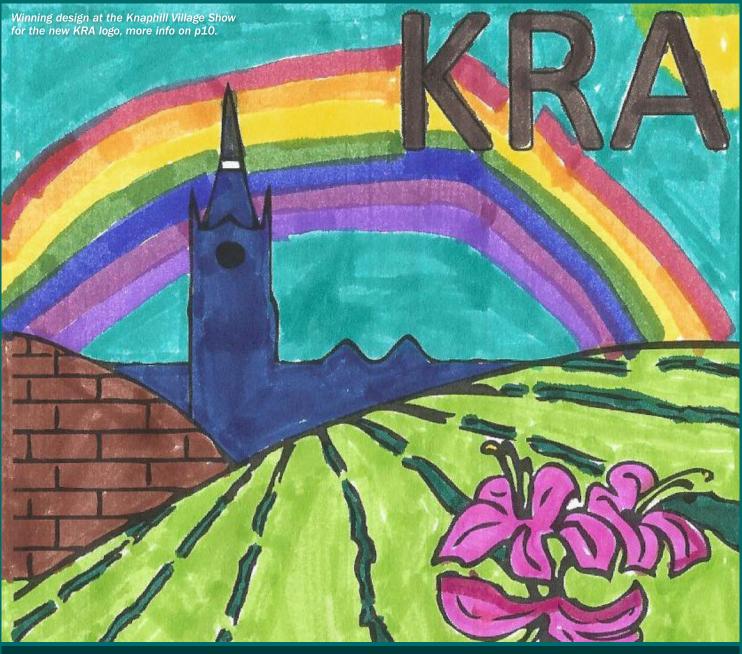
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From the Chairman



Passing through Horsell you can't help but notice what a vibrant village it is. No empty units and a wide variety of local shops including a butchers and a fresh fruit and veg shop. By contrast, passing through Knaphill your eyes are drawn to the empty units. Takeaways fill the High Street – we just can't seem to attract the traditional businesses.

Now we have Sainsbury's proposing to apply for planning permission to build three units where Homebase currently resides with the risk of taking further trade away from our High Street. When we held the Knaphill Village Show back in July (see lots of pictures inside) the local High Street businesses were very supportive and generous in helping us to deliver a successful show.

We always try to promote local business as best we can through our Knaphill Community Facebook page and KRA website. At the end of the day, it is up to all of us to support them. Do pop into our High Street shops, you may be surprised.

Very best wishes,

John Butler, KRA Chairman

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Editor's Jottings

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our KRA Newsletter. As we all know, we had a beautiful warm summer but the darker nights will soon be creeping in. In this edition we look back at the Knaphill Village Show, which was held on Saturday 14 July at Mizens Railway. This was a huge success and we were once again blessed with great weather. It was fantastic to see so many of you attending and getting to meet a few fellow Knaphill residents who I've not had the pleasure of meeting before. I think we all owe a big thank you to those involved in organising the Show and I know that minds are already turning to planning the

2019 Show, which I'm sure will be another fantastic event.

Since our last edition, we've learnt that Sainsbury's have plans to make changes to the retail unit currently housing Homebase at Redding Way. You can see more details of this later in the Newsletter, and once you've had a read we'd be very interested to know your thoughts on these plans (or indeed any other issues affecting our village), so please do get in touch.

I hope you enjoy this edition, and as always if you would like to make a contribution please do drop me email at editor@knaphill.org.



Jonny Cope, Editor

Village Bits & Pieces



Old Ambulance Site

The site of the former ambulance station on Bagshot Road has been bought by a developer who plans to build 15 houses.

Sainsbury's

Sainsburys has contacted the KRA regarding plans to convert the current Homebase at Redding Way into three separate retail units. You can read further details of this later in this issue.

Old Pet Shop (1-3 High Street)

A new planning application has been submitted for the Old Pet Shop on the High Street. At the time of printing, extensive details were not available but it appears to be for three retail units on the ground floor and eight self-contained flats on the first and second floors. The application provides for seven parking bays and two disabled parking bays in total. Keep your eye on our website and Facebook page for more information when we get it.

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Several years ago, there was a sitcom on TV called The Rag Trade and the owner of the factory

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Knaphill was one of the original pre-Victorian villages, present prior to Woking's rapid expansion once the railway arrived. Knaphill grew in a piecemeal way and two of the problems identified with these earlier settlements was the cramped conditions some families lived in and the poor state some of the dwellings had fallen into. Many of the planning guidelines developed over the years were drafted to improve these living standards, especially for the working classes. Today however, we see many of these guidelines ignored when the planners

are considering new builds or building conversions. So is the message from Woking Borough Council, 'Never mind the quality, just look at the number of units we have built.' At the time of writing we were still waiting for plans for the use of the land that housed the ambulance station and The Meadows Hospital. I understand that the old ambulance station site has been purchased and that a housing association plans for 15 new residential units to be built. Given the size of the site, these must be apartments or maisonettes. The conversion of the Anchor Public House into apartments and commercial space has also finally been approved by Woking Borough Council.

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The Knaphill Village Show, held on Saturday 14 July, was another great success and we were once again blessed with beautiful sunny weather. We had over 1,600 paying members of the public in attendance throughout the day, not including our volunteers or stallholders, so thank you so much for your support. Also a big thank you to all our volunteers – the show could not happen without you – and an extra big thank you to our special guest, Simon Mason. Finally, we must say thank you to Mizens Railway for hosting us. Mizens hold lots of great events throughout the year and you can see what they have coming up by visiting their website, **www.wokingminiaturerailwaysociety.com**. We look forward to seeing you next summer for the Knaphill Village Show 2019!

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Sainsbury's proposals would see the existing Homebase building divided into three new retail units. They will achieve this by dividing the current building into two units and then replacing what is currently the garden centre into a new third unit. A new entrance canopy is also to be constructed in front of the new units and glazing be installed, which Sainsbury's believe will lead to a more attractive appearance. Sainsbury's view is that the new units will be able to attract retailers who cannot currently be accommodated in the area as the units provided would be larger than the alternatives currently available. The car parking and delivery arrangements will remain largely the same. This will, of course, all be subject to Sainsbury's obtaining planning consent for their proposals. We do not yet know the identities of any retailers who would take up the new units.

At the KRA, we will be watching the progress of these proposals with great interest. There will inevitably be concern that new units in this location will put further strain onto our High Street by providing further competition for customers, but this will be difficult to judge until the identities of the intended occupants are known. We would be interested in hearing any views from local residents on these proposals, so please do get in touch if you have any comments.

"Woking Ladies Choir" was formerly "Bisley Ladies Choir"

We have decided that, as our links with Bisley are no longer as relevant, to change our name to Woking Ladies Choir. Our membership comes from all areas of Woking but we remain firmly based in Knaphill Methodist Church for our rehearsals on a Tuesday evening from 7.45 to 9.45pm, and our two main concerts a year, which are held in December and July.

We welcome all women who just want to sing for pleasure and we do not audition new members. Our members have all levels of experience; some very little, while others have been singing for 60 years. Our excellent Musical Director, Julie Aherne, carefully melds us together by her imaginative choice of music and sensitive teaching skills.

We also perform at the Remembrance Parade Service, the Veterans Parade and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Christmas Service, but new members can choose their level of commitment.

Term started on 4 September and ends with our concert on 15 December.

Contact Brenda on 07980 543991 or Sylvia 01483 725527. Or just turn up.

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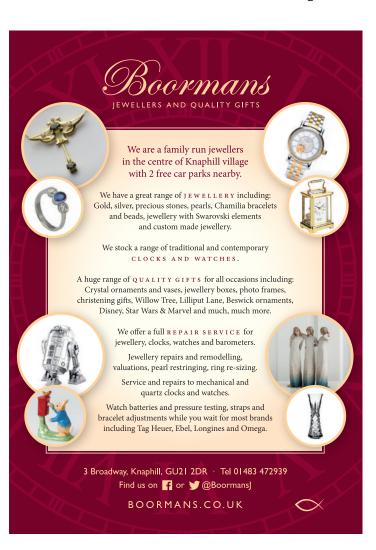
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If you enjoy going to watch dance, we usually have a workshop once a term with one of the visiting companies who come to the Woking McGraw Theatre. We then go and watch a performance which normally includes a section that has been taught during the workshop. This is arranged through Dance Woking at a special rate.

We are a friendly, relaxed group and enjoy having new members. No previous dance experience is necessary. The cost per session is £4 on a pay-as-you-go basis. Why not come and join us?



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The winner was selected by our artist on site, local photographer, Iva Dahan (you can check out her expert credentials at www.ivadahanphotography.com), and will be used as our logo for a whole year. The standard of entries this year was incredibly high, so Iva had a huge number of beautiful artworks to choose from. Charlotte worked so hard on this and the winner was announced and presented by Woking MP Jonathan Lord.



Remembrance Service

This year's Remembrance Service at the memorial garden on the High Street will take place on Saturday 10 November at 10.45am. Please note, this will be on the Saturday rather than the Sunday to avoid clashes with church services and the main Remembrance Service in Woking on the Sunday, which is Armistice Day itself.

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The club would also like to extend thanks again to our generous sponsors - Richard Roberts at Trident Honda and Martin Durrad of The Garibaldi. The club really do appreciate your support.

Anyone interested in joining the club in any capacity is welcome to get in touch:

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