. Nevertheless, any development of these premises should surely attempt to retain at least the façade of the original building in some way and not replace it with yet another soulless brick and glass construction? Pictures of the proposed new build can be found on the Council website.

The planning application also contains only nine parking bays, and it has been questioned as to whether this is adequate. Another concern is regarding the three retail units, in that according to the plans there does not appear to be any access from the rear of the shops, nor any serious storage space, so they will be of limited value? OK for a computer repair business possibly, but no good for a fruit and veg shop nor a butcher's shop?



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Children's Corner

Rebecca Ward has some Physical Development Tips for your Pre-schooler

6-12 MONTHS

- Develop your baby's sense of balance by rocking, spinning and swinging.
- Coordination can be helped by blowing bubbles and encouraging them to pop the bubbles with both hands.
- As they begin to pull themselves up to stand, provide low level furniture they can also use to cruise along.
- Provide small pieces of food for your baby to practice their pincer grasp with their thumb and first finger.
- Learning new songs and rhymes will prepare a child's ear, voice and brain for language.
- Encourage your child to dance along to the music, they will learn balance, co-ordination, body awareness and rhythm.

18-24 MONTHS

- Your child will be wanting to move independently, go for walks outside on different surfaces. Provide toys with wheels for them to pull and push.
- Allow them to safely climb up and down stairs, and different levels.
- To develop motor skills and prepare them for writing it all starts with 'mark making'. Provide lots of materials to make marks in or with, such as sand, mud, whipped cream, paint, water, playdoh, glitter.
- Encourage scooping with a spoon, turning pages of the book and finger rhymes like Round and Round the Garden.
- Your child will be learning all the time using their senses, vision (sight), audition (hearing), gustation (taste), olfaction (smell), tactition (touch), thermoception (heat, cold), nociception (pain), equilibrioception (balance, gravity), proprioception (body awareness).

3-4 YEARS

- Your child may have started preschool or will be going to school soon and will need to be able to do a few activities independently.
- Allow them to try to dress and undress themselves. Teach them to use buttons, zips and velcro. Other important activities children need to do by themselves is to be able to wash their hands with soap and dry them, feed themselves with a fork and spoon, and use a tissue to wipe their nose.
- Play games for them to catch, throw and kick using balls or balloons to continue developing their motor skills.
- Encourage your child to help with tasks around the house, sweeping, dusting, hoovering and carrying objects from room to room.
- To prepare them for writing encourage 'mark making' with pencils, sticks in the mud, stones in the sand, fingers in paint. Try horizontal lines starting from left to right and shapes, especially circles all help for letter formation.

Children develop at their own rates and in their own ways.

The suggestions here are of typical ranges of development.

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KNAPHILL REMEMBERS

Despite the rather damp weather, there was a good turnout at the new Memorial Garden in the centre of Knaphill Village for the annual Act of Remembrance on Armistice



Day this year. The short Service was led by the new Vicar of Holy Trinity and St Saviour's Churches, the Rev Neil Hopkins, together with members of the clergy from the other three main churches in Knaphill. Our three local councillors all took part, as did our MP Jonathan Lord. Several children from our local schools also read short pieces that they had written reflecting on the meaning of this special day.

The following day, Remembrance Sunday, whilst there were Remembrance Day Services held in the various local churches in Knaphill, the 1st Knaphill cubs and beavers paraded to the Memorial Garden and laid hand-made wreaths at Knaphill's Remembrance Wall and observed the two minutes silence.



STANDING AT THE GATE OF THE YEAR

***'And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your
hand into the Hand of God.***

***That shall be to you better than light and safer than a
known way."***

***So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly
into the night.***

***And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day
in the lone East."***

In his Christmas Broadcast in 1939 George VI, quoted these words by (at the time) an unknown poet. They struck a chord with a country facing an uncertain future. They were, in fact, from an obscure poem, God Knows, written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957), a retired London School of Economics academic. The poem was just a small part of a career which included working in India and the East End, industrial welfare and academia.

Minnie Haskins was an interesting character. Born and educated near Bristol, she studied at University College, Bristol, at the same time working in a voluntary capacity for the local Congregational Church. By 1903 she was working in Lambeth for the Springfield Hall Wesleyan Methodist mission and in 1907 she went to Madras, India to work in the Zenana Mission to Women with the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society. In 1912, to raise funds to support her work, she published a small volume of poetry The Desert which included the poem God Knows, originally written in 1908. Poor health meant a return to England in 1915 where she ran a munitions workers' hostel in Woolwich for six months, followed by three years

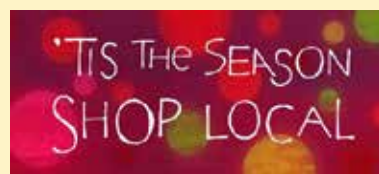


supervising the labour management department of a factory in West Ham. At the age of 43 she went to LSE to study Social Science. A long and distinguished academic career followed during which Minnie Haskins played an important part in the establishment of the Institute of Industrial Welfare Workers, the forerunner of the Institute of Personnel Management, now the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development, and promoting 'a spirit of co-operation' between worker and employer. During this time, she continued to write, both novels and poetry, being describes as 'a woman of unusual capacity and character ... rare understanding and sympathy and infinite patience, combined with a great deal of love and interest in people.'

Finally retiring in 1944, Minnie Haskins died in 1957 but her now famous words on how to face the future without fear live on, inscribed at the entrance to the George VI memorial chapel in St George's Chapel, Windsor.

Small Business Saturday Countdown!

To keep our independent businesses in Knaphill we must shop locally. Every Saturday from now until Christmas, Knaphill Community Facebook Page is giving our small businesses the opportunity to tell you about their business! Perhaps everyone could look through to see if they can shop locally before travelling further afield. If you own a local independent business please go to the Knaphill Community Facebook Page on a Saturday, find the appropriate post, and 1) Tell them who you are; 2) Tag your business FB page, and 3) In a sentence tell them what your business does and if you have any offers or news!



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SPORTS ROUND-UP

KNAPHILL ATHLETIC FOOTBALL CLUB

A mixed start to the season has seen the firsts and reserves doing well in both League and Cup competitions but a reshuffle take place after the difficult decision was taken to fold our third team, our A's, who competed in the Guildford & Woking Alliance League. Reserve team manager James Taylor has become assistant to first team manager Des Clark, with the A's managers Ben Searle and Ray Duke taking over the reserve team. Hopefully this will be a temporary measure and we can come back stronger next season although this season saw the return of our adult Sunday side, managed by Steve Baggott, in the Surrey & Hants Border League.

At the time of writing, the firsts are 5th in the table, through to the quarter finals of the League Cup in into the last 32 of the County Cup with a trip to Epsom Athletic coming up. The reserves currently sit in 6th position and are in still in their three Cup competitions.

Jamie Donaghy is also currently the League top scorer with 17 goals in 8 games just 4 off last season's club top scorer, Ben Stenning.

The club's youth section is also still thriving with all age groups from U9's through to U16's representing us on Sunday mornings in the Surrey Primary League.

Lastly, on 9th October, for the eighth year running, several players splashed around with hangovers raising money for local causes contributing nearly £200 by taking part in the Woking Swimathon.

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TOY STORY

The Rev Neil Hopkins Shares a Christmas Story with a Twist

It is rumoured that back in the 80s, in New York City, two toys were in competition for the coveted No.1 Christmas Toy slot: GI Joe and Cindy Doll. What was special about both these toys was that – in an age before apps and smart phones – they spoke. If you pressed a button on the back of their heads, they actually spoke. Cutting edge technology for the day! And it was the words that these two toy dolls spoke that drew the attention of some local women activists – and rightly so. When GI Joe's button was pressed, dressed in his full army gear, he said: 'Go ahead punk, make my day!' On the other hand, when Cindy Doll's button was pressed, clasping her hand bag, she softly said: 'I want to plan my dream wedding'. Now these two stereotypes had to be challenged. So, one night, a group of women broke into a large, well known toy store in the city, removed the toys from their packaging, and with great care swapped over the voice microchips, repackaged the dolls and placed them back on the shelves.

Over the Christmas period many unsuspecting parents bought these dolls for their children. Imagine Christmas day, as little Brad rushes downstairs at some unearthly hour, grabs the present he knows is GI Joe (because he has been going on about it since August), rips off the packaging revealing GI Joe in all his camouflage glory, presses the button on the back of GI Joe's head ... and instead of hearing the menacing phrases he is expecting, hears, 'I want to plan my dream wedding!' And down the street young Courtney starts to unwrap the present she too knows what she is getting. With a smile that could have been on a Clinton card she cradles Cindy Doll in her arms, presses the button on the back of her head ... and instead of the soft and calming voice she is expecting hears Cindy Doll say: 'Go ahead

punk make my day!' If the story is true, then these women performed one of the best publicity stunts ever! Even if the story is not true it is still worth thinking about because it teaches us that what is going on the inside may not be reflected on the outside.

Christmas is a time where joy and happiness are seemingly the 'non-negotiables' of the season – we will be happy and joyful and Christmassy. And, it is lovely to have a time of year where we can celebrate and have fun. Now, while I don't want to be morose about what we all want to be a 'happy time', for many when Christmas passes and January comes around, those things that we have held back from on the inside, raise their voice again. Too often, while we present an 'I'm fine' exterior, a voice on the inside is saying something very different. A voice of struggle or pain or tension or concern or desperation that we are feeling deep within.

Yet, it is Christmas that can speak to that inner voice. It is not a season where we need to pretend, but where we can come to know the One who knows our inner feelings. The birth of Jesus was to fulfil an ancient prophecy spoken of him many years before he was born. A prophecy that said, "A virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him 'Immanuel' which means 'God with us!'" (Isaiah 7:14). The birth of Jesus says we do not have to have a different voice on the inside and wrestle with it on our own. 'God with us' means we can let him know the 'us' of the inside and let him walk alongside us. A God who is not distant, but very much a God who is with us and for us. A Christmas that is worth being happy and joyful about, and that will last well past January and on into our lives for the future.

The Rev Neil Hopkins (Vicar of Holy Trinity & St Saviour's Anglican Churches) shares a Christmas Message with us on behalf of the Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Baptist Churches of Knaphill that together make up C4K.

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICES

Holy Trinity: 16 December at 4.30 p.m.

Methodist: 24 December at 10.00 a.m.

Baptist: 24 December at 11.00 a.m.

(POP-UP) NATIVITY SERVICES

Holy Trinity: 17 December at 10.00 a.m.

Baptist: 17 December at 11.00 a.m.

St Hugh's: 23 December at 4.00 p.m.

CAFÉ CHURCH CHRISTMAS

St Saviour's: 17 December at 10.30 a.m.

CRIB SERVICE WITH PUPPETS

St Saviour's: 24 December at 3.30 & 4.45 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION/MASS

St Hugh's: Vigil Mass (KS1) at 5.00 p.m.

St Hugh's: Vigil Mass (KS2) at 7.00 p.m.

Methodist: Midnight Communion at 11.00 p.m.

Holy Trinity: Communion at 11.15 p.m.

St Saviour's: Communion at 11.15 p.m.

St Hugh's: Carols & Readings at 11.30 p.m.

St Hugh's: Midnight Mass at 12.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

St Hugh's: Dawn Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Methodist: Family Service at 9.30 a.m.

Holy Trinity: Family Service at 10.00 a.m.

St Saviour's: Family Service at 10.00 a.m.

Baptist: Family Service at 10.30 a.m.

St Hugh's: Day Mass at 11.30 a.m.

*For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and his name will be ... Jesus,
& he will save his people from their sins'*