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From the Chairman



At our last KRA committee meeting we had a long discussion on speeding in Knaphill with our councillors, which included discussing what measures we can take to make our neighbourhood a safer place.

Not long afterwards, a car passed me on Broadway travelling at over 50mph, disregarding the zebra crossing and the dangers of parked cars.

We hear of similar stories in other parts of Knaphill, including on Lower Guildford Road, and I'm sure you can quote examples in your area too.

We have several 30mph speed-activation signs in the village that flash up as well as a few speed bumps in Victoria Road. We continue to lobby our councillors, publicise incidents and raise awareness through our Knaphill Community Facebook page and KRA website in the hope that more effective measures to curtail speeding will be introduced in the roads that need them.

On a different note, I'd like to offer a warm welcome to Rebecca Ward as the new Editor of our magazine and say a big thank you to Jonny Cope who has been our Editor during 2018. We're fortunate in having a talented team on the committee who offer their services for the benefit of the local community.

Finally, may I wish all our residents a very happy Christmas.

Best wishes,

John Butler, KRA Chairman

chairman@knaphill.org

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Santa Specials
at Mizens Railway

19 December:
Christmas Carol singing
at the Garibaldi at 19:00

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Editor's Jottings

The nights are drawing in and it's hard to believe that it's time to get the Christmas decorations down from the attic again and stock the fridge up with mince pies! The end of the year always gives us an opportunity to look back on the year that's passed. For me, this year in particular feels like one for reflection as we commemorated the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. It was humbling to see so many people taking part in remembrance this year. As a child, I was always fascinated with history and growing up was keen to learn about my relatives who fought and died in the conflict that was World War I. But while we look back, we can also look forward with excitement to the new challenges and opportunities that the new year has in store for us.

This is our final publication of the year and my final issue as Editor as I will be handing over the reins going forward to Rebecca Ward. Rebecca is already a very active member of the KRA committee. I know that the magazine will be in safe hands. It's been a great experience editing the magazine this year and I'd like to thank everyone for reading and also all our contributors for making sure there is always enough good-quality material to be included. I'll still be involved in the community and am looking forward to seeing what 2019 has in store for our village. Finally, I wish you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for the new year.



Jonny Cope, Editor

Village Bits & Pieces



The Garibaldi wins big

Congratulations to The Garibaldi, which raked in three awards in October – the Woking Best Bar None Award, the Asahi UK Best Local Responsibility Award and the Best Local Pub Award.

Sarwal's News moves

Newsagent Sarwal's News has relocated to a bigger unit, next door to Boormans jewellers on the High Street. Please do support this local family-run business.

Woking Council consultation

Woking Borough Council is currently taking consulting on its Site Allocations Development Plan Document, which identifies land and allocates sites to enable the delivery of its Core Strategy. For details on how to contribute, please visit woking2027.info.

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Opening times and further details are on the Squire's Facebook page 'Squires Garden Centre – Woking'.



COUNCILLOR'S CORNER: An update from County and Borough Councillor Saj Hussain



PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Surrey County Council is seeking your views on the public services affecting us all. A consultation has been launched for input as the County Council seeks to make £200 million worth of saving over the next few years.

Since 2010, over £500 million has already been saved from the County Council's budget but a further reduction in central government funding means the council needs to again look at ways we can increase efficiency in the services provided locally.

The consultation is focused around children's centre, community recycling centres, libraries, special educational needs and disabled/concessionary travel funding. I'm sure you will agree that these are all vital services and I would urge everyone to take part in the survey online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/consultation. As your local representatives, borough councillors Melanie Whitehand, Debbie Harlow and myself will be working with council officers to ensure that the council continues to provide good local services.

HIGHWAYS

The council's highways team are currently working to remove the bollards by the Vyne Centre by early next year. This will allow traffic using the Vyne to move more freely.

PLANNING UPDATE

A couple of recent planning updates are that the old ambulance station site on Bagshot Road will be redeveloped to provide social housing and also that the Robin Hood pub sadly closed its doors and a planning application is imminent for this site to house the community transport buses in addition to some affordable housing.

Finally, as this is the last issue before Christmas, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone season's greetings and best wishes for the new year from your Knaphill councillors. Also, a quick reminder that councillors' surgery is held on the last Saturday of each month at Knaphill Library from 10:00 to 11:00. No appointment necessary.

Saj

Interested in joining the Knaphill Show organising committee?

We are looking for all kinds of help (including marketing and publicity). First meeting Weds 23rd January at 7.30pm (Show is on Sat 20th July). Please email chairman@knaphill.org

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Our upcoming services this year will be held at:

**Woking Hospice non-religious (outdoor service in a marquee)
– Friday 7 December, 6.30pm**

St Johns Egham – Sunday 16 December, 4pm

St Marks Whiteley Village – Sunday 16 December, 4pm

All services will be followed by tea and coffee so to help us with catering and planning we would be really grateful if you could register your attendance to any of our services, you can do this online at www.wsbhospices.co.uk/lual or by calling **01483 881771**.

From the end of November to the beginning of January there will be a Memory Tree in the café at Woking Hospice, all are welcome to visit the hospice to add a star to the tree in memory of a loved one. You can find our more here www.wsbhospices.co.uk/lual

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The group has gone from strength to strength, over the years putting on not only an annual operetta (we later incorporated light opera into our already well-established repertoire of Gilbert and Sullivan), but also a variety of other performances including anniversary revues, Verdi's Requiem, Vivaldi's Gloria, Gilbert and Sullivan for All supporting ex-D'Oyly Carte principals, shows at the (long gone) QE2 School, Old

Tyme Music Halls and many other concert performances in various locations right up to our most recent one with The Egham Band!

Our first ever production was Trial by Jury and we thought it fitting to reprise that show as part of our 2018 anniversary celebrations, combining it with another of our favourites, HMS Pinafore.

In March 2019 we return to Franz Lehar's sparkling comedy, The Merry Widow, which we last performed in 2005. The shenanigans at the embassy in Paris of the fictional principality of Pontevedro form the basis of this light-hearted operetta, in which the ambassador is trying to marry off the wealthy widow, Anna Glavari, to a Pontevedrian citizen in order to save the country from bankruptcy. The show features some well-known favourites such as Vilia, You'll Find Me at Maxim's and The Merry Widow Waltz.

Show dates are Wednesday 6 March to Saturday 9 March 2019 at The Rhoda McGaw Theatre, with a matinee on the 9th as well as an evening performance. For further details please visit our website: www.kasjog.org.uk and for tickets, call the box office on 01483 473657.



Knaphill Remembers

On 10 November, Knaphill residents gathered at the memorial garden on the High Street to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day. We were joined by representatives from the British Army, local school children and elected representatives including Jonathan Lord MP as we remembered those who gave their lives in conflicts fighting for our country, and this year particularly those from our village who died fighting in World War I.

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Using a theme each session the group create a work of visual art or craft, take part in a gentle creative seated dance session and share lunch together. Using a person-centred approach to delivering the classes means that they are suitable to everyone's needs.

Age UK research has found that creative and cultural participation is making the single biggest contribution to wellbeing. There are great physical, cognitive and often emotionally positive benefits of taking part in a creative activity.

What we are really saying is that we are a lovely group to be part of and we are really keen to have new members join us, classes are funded by Woking Borough Council and to book lunch please contact The Vyne on 01483 755855. Please do feel free to come and meet us on a Tuesday 10.45-2pm, lunch bookings are taken before 10.30.

For more information and confirmation of dates please contact kate_finegan@yahoo.co.uk.



Christmas events at The Vyne

There are a few Christmas events coming up at the Vyne this year.

These include:

**Monday 17th December 12noon
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...

**Wednesday 19th December 12 noon
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**Thursday 20th December
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...

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Sheryl Francis, one of the original volunteers, was presented with a bouquet of flowers and thanked by Chairman Martin Dunham for her dedication and long service.

Now Knaphill Care is looking ahead to the next fifteen years. More helpers are always needed. Just a few, occasional, flexible hours a month can make a real difference. If you would like to find out more about volunteering please contact Knaphill Care:

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On a more local level, Pam and Barry also took second place to Lin and Dave Cottrell in the Best Large Front Garden section of Woking in Bloom. Knaphill residents also featured prominently in many of the other sections, either individually or as part of the Knaphill Allotment Association, namely: Best small front garden, best tub or container, best floral public house, best wildlife garden, best kept allotment site, best cultivated plot, best cultivated plot by a lady, best newly cultivated plot and best cultivated plot by someone over 70 years old, where the Knaphill Allotment Association took the first three places.



Sainsbury's UPDATE

As we reported on in our last newsletter, Sainsbury's is planning to replace the existing Homebase building at Redding Way with three new retail units. Sainsbury's ran a consultation over the summer and autumn and have since told us that the response to the consultation from those who took part was broadly positive. Following this they have submitted a planning application to Woking Borough Council for consent to the plans. Feedback from the public consultation has

formed a part of this application. Those interested in viewing the details of the application can do so by visiting the planning portal on Woking Borough Council's website. The planning reference is PLAN/2018/0973.

There is still no clear picture on the type of retailers who will take up the three units but we look forward to getting further details on this and will keep residents updated on the progress of this application.



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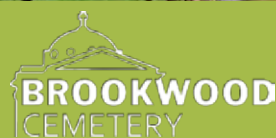
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Knaphill Methodist Church Clothing Bank

On 20 October 'Knaphill Methodist Church Clothing Bank' celebrated its 1st anniversary and we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to all those people who help and support us.

We started collecting clothing and bed linen but soon realised we didn't have enough space for the bed linen. So, we took that to the local homeless shelter, who were very grateful to receive it.

We contacted a few SureStart Centres asking them to put up posters and tell those less-fortunate about our service. It was a very slow start however. We had just one family the first time we opened and no-one the second month, so we then contacted around 25 venues in the area who were all willing to put up our posters and give out our vouchers and flyers. Now we regularly see five to seven families each month from very different backgrounds.

Thankfully we're still receiving donations and never say no to more. Please contact clothing@knaphill-methodist-church.com if you have items for us. We'll be very pleased to receive them. Also, do let us know if you're able to help us contact people who need our help.

We have two rooms; children's' clothes in one and adult's in the other. Our volunteers help guests, who come along between 2pm-4pm on the third Saturday of each month. We offer tea, coffee, cakes and pastoral care. Children can play games, decorate cakes or do some drawings. There's a wonderful relaxed atmosphere.

We often have the same families returning each month. They bring their friends along and clothing that their children have outgrown is brought back. We have quite a few Syrian families; thankfully we also have Google Translate!

We have also sent five black sacks of teenage clothes to the Syrian refugees in Guildford, three black sacks of baby clothes went to The Gambia and we support The Whitechapel Mission in London too.



FOOTBALL ROUND-UP



At the time of writing, a mixed start to the season see the firsts in mid table but only three points off the top of the and still in two Cup competitions.

The reserves currently sit fifth in the table and four points off the top but with three games in hand.

For the 9th year running, Knaphill Athletic FC put a team into the Woking Swimathon. Pete Atkins, Brad Foulger, Liam Coote, Joe Springett, Dan Sales, Dave Rogers, Jamie McConnell, Ciar Cox, Gary Fielder and Sam McConnell swam for 50 minutes raising over £280 for local charities.

Our new youngest age group sides, the U7's Incredibles and U8's Sharks, have kicked off their seasons with great attendances and participation which reflects well on our new coaches who are keeping things enjoyable and fun.

The club are always looking for anybody who would be interested at a role at the club or any potential sponsors so please get in touch:

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'SNOWY KNAPHILL' PHOTO COMPETITION

We had some wonderful entries for the 'Snowy Knaphill' competition. It was lovely to look back at the amazing scenes from earlier in the year.

The winning entry (left) is by Jeanette Wheaton of the Basingstoke Canal. It was a difficult decision, so we have also picked out two photos as runners-up.

'The Bench' was sent in by Alex Cooke and 'The Sunset' is by Maxine Shergold.



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Did you ever have to provide a costume for your children to take part in a school nativity play? We had to find a shepherd's outfit one year. Eventually giving up on repurposing tea towels for headgear – which first century shepherd would have had an advert for PG Tips on his head? – we did what so many parents did in these circumstances. We bought a costume at Woolworth's (remember them?) and later sold it on eBay.

If you've been through an exercise like that, you might have the typical cuddly image of a shepherd in the stories of Jesus' birth. Or you might think of the 'One man and his dog' TV image of a man with a weather-beaten face whistling orders to a dog who rounds up sheep on the Yorkshire Moors.

But these cuddly images were far from how people perceived shepherds in the time of Jesus. They were glad the shepherds were out in the fields, outside the towns, because they were thought of as petty criminals and undesirables. Think of the way we view burglars or what people say when travellers move into a village and you won't be far off the popular sentiment of two thousand years ago.

In other words, the shepherds were at the very least social outsiders.

And they weren't the only ones in the biblical story. The wise men were, too. For one thing, they weren't Jews, part of the 'chosen people'. For another, they were astrologers, a trade lampooned in the Bible for being anything but a wise way to live. Wise men? Not really. Outsiders again.

But the outsiders are drawn to the birth of Jesus, the Saviour of the world. And maybe the same could be true today. You may feel an outsider to the church, Christianity, and Jesus. After all, Christian faith is a minority practice now in our society. I have known people feel nervous about entering a church building.

But Jesus is for outsiders! He welcomes such people. He seemed to have more time for outsiders than for religious professionals like me! If you've ever been curious or fascinated by Jesus, why not try out one of the Christmas services in Knaphill this year. Details are on the back page.

Like the angel said to the shepherds in the story, 'Don't be afraid. I bring you news of great joy.'

Dave Faulkner

Minister, Knaphill Methodist Church

Volunteer with TALK

TALK is a local charity that supports people with communication difficulties after a stroke. We are currently looking for volunteers at our Thursday morning group in Knaphill.

Could you spare a couple of hours a week in term time?

Working one to one with a stroke recoverer you will find it is very rewarding, great fun and gain an increased sense of community.

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Knaphill Churches Christmas Services

Carols by Candlelight

16th, 6:30 pm: Methodist Church
16th, 7:00 pm: St Saviour's Brookwood
23rd, 5:30 pm: Baptist Church
23rd, 7:00 pm: Holy Trinity
24th, 11:30 pm: St Hugh's

Children's Christmas Services

16th, 11:00 am: Pop-Up Nativity, Baptist Church
23rd, 11:00 am: Messy Christingle, Baptist Church
24th, 3:30 and 4:45 pm: Crib Service, St Saviour's
24th, 5:00 pm (KS1) and 7:00 pm (KS2): Vigil Mass, St Hugh's

'Midnight Mass' on Christmas Eve

11:00 pm: Methodist Church
11:15 pm: Holy Trinity
11:15 pm: St Saviour's Brookwood
12 midnight: St Hugh's

Christmas Day

9:30 am: Mass at Dawn, St Hugh's RC
10:00 am: Family Service, Holy Trinity
10:00 am: Family Service, St Saviour's
10:30 am: All Age Celebration, Baptist Church
11:30 am: Day Mass, St Hugh's

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