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From the Chairman



Members of the Knaphill Residents Association have earned a good rest after another successful Knaphill Village Show at Mizens Railway in July. It was a big relief that the rain stopped at 1.30pm and we had a lovely day with a bumper attendance. A big thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and local businesses who supported us.

Since the Show our attention has focussed on the proposed changes to local roads. The deadline for feedback has long passed but the KRA has made its representations especially on the proposed no right turns from the A322 into Broadway and Chobham Road. You will see our response to the road changes on the KRA web site.

We distribute this newsletter to all Knaphill Residents with the help of volunteers. A thank you to all. We are though short of volunteers to distribute to a few areas of Knaphill. If you can spare one hour every 3 months to deliver this newsletter to residents living close by please email me at chairman@knaphill.org

Very Best Wishes

John Butler, KRA Chairman

chairman@knaphill.org

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Editor's Jottings

FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

That very wise man Solomon once observed that: 'For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven' (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Each season – the cycle of spring, summer, autumn and winter – is essential for the good of the whole, but we are all glad when winter turns to spring again. Autumn, on the other hand, heralds the coming of winter and (to quote Mr Tumnus in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*) it would be terrible if it was 'Always winter but never Christmas'. For many people Knaphill Village seems to be in the autumn of its existence... but is a permanent winter avoidable?

There were three tulip bulbs named **NO**, **YES** and **MAYBE** who lived at the bottom of a bulb tin. When autumn came, they fell to discussing the destiny of tulip bulbs. **NO** said, "I don't think there is any life for tulip bulbs. We were made to live in

bulb tins and I'm quite content to be right here." And with that she rolled over and went to sleep. **MAYBE** disagreed. "I'm not satisfied with things as they are. I feel something inside me that I must achieve and I believe I can." So, he squeezed and squeezed himself, turning this way and that. But nothing happened, and finally in frustration he gave up. Then **YES** spoke up. "I've been told," she said very softly, "that by ourselves we can do nothing but that we can achieve our destiny, if we put ourselves in the hands of the Gardener." The others just sniffed and looked away.

One day a hand reached down into the bulb tin, groping for a bulb. **NO** and **MAYBE** scurried out of reach, and hid in a corner. But **YES**, rolled right into the hands of the Gardener, who took her and buried her in the cold, damp earth of winter!

"What a fool to fall for that trick," laughed **NO** and **MAYBE**, who were warm, dry, and safe in their little bulb tin. And with that they went back to sleep. When spring

came, **NO** and **MAYBE** were nowhere to be seen. **NO** had shrivelled up and died in her sleep; while **MAYBE** had worried and fidgeted himself to death. Nothing remained of them but a few dry husks and a handful of dust. But **YES**, who had let herself be buried all winter in the ground and had seemed to everyone to be dead, had burst out of the ground and blossomed into a whole new life.



Jim Binney, Editor

Village Bits & Pieces



Here Today... Gone Tomorrow?

The long-awaited advent of a quality Greengrocer in Knaphill degenerated into somewhat of a farce with the shop only active for a week before it was gone again. A great shame because it did good business and stimulated additional business for the other shops in the locality, as well as for the library. Boz says he still wants to have a shop in Knaphill... we wait to see?

Bye Bye Barclays

One of the only two banks left in Knaphill Village, Barclays, has informed its customers that it intends closing the Knaphill Branch on the 15 December this year. Barclays claim that the rise in internet banking has made many local branches redundant but there always seem to be queues of people waiting to be served at the Knaphill branch? And what about the large numbers of people, especially the elderly, who don't use internet banking? Seemingly we will all have to travel into Woking to visit the nearest branch of Barclays – or switch to Lloyds? Apparently, this is part of Barclays intention to close 54 branches throughout the UK by the end of 2017. With 482 branch closures across the Banking Industry throughout the UK forecast for 2017 one wonders how long it will be before the Lloyds branch in Knaphill closes?

Four Funeral Parlours and a...

We are reliably informed that at least part of the site of the former Lorenzo Italian Restaurant is to become yet another funeral parlour, making four in all in the locality. A well know national chain of funeral directors have put in an offer to take over the former restaurant section of the premises. Perhaps someone could open a Bridal Shop next door in the former café/deli section?

Living the Dream

A new family-run pre-school, Dreamcatchers, for children aged 2 to 5, opened its doors in September in the Knaphill Methodist Church on The Broadway. For more information, visit <https://dcpreschool.co.uk/>

Doctor, Doctor...

The owners of the Knaphill Surgery have submitted a planning application to extend the surgery in Redding Way in order to provide extra facilities and therefore cut waiting and appointment times.

Hair & Beauty

Sorella Hair & Beauty Salon will be opening soon in Knaphill Village (where the cycle shop used to be) ... and they are recruiting stylists. For more information go to www.sorellasaloon.co.uk

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STUBBS' STUBS

The latest (and sadly the last) from our Knaphill Residents' Association Planning Expert, Phil Stubbs

This will be my last piece for the magazine as I step down from the KRA Committee. I am now in my 70's and felt that it was time for a younger generation to try and steer the Council in a way that benefits the residents of Knaphill. My family moved into Knaphill in 1984, Brookwood hospital was still a functioning hospital, in fact we bought our house from a retired nurse from the hospital and our neighbour was still working at the hospital as a secretary. The centre of Knaphill was very busy with a wide choice of shops and services. Those days have gone and where the hospital stood we have over 1,000

houses/apartments and the local shops operate under the shadow of Sainsbury's. They call it progress.

The local press has carried a lot of objections to proposed green villages especially the proposed development of Fair Oaks but very little attention is given to the development along the A322 Bagshot road/Guildford Road. With the development that took place on the hospital site, Brookwood Farm and ongoing development in Bisley and West End there will be close to 2,000 new dwellings built or given planning permission since I moved

into Knaphill but the infrastructure has changed very

little. We were recently presented with several proposed changes to the junctions on the Bagshot Road and we await a decision from Woking Borough Council. There is some good news, the owners of the Knaphill surgery have submitted a planning application to extend the surgery in Redding Way, a much-needed extension but more could be done to improve the quality of life for residents but that is for the younger generation to formulate.



KNAPHILL VILLAGE SHOW 2017

Sue Stocker reflects on our popular village show

Saturday 15th July saw this year's main event for Knaphill, bringing together local residents and visitors from round and about the area – the annual Knaphill Residents' Association Village Show at our now traditional Mizens Farm venue.

Over and above our usual brilliant variety of stalls and entertainers, this year's event saw some new attractions: an amazing stilt-walker, Hoverball Target archery and a traditional games corner with hula hoops, bowling and coconut shy, which all proved to be very popular. The colouring competition on the KRA stand was also a hit with younger visitors, and came up with a new logo for us, which you can see on the cover of this magazine and on our website homepage.

The damp and grey weather saw the show off to a rather slow start; luckily things soon dried up and brightened up and visitors started to stream in, to the extent that the children's



entertainments, food and drink outlets and the Mizens train operators suddenly found themselves struggling to keep up with demand!

All in all, we saw a total crowd of well over 2,000 attending, and record funds of just over £900 were raised to benefit the charity 'In memory of Alix fund'. The KRA show committee would like to take this opportunity to thank once again all our sponsors and volunteers for their invaluable financial and practical support which helped to make the day such a resounding success.

NEW KRA LOGO



At the Knaphill Village Show last July we ran a colouring competition to give our Knaphill Residents' Association logo a splash of colour. This proved very popular and we had heaps of brightly coloured entries. A winner was selected by local expert Hannah Bruce of Woking Art Society, and she chose this beautiful entry by

local resident Amber, aged just 7 years. What a stunning picture! A future artist in the making, for sure. This winning entry will be proudly displayed on the KRA Website, and the Knaphill News banners for the next year. We congratulate Amber, and all the other budding artists who took the time to colour in an entry.



SURFING THE [KNAPHILL] WEB

Phillippa Pleuss (Editor of the KRA Webpage) asks an important question

Did you know that we have a website dedicated to all things Knaphill?

Knaphill.org is paid for and run by the Knaphill Residents Association volunteers, with the aim of sharing information and news about our village. It was set up in 2010 and receives thousands of visitors every month looking at the latest news in our area, commenting on big stories, checking key dates for the diary, and sharing the minutes from the KRA committee meetings.

In the last 12 months, we have given the site a bit of an overhaul to make it simpler and focus on the things you've told us you want to see. The Vyne community centre now has a dedicated section and this is going to be expanded further to showcase the fantastic

resources it offers. There is a fitness section so you can find all the classes that take place in the area in one place.

Hopefully we will be expanding it further in the next 12 months to include shopping directories and dining guides, as well as local resources for families. We are constantly looking to expand our content so that the site is more useful to you, so please do get in touch if you'd like to write something to be posted online or can spot something that we've missed.

So, if you haven't checked it out yet, go to **knaphill.org** next time you're online and join the conversation.

KNAPHILL COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE

Knaphill has a new Facebook page that is proving to be very popular with the local community and with former Knaphillians who have moved away but still retain an interest in the 'goings on' in Knaphill Village.

Set up under a year ago the Knaphill Community Facebook Page, with over 1000 LIKES, has become increasingly popular. Around 5,000 people a week engage with posts about local events and news. A typical post reach for the site is 13,000 people and the page already has over 1,000 followers and the various postings that appear on a regular basis attract considerable interest and response.

The page is run by volunteers from the Knaphill Residents' Association with the aim of sharing information, helping local businesses, allowing communication between residents, and informing people

of important issues affecting the local area. For example, the proposed changes to the A322, new planning applications, and any retail developments. The page seeks to keep its readers informed about what is happening in Knaphill in particular – events big and small – and provides a 'sounding board' for residents to express their opinions about various local issues, as well as a place to post queries and find answers. It is deliberately geared up, wherever possible, to sound a positive note and encourage the regeneration of our village.

If you would like to post or share information, send a message to the Knaphill Community page. Although the page is not constantly manned, the volunteers who oversee it still manage a response rate of around 4 minutes! If you live or work around the Knaphill area make sure you head over to their page and give them a LIKE!



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3rd KNAPHILL GUIDES GO INTERNATIONAL

During the summer, the 3rd Knaphill Guides (who have only been running for three years) enjoyed a wonderful trip to Switzerland. Here, one of the guides, Ella Wood, shares something of the exciting story of their very first international trip.



After 20 months of fundraising, which included lots of cake sales, raffles, quizzes and the money gained from our Chip Shop Challenge badge, 3rd Knaphill Guides went on our very first international trip to Switzerland in August. The reason we chose

to go to Switzerland wasn't just because we wanted to but also because there is a World Guiding Centre there called 'Our Chalet' (which got confusing when talking about the chalet we stayed in) so that was an obvious reason to go there.

When we got there, we visited Our Chalet which just so happened to be the first World Guiding Center and was also celebrating its 85th birthday so that was exciting. We stayed in a village called Adelboden which was high in the mountains which had snow on the top. The view was amazing and our leader Helen got way too excited when she spotted the first mountain.

We had a packed week full of activities, which included a visit to a chocolate show in Interlaken, zip wiring over a river, tobogganing at the top of a mountain, a visit to a woodcarver (such a long walk in the baking sun), a typical Swiss fondue and we also visited waterfalls and caves.

Half way through the week, the Guide and



Scout groups staying in Adelboden travelled by cable car to the top of a mountain for a Swiss evening with lots of Swiss food and music played on an alpine horn and accordions with more entertainment by the other Guide and Scout groups. We saw the sun set over the mountains and could hear the cowbells echoing through the valley.

Our last activity for the week involved travelling by cable car high up to the very top of a mountain to watch traditional mountain cheese being made from scratch, which we then got to taste.

We had such an amazing time that we are already busy planning our next international trip, this time to Croatia in two years' time.

We'd also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped us raise money.



THE SECRET KNAPHILLIAN: Pub Crawl

Our intrepid Secret Investigator shops anonymously in Knaphill

As summer draws to a close, I thought I would savour the last rays of sunshine, and take on the challenge of

testing the pubs in Knaphill... a hard task but someone has to do it! I wanted to test out the 5 pubs across Knaphill for both child and adult appeal and what better way than to put their food, drinks and facilities to the test with a pub crawl of sorts with my four-year-old son!

So, with the little man on his bike and me on foot we made our way to the furthest pub from home: **The Royal Oak** – A 17th century pub with a garden, this beautiful little pub won Woking in Bloom, something the pint serving gardener was rightly proud of. The garden has a small children's play area, lots of outdoor seating and very welcoming staff. The menu is full of tasty homemade dishes with the specialty being curry (of which there were 5 choices). Both the toilets and garden are being refurbished, so this is definitely one for next summer. A GREAT start!

Plodding up the hill (pushing a four-year-old on his bike), we made our way to the next watering hole: **The Anchor** – You can't miss

this yellow pub in the centre of Knaphill, which serves as a good pub for a pit-stop. Not much of a garden, or things to occupy the kids so we had some crisps, a drink and a stroke of the local dog and moved on to the next one ...

The Crown – A 19th Century pub sitting on the main high street of the village. It has been beautifully refurbished and offers a variety of seating areas both inside and outside in its beer garden which is a real sun trap. Chalk boards advertise curry nights and live music, which would be well worth a visit when a babysitter is next booked! We peddled on to:

The Garibaldi – at the crossroads as you are leaving Knaphill. Another one for the gardeners with plenty of hanging baskets, and a good history to boot. The menu looks tasty and there is something on most evenings from curry nights, steak nights and roasts on Sundays. There is even an Oktoberfest week of celebrations from the end of September. On the home stretch now, we end our mini pub crawl at:

The Nags Head – Just around the corner from Sainsbury, this large pub with an

even larger garden is a favourite with many, offering seasonal food and drinks menus, great children's options and a cosy log fire in the winter.

The boy was starting to get the hang of things, and really enjoyed ordering at the bars, and it was refreshing to have all bar staff welcome him so warmly ... what a friendly bunch of publicans we have right here in Knaphill ... and I have to say a pub to suit every resident so take your pick, you won't be disappointed.



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GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Steve Haydon of RSM Domestic Appliances shares something about the success and generosity of one of Knaphill's most popular shops

We hear so much about high street shops and how they are failing and or not being supported by their local community. Well here at RSM we are grateful for the continuing support that we receive from our local community. We have now been trading for over 50 years and, whilst we always try to go that extra mile, I felt that this year we could do even more.

In January 2017, we launched our RSM Community Support Scheme which gives something back to the communities we serve. Each month we donate either a Domestic Appliance Machine or the value of a machine in electrical goods or our services. We are now nine

months into the year and by spreading the word and linking up with local charities we have already donated over £4,400 in machines and services. Donations have included Washing Machines, Dishwasher, Fridges and Freezers, over £400 worth of Kettles and Toasters to Woking Besoms and seven appliances to the new Woking Hospice site in Goldsworth Park to be used in the family pods and staff areas.

RSM has always been a family owned store, and we now have three shops in Knaphill, Bookham and Ashted. As part of the Euronics buying group we can supply on line, however most of our sales are to customers who visit one of our stores and take advantage of our customer service, support and product knowledge.

My hope is that local high street stores continue to grow and survive through these hard times. With the support of the local community we can continue to help those who need it.



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What is there to do in Knaphill when you have young kids?

Rebecca Ward has some suggestions



Children's Corner

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2 FOR CHAT: Knaphill Baptist Church Parents/Carers & Toddlers, 88 High Street, Tuesdays 9.30-11.30am, 01483 474083



3 FOR VARIETY: St Johns Knaphill Children's Centre, Victoria Road, have activities for 0-5yrs during the week including Bumps & Babies and Active Tots, call 01483 476450



4 FOR BABIES: Baby Group at Busy Bees, Cavell Road, Fridays 10.30-11.30am; call Natalie Lee on 01483 797966



5 FOR TWINS: Woking Twins Group on Mondays 9.45-11.30am at St Hugh of Lincoln Church, Victoria Road, wokingtwinsclub.weebly.com



6 FOR MUSIC: Tiny Tots' Tune Time, Thursdays, 10:30am - 11:30am, Providence Baptist Church, Robin Hood Road, call 07940 756401



7 FOR ART: Messy Me! Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road, Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm, call to book 01483 473489



8 FOR FUN: Enjoy-a-Ball, children's sports classes, Knaphill Methodist Church, The Broadway, email woking@enjoy-a-ball.com to book your place



PHOTO SHOOT

Keen on photography? Take lots of photos of Knaphill? Happy to share them with us and our readers? We would like to make use of your photos in the future, particularly for the front cover of the Knaphill News. We would like seasonal photos because the magazine comes out four times a year covering Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Perhaps you already have some that you have taken over the past year that would be suitable, or you could start taking some now with next year in mind? Perhaps your autumn photo taken this year could appear on the front cover of next year's Knaphill News Autumn Issue? Photos need to be in and around Knaphill itself – as much as we would like to see the photos of you on the beach in Brighton or Bermuda – and need to reflect the nature of the season itself. Please email anything you would like to contribute to the editor@knaphill.org

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Fruit of the Vyne

In an interview with the Editor, Gillian Waine, Operations Manager at the popular Vyne Centre for the Community, shares some of the secrets of its success

Located at the heart of our village on Broadway, just off Redding Way, the Vyne is a purpose-built community centre in Knaphill that offers something for everyone. Open daily for groups, and people of all ages to use, the facilities it provides are extensive and vital not just for our community, but the wider Woking borough as well.

Built in the mid-1990s on the site of the former North Lodge, which belonged to the old Brookwood Hospital, the Vyne is open daily for groups and people of all ages to use. Open to the public Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm, the Vyne has an excellent suite of rooms, and offers a coffee bar, lunchtime meals, alongside a full activity and events programme, as well as excellent 'wellbeing' services such as assisted bathing, basic footcare, podiatry, hairdressing, reflexology and a range of support groups. In addition, the Vyne is open evenings and weekends for specific activities and private hire.

Regular weekly or monthly activities are

many and varied and include Dance, Fitness, Exercise Classes, Choral Singing, Art Classes, Yoga, Pilates, Short Mat Bowls, Computer Classes, a Knitting Group, Craft Sessions, Line Dancing, a Tea Dance, a Writers' Circle, Prayer and Share, and of course Bingo. There is a themed 'big lunch' once a month which includes a two-course meal with wine and entertainment, and there are organised monthly coach trips, and an annual holiday. The Citizens Advice Bureau are also present each week, and the Alzheimer's Society has a weekly 'drop in' where people can get advice or simply 'chat' about things.

The raison d'être behind the Vyne is to provide a service for members of the community rather than make money. The Centre is run by a staff of six – three full-time and three part-time – and Woking Borough Council pay for the up-keep of the Centre and the salaries of the staff. The staff are assisted by various volunteers who help to make sure everything runs smoothly and efficiently. Clientele are mainly from the immediate locality but any borough can make use of the premises. Membership costs only £10 per annum (half-price if a member is on pension credit). Current users are mainly in the 65+ age range although



there is no age limit and the Vyne readily welcomes younger clients wanting to make use of the facilities. For instance, the advent of a weekly Parents/Carers and Toddlers Group would be great.

Amongst the needs of the Vyne Centre are more volunteers – active early retired people and younger people with time on their hands – who could have something to offer. Volunteers would need to be DBS checked, but Woking Borough Council would pay for this.

For more information do check out the relevant page on the Woking Borough Council webpage <https://www.woking.gov.uk/> or look at their new Facebook page. Alternatively, you can always contact Gillian Waine by email gill.waine@woking.gov.uk or phone her on 01483 743558

Knaphill Clothing & Linen Bank

One bank closes ... and another kind of bank opens! Knaphill Methodist Church is setting up a "foodbank for clothes" to help people in Knaphill who could not otherwise afford clothing and bedding. The clothes bank,



which will operate like a foodbank, is being organised by members of Knaphill Methodist Church and follows the success of a similar project in Weybridge. The organisers aim to partner with Sure Start centres and other institutions, who will refer people in need to the clothes bank. Clients will then be able to pick out the clothes they need, and have a cup of tea and some food.

The Rev David Faulkner, Minister of Knaphill Methodist Church, thinks there will be high demand for a clothes bank, even in wealthy Surrey. "We've been aware that we ought to be offering something that meets a need in the community, and this seems to be one of the more unspoken needs," he said. "When they set up the clothes bank in Weybridge, they discovered this huge hidden need, and if it's in Weybridge it's probably here as well. Until you start, you don't always know, but the Weybridge people have been surprised by how much demand there has been. So, we'll set it up and see if we are scratching where people itch."

Jane Ing, a member of Knaphill Methodist Church, and one of the creators of the clothes bank, agrees that there is a high demand for this sort of service: "There is an immediate and urgent need for jeans, trainers and sleeping bags. As winter approaches, the need for jumpers and waterproof coats will increase. There's a centre in Brookwood that covers Brookwood and Pirbright. They have 834 families registered as underprivileged, so we've approached them about working with us."

If you wish to donate please email clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com, or alternatively items can be dropped off at their coffee morning at the church on The Broadway on Saturdays between 10am and 12 noon. The Clothing and Linen Bank will operate between 2pm and 4pm at the Church on the third Saturday of each month from the 21 October onwards.

We encourage you to please support this very worthwhile initiative by donating, or to make use of the facility for yourself or anyone you think could benefit from it.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

KNAPHILL BOWLING CLUB

Knaphill Bowling Club's Finals day was held on Saturday 26th August which turned out to be a hot, sunny day. Eleven finals were competed for with competitor's ages ranging from 20 to 80 years young.

Finals day was a fitting end to a successful year with Club President Norman Crawley winning his Surrey badge. There were notable wins for Marcus Street in the Under 25 Surrey Singles and the ladies in the West Surrey Ladies League Final. In addition, Norman Crawley, Robin Street, David Harding and Stuart King were finalists in the Surrey fours; Marcus Street and his partner reached the final of the Surrey under 25 pairs; and Chris Hames and Carol Harding reached the final of the Frank Henry Ladies Pairs.

In addition to the League and External matches Knaphill Bowling Club hold many friendlies, have club evenings on a Wednesday together with many club events on Sunday afternoons during the season, and President's Day is one of the highlights of the season.

This year has seen the reintroduction of a club tour, with some of the members going to Torquay where they played several matches.

Why not be a part of all of this, in a friendly and active club, for more information contact either the Club President or Secretary, or visit the web site.

President – **Norman Crawley 01483 830040**

Secretary – **Keith Smith 01276 491592**

www.knaphillbowls.co.uk



KNAPHILL ATHLETIC

Having started preseason on 11th July, nearly two months preparation saw Knaphill Athletic finally kick off the season on 9th September. The first team hope to improve on their 7th place finish in the Premier Division of the Surrey Intermediate with the reserves confident of a decent campaign after winning the League Cup last year. The A's turned their fortunes around too by achieving promotion to Division Three of the Guildford & Woking Alliance after a 10-match unbeaten run towards the end of the season that was only halted with a defeat in the League Cup final. First team manager, Des Clark, said, "We've managed to keep the nucleus of our sides from last season but also added some new faces to freshen things up so I'm confident our three Saturday sides are in a good position to challenge for honours this year. We have competition for places which keeps players keen and I get good support from James Taylor and Ben Searle, our reserve and A team managers, bringing through players including lads who've progressed through our youth system".

Also, alongside main sponsor Trident Honda, the club are now supported by The Garibaldi, Knaphill, and would like to thank landlord Martin Durrad for his generosity.

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