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## From the Chairman



We will shortly be approaching local council elections on 5th May. Arising from the recent boundary changes, Knaphill has retained three councillors who will all be elected on the same day. To this end, the KRA has organised hustings for all the parties putting forward local candidates. This will be chaired independently of the KRA on Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm at St Hugh's Catholic Church. 76 Victoria Road, Knaphill. It is open to all residents, so please come along and quiz the candidates on local Knaphill issues.

Looking forward to warmer weather, this year's Knaphill Village Show is on Saturday 16th July at Mizens Railway. Summer Wonderland is this year's theme including special events being organised for children.

We would be glad of some additional help in organising the show and on the day itself. If you have a few hours to spare to pop along to our show meetings in a friendly social environment or provide help on the day, I would be pleased to hear from you at my email address below.

## John Butler, KRA Chairman

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## Editor's Report

As mentioned a couple of issues back, we are continuing in our efforts to ensure our content appeals to all generations, so this issue has articles on youth activities such as Rainbows and Scouts and The Cabin, as well as on The Vyne Community Centre programme and local fitness and well-being activities, hopefully of interest to residents of all ages. We've also got something for animal lovers, nature and flower lovers. If you're in need of practical or emotional help or advice, or if you'd like to give some help by volunteering, you should find a phone number or an address in the following pages.

You'll have seen on the pinboard a fair few events coming up between now and the summer, both on the community and the sports front with the first proper season of Knaphill Athletic Cricket Club, so we hope to see you all out there getting involved in one way or another, having fun and bringing the village alive.

Best wishes.

**Sue Stocker, Editor**



## Village Bits & Pieces

### Knaphill St George's Day Charity Fair

The Knaphill Traders Association are organising another charity village event on Saturday 23rd April, to be held around Anchor Corner and the High Street. There will be stalls selling a selection of articles, food and drink, live music and fairground attractions for your jollification! All monies raised will be donated to Shooting Star CHASE, a leading children's hospice charity for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families. So put the date in your diary, and come along and have some community fun made even more enjoyable knowing that you're helping to support a very good cause.

### Hustings

With the forthcoming local council elections on Thursday 5th May, the KRA will be organising hustings with a representative of each party standing for election in Knaphill wards. These hustings will be held in the evening of Thursday 28th April at St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, 95 Victoria Road, Knaphill, with Father Alexander Lucie-Smith of St Hugh adjudicating. Questions from the public to be put to the candidates on the night can be submitted in advance to Phil Stubbs on [secretary@knaphill.org](mailto:secretary@knaphill.org).

### KRA AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Knaphill Residents' Association will be held on Tuesday 17th May at the Baptist Church, High Street. It is hoped to have a speaker from the Brookwood Society. All are welcome to attend, and if you have any questions or suggestions to put to the KRA Committee, we will be very pleased to hear from you.

### Speed Restrictor Signs

Cllr Saj Hussain has arranged for three visible speed restrictor signs to be installed shortly on The Broadway, High Street and Anchor Hill in response to residents' concerns about speeding traffic in these areas.

### Hanging Baskets in Village Centre

Thanks to the joint efforts of the KRA, our local Councillors and WBC, the village centre will this summer finally have some hanging baskets along the High Street. Seven special posts will be installed each holding two baskets. The purchase of these is being funded by SCC Cllr Saj Hussain's Members' Allocation, and they will be installed and maintained by Serco for WBC. The much-appreciated colourful planters will again also decorate the mini-roundabout at the junction of Littlewick Road and Lockfield Drive.

### Village Show

And with Summer just around the corner, the 7th annual Village Show will be held on Saturday 16th July. The KRA Show Committee is already busy working on this year's show, and we know that we have to pull out all the stops to better last year's event! What's certain is that there will be the usual fantastic range of entertainment, activities, stalls, food and drink, competitions, and much more, all based round this year's theme Summer Wonderland. It promises once again to be a splendid family day out with profits going to support good causes around the village.

To be sure not to miss it, mark the date in your diaries and on your calendars immediately if not sooner! More details in our next edition and on posters round the village in due course. If you would like to have a stall, please contact [stalls@knaphill.org](mailto:stalls@knaphill.org) for details.

### The KRA needs a Treasurer!

Are you an accountant with too much time on your hands?! If so, let us help you fill that void by inviting you to join the KRA Committee as our Treasurer and hold us to account (yes, I know, sorry about that..!) If you think you can help, please contact John Butler on [chairman@knaphill.org](mailto:chairman@knaphill.org).

### New Trees on Sussex Road Green

At the KRA's request, two new trees have been planted near the children's play area namely a "tulip" tree *liriodendron tulipifera* and a liquidamber *styraciflua* will, before long, provide a little more decoration and shade to that end of the green. The tree planting involved a lot more work than you might imagine; after the obvious hole-digging, stones are put in the bottom and fertiliser added, followed by a tube to allow for easy watering, then a protective sheath is put round the trunk and finally two wooden posts are placed either side attached with thick rubber bands to hold the tree steady.

It is hoped that in the not-too-distant future a picnic table and seating will be installed here, as well as more trees planted elsewhere on the green.



### Policing in Knaphill

Back in November, we were informed that a new Sergeant (PS Harris) was taking up a position with responsibility for Knaphill, but unfortunately despite a promise to that effect, the KRA were not contacted by her. Recently we have tried to obtain more information on the current situation for an article in the magazine, but have now been informed that due to policing model changes by Surrey Police, as of 3rd April this year, current staff, including PS Harris, will have their roles changed. We are assured that once the new model is in place, we will be given an update. There is an article on the Surrey Police website entitled "Policing in your neighbourhood", but we will put on our website the specific Knaphill situation once received.

### Update on Chobham Road Parking/Traffic Situation

The planned works on Chobham Road are currently at the public consultation stage. The intention is to put single and double yellow lines in strategic places between the High Street/Chobham Road junction and the parish church carpark, so as to avoid congestion caused by cars parking at school drop-off and pick-up times.

### Village Litter-pick

The KRA is organising its bi-annual village litter collection on Saturday 7th May, with the help of Kate Wilson, our WBC Neighbourhood Officer, in organising the equipment. We will be meeting as usual in front of the library at 10am, so please feel free to come along and join us in a bit of a village spring-clean!

### Knaphill Care Fundraising Evening

The above event has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.

# STUBBS' STUBS

*All the latest from our KRA planning expert, Phil Stubbs*

For the latest on all planning activities in the area, check out our website [knaphill.org](http://knaphill.org) including the SCC and WBC plans for improving the traffic flow on the A322, which should be announced shortly.

**Vyne bollards** – At the time of writing, the bollards that separate the Broadway from Redding Way at the Vyne roundabout remain out of operation. We must stress that it remains an offence for motorists to use this section of road unless you are driving a bus, as some motorists found out to their detriment only the other week! SCC has a legal obligation to restore the bollards but on a recent inspection they found that the damage was more than had been expected

and therefore the work is going to take weeks rather than days.

**Scaffolding** – The scaffolding supporting the roof over Boots appears to have become a permanent piece of our street furniture (despite rarely seeing any work actually taking place) and has implications for those with limited mobility or pushchairs. We are awaiting a response from SCC and WBC to find out how long it will remain.

**Parking** – There is a feeling that there has been an increase in the number of planning applications coming forward with inadequate or in some cases zero off-street parking. WBC should be tasked with laying down

guidelines for the minimum number off-street parking bays for new builds.

**The Meadows** – We understand that the NHS is in discussion with a third party to bring the current building on Bagshot Road back into use.

**Petrol station opening hours** – The Esso petrol station in Chobham have applied to open the petrol station and shop 24 hours a day. The petrol station in the centre of Knaphill is owned by the same company, so if Surrey Heath Borough Council agree to 24-hour opening, we can expect Rontec, the owners, to come back for a similar relaxation in the conditions that apply to the one in Knaphill.

## THE VYNE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Vyne Community Centre was founded by WBC 17 years ago this year, originally for over 55s, but for many years now this fantastic centre is open to everyone.

It is run by Operations Manager, Gill Waine, with the help of two centre assistants and two caretakers and a cohort of volunteers (and they are always looking for new volunteers for activities, the cafe or the reception).

The Centre is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.30pm, and everybody is welcome to pop in 9am-3pm, for coffee or tea, cakes and snacks. A two-course hot lunch is also available for the bargain price of just £4.80, as long as you pre-book at the latest by 11am on the day. There is a choice of two menus with dessert, and soft drinks and wine are available.

Membership is not obligatory, but at just £10 a year, it gives you access to a wide variety of daytime activities and events in their regularly changing programme. As well as these programmed activities, there are also periodic theatre outings, coach trips, themed lunches and live entertainment. An indoor street party

for HM The Queen's 90th birthday celebrations is currently under consideration!

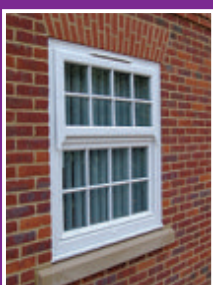
The Vyne also offers free Wi-Fi and access to specialist care, information and support, as well as bathing, footcare, hairdressing and reflexology services.

On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 10am and 3pm, The Vyne also offers day-care facilities for frail and vulnerable people living alone. Transport is provided, access is disabled-friendly, and sensitive care and assistance is on hand from volunteer "buddies" to help guests enjoy their meal and social activities.

In the evenings and at weekends, The Vyne hosts a number of outside groups, such as art, exercise, Pilates, computer, dance, bowls, etc, and rooms can also be hired out for events accommodating up to 120 people.

**To find out more about what is available, contact Gill and her team on 01483 743558.**

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## Citizens Advice Bureau in Knaphill

By Navina Hakamali, Deputy Manager, CAB Woking

Do you need help and advice with a problem? If so, why not take advantage of the Citizens Advice Woking outreach service at the Vyne Community Centre, Broadway, Knaphill. Two members of our team are there every Monday 1-4pm, and will be happy to help with any questions about housing, debt, benefits, employment –

whatever the subject, we can certainly help. To obtain telephone advice please ring: (03444) 111444 (local rates apply)

By prior arrangement, we can provide advice in a number of languages including Polish, Russian, German, Italian, Spanish, French, Urdu and Punjabi.

We are there to help everyone in the community – so please feel free to come and talk to us in confidence.

For full details on how to access our service across the Borough, please see our website: [www.wokingcab.org](http://www.wokingcab.org)



## TALK charity at The Vyne



TALK is a registered charity affiliated to the Stroke Association which helps people after stroke with speech and communication difficulties/dysphasia.

Volunteers work with stroke recoverers to enable them to practice all aspects of communication in a supportive environment. TALK has five centres in Surrey, and is currently looking for volunteers to help at the session it holds on Thursday mornings in The Vyne Community Centre, Knaphill.

If you have time to spare in term time and would like to know more, please contact Susan Houston on 01784 420 371, e-mail [info@talksurrey.org.uk](mailto:info@talksurrey.org.uk) or see [www.talksurrey.org.uk](http://www.talksurrey.org.uk) for more information.

## Cornerhouse Depression Support Group

By Ruth Brown, Cornerhouse

CornerHouse Woking is a local mental health charity offering a wide range of support groups for local residents affected by mental health issues to promote emotional wellbeing.

Our support workers provide advice, information and one-to-one support and can direct you to one of our support and wellbeing groups. Services are free to access and do not require a GP referral and include:

- **Self Help Groups:** for people suffering from mild to moderate depression. A safe and welcoming place where you can be listened to and respected by people who have experienced similar issues. We run daytime and evening groups for adults and a special group for young people aged 18 – 25.

- **Wellbeing Groups:** opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities and crafts, find out about ways of looking after yourself, build your confidence, relax and connect with others.
- **Walking for Health:** weekly walks in Woking and Runnymede which are nationally accredited through The Ramblers. There are two levels – 30 and 90 minutes.
- **Postnatal depression support group:** a safe environment for mothers with a free crèche service.
- **Mindfulness:** learn techniques to manage negative thoughts and feelings to help reduce anxiety and depression.

To find out more about our local groups contact us at [info@nextsteps.me.uk](mailto:info@nextsteps.me.uk) or 01483 757461, or [www.cornerhousewoking.org.uk](http://www.cornerhousewoking.org.uk)

## Knaphill Baptist Church has a new minister

On 9th January, a packed church celebrated the induction of Rev Julia Binney to the Pastorate of Knaphill Baptist Church in a Service which combined serious moments with fun and laughter. She brings a rich heritage of experience with her; after studying Economics at University, Julia successfully ran several popular night clubs in inner and outer London before developing her own catering business. She subsequently worked for the property arm of the Abbey

National Building Society, and it was during this period of her life, she became a committed Christian and met and married her husband (an ordained Baptist Minister). Julia herself eventually trained for the Baptist Ministry in London and gained a masters in Applied Theology. Known for her skills as an excellent preacher, caring pastor, and intuitive worship leader, 57 year-old Julia is looking forward to serve, not only her new congregation but also the people of Knaphill in general.

*Julia told us: "I am really pleased God has called me to Knaphill Baptist Church. They are a really friendly and enthusiastic bunch of people." Julia says "We love being in Knaphill as well, and absolutely everyone we have met has been so kind and friendly. We hope to see the church grow both numerically and spiritually, to strengthen the people inside the church and to see other people added to our number."*

## Make your will. Make a difference.

Following on from the success of last year's campaign, Woking & Sam Beare Hospices are pleased to confirm the return of Make a Will Fortnight. Between 9th – 20th May, thanks to the generosity of a number of local solicitors you can make or update a

standard Will in return for a donation to the Hospices. Appointments are limited, so it is important to book as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

All donations will go towards funding the Hospices' essential services caring for local people living with a life-limiting illness. Gift in Wills also play a vital role in safeguarding these services. There is no obligation to include a gift to the Hospices

in your Will when using Make a Will Fortnight, but once you have provided for loved ones, please consider doing so.

To find out more visit [wsbhospices.co.uk/makeawill](http://wsbhospices.co.uk/makeawill) or call on 01483 881752.





## 2nd Knaphill Rainbows

By Georgie Edwards, "Sapphire" 2nd Knaphill Rainbows

### These are not just any girls.....these are Rainbows!

I'm not sure what I was expecting when I approached Girl Guiding about volunteering for Rainbows. It's turned out to be a highly rewarding time that I look forward to each fortnight.

Firstly, the basics; Rainbows is the youngest part of the Girl Guiding organisation. It's open to girls age 5 up to their 7th birthday. We mix and match educational activities, crafts, cooking and games. We blend the noisier games with more quiet activities and so aim to appeal to all personalities and learning styles. And we go out and about when weather permits, take a look at us pond dipping!

At Rainbows we reinforce that the girls can be whatever they set their minds on. There are four pieces that make up the Rainbow 'jigsaw' that underpin all our activities:

- **look**, increasing awareness of the world around us,
- **learn**, including empowering the Rainbows to apply this learning from time to time,
- **laugh**, we do lots of that!
- **love**, one of the tenets of the Rainbow promise is to be 'kind and helpful'.

We leaders are volunteers, with a range of resource tools at our disposal and much freedom to plan our term activities. This term we are blending a 'Bugs life' challenge with a 'Sparkly dance' challenge. And yes, at the end of term, challenge badges are awarded with much delight.

As well as being such a popular activity for local girls, it's really rewarding for us volunteers too. We welcome interest from prospective new Rainbows and volunteers alike. Want to know more? Take a look at [rainbows.girlguiding.org.uk](http://rainbows.girlguiding.org.uk).



## First Knaphill Scout Group Gang Show

By Tracey Daniell, Scout Leader

### 'Riding along on the Crest of the Wave...'

Plenty of budding talent was on stage on Saturday 27th February at 1st Knaphill Scout HQ with the staging of the Scout Group biennial Gang Show. Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from 1st Knaphill were joined by 3rd Knaphill Brownies to stage an evening of fun and showcase their many talents to a packed house.

Brownies wowed the crowds with a fantastic Chinese dragon dance and a shadow puppet show, Beavers told the story behind the campfire classic 'Ging Gang Gooli', Cubs staged some campfire classics and magic, and Scouts performed a very entertaining 'Scout's got Talent' show and a Back to the Future sketch including theatrical explosives! Soloist flautist Lucy Rashleigh performed Edelweiss beautifully, and pianist Luke Holcroft and Stephen Moore on clarinet both gave accomplished performances. Not to be outdone, the Beaver leader team took to the stage with a dance that left the audience speechless!

We have so much talent in the Group, it is fantastic to see youngsters with such supreme confidence taking to the stage to entertain. Credit to all our leaders for helping the young people prepare for the Gang Show, I know much of this term has been dedicated to making outfits,

props and sets for the performance, and rehearsals. We had a very appreciative audience & raised a fantastic £543 in total!



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## The Cabin needs your help

The Cabin youth club has been running for six years and continues to grow from strength to strength. Currently there are around 45 young people at the Monday club night, and we have just started a Wednesday night when making music is the focus of activities. However, all this good work could come to an end if the club cannot attract new volunteers to work with the young people but also to join the management team, specifically a secretary and treasurer. We know you lead very busy lives, but the minimum commitment

is one just Monday evening per month. The Cabin deals with all the necessary legal clearances required by

volunteers working with young people. So, if you are interested, pop down on a Monday night, 7-9pm, to the Vyne Community Centre and meet Donna and her team. Alternatively, you can get in touch through [secretary@knaphill.org](mailto:secretary@knaphill.org).



## Spring into shape!

Did you vow to get in shape as your new year's resolution? Are you filled with fear at stripping off by the pool this Summer? Well, now is the perfect time to do something about it. You won't believe the huge range of exercise, fitness and well-being classes all available within walking distance of your home. Unless otherwise indicated all the classes below are open to all abilities and all ages, and they all want to hear from you about joining them for some fun. So get in touch, or pop along, to find out more. What are you waiting for?!

- **Yoga & Relaxation** – Monday 10am, Knaphill Scout hall, Waterers Rise, [sarah@befit4life.com](mailto:sarah@befit4life.com) – FREE session when you mention this article
- **Dance Fit** – Monday 6.15pm, Vyne community centre, [v-zumba@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:v-zumba@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Zumba** – Tuesday 6.15pm, Vyne community centre, [v-zumba@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:v-zumba@hotmail.co.uk)
- **Move Aerobics** – Monday 7.30pm, Holy Trinity church hall [apw.beechcroft@lineone.net](mailto:apw.beechcroft@lineone.net) – FREE session when you mention this article
- **Yoga & relaxation** – Tuesday 7.30pm, Vyne community centre, [jeanvanek@waitrose.com](mailto:jeanvanek@waitrose.com)



- **Zumba** – Tuesday 7.30pm, Holy Trinity church hall, [renhawes@talktalk.net](mailto:renhawes@talktalk.net)
- **VeraFlow** – Tuesday 8.20pm, Holy Trinity church hall, [renhawes@talktalk.net](mailto:renhawes@talktalk.net) (dance, stretch and relaxation, get in touch for more information, not suitable for all)
- **Pilates** – Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 6.30pm and 7.40pm, Vyne community centre, [jana.heaven@btinternet.com](mailto:jana.heaven@btinternet.com)
- **The Fit Green** cardio & strength circuit style training – Monday 9.15am & 6.15pm, Wednesday 9.15am & 6.15pm, Friday 9.15am, Saturday 8.45am, Vyne Recreational Field, Steve 07786 51 33 88
- **Ballet, tap, modern & jazz** for children and young people, at various levels of ability – after school classes on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, The Vyne community centre, St Hughs of Lincoln church hall, Brookwood memorial hall & Knaphill methodist church hall, [www.jennyreedsdance.co.uk](http://www.jennyreedsdance.co.uk)
- **Football training** for young people aged 11-19 years – Wednesday 4-6pm, Vyne recreational field [clive.biggins@reflex.org](mailto:clive.biggins@reflex.org) – **FREE**

This list will be added to our website [www.knaphill.org](http://www.knaphill.org) and then we will keep it updated so you can keep an eye on there for new groups and activities.

Whilst every effort has been made to check that all the details above are correct, things sometimes change; groups close down, halls are no longer available, or popular groups fill up. If you spot something wrong or missing, let us know [editor@knaphill.org](mailto:editor@knaphill.org)

And don't forget, if you'd rather do it on your own, then we now have our outdoor gym equipment on the Vyne recreational field, which is free for you to use anytime you like. The equipment was installed last year by Woking Borough Council used monies allocated from the PPPF fund which invests in adult social care. The equipment is from the Great Outdoor Gym Company, and will be maintained by them and SERCO.

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## Beekeeping

By Martin Dunham

season for preparing all the equipment for the following year: old wax foundation has to be removed, melted down and either made into candles or sold back to your supplier, all the frames need to be cleaned and all the boxes washed with a washing soda solution, a remarkably good and effective cleanser.

Here I am chatting away about the hives, making the assumption that everybody makes about their own particular hobby or activity – that you know what I'm talking about, so a little explanation is probably needed.

There are basically two types of hives in this country; the first is the WBC, which is your standard cottage-garden type hive painted white, gleaming in the sunlight and a wonderful addition to your country garden; then there is the national hive, which is a glorified square box or series of square boxes on a frame. As with most things, there are pros and cons to both these types of hives. The WBC consists of an outer and inner set of boxes which ensures better insulation and protection from woodpeckers and marauding birds and of course it looks a great deal prettier. The biggest advantage of the National is that when you want to look inside the hive, you only have to lift one lid. Bearing in mind that you may have half a dozen hives to attend to, and you have to look in two or three boxes every

Well, you left me standing smugly in front of my Hives believing that I was at last a beekeeper – how wrong can you be! But time moves on and we are now in the

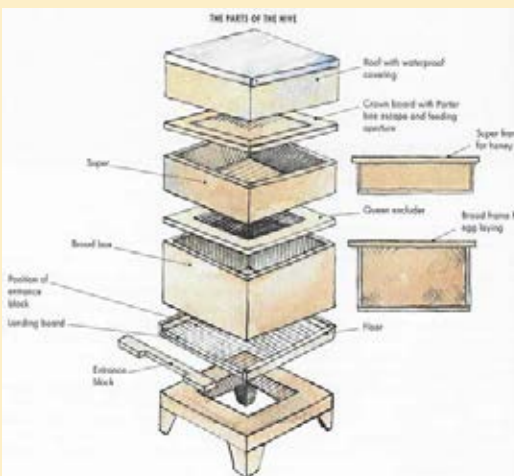
time, each of which could weigh several kilos, it starts to get hard work (and even harder for those of us getting on a bit!).

The diagram below shows the constituent parts of a hive, all of which have fancy names (all experts like things to have fancy names, then you can have conversations with your fellow experts and nobody else knows what you're talking about).

Firstly, there's the floor – self-explanatory – then comes the brood box, and within the brood box there are a series of frames on which the bees will build comb and lay their eggs and raise their young, then we have the

Queen excluder and above that a super. The purpose of a Queen excluder is, yes, rather obviously to exclude the Queen, and the reason for this is because the super is where the bees store their honey, and we don't want to have eggs laid in this portion of the hive as it affects how we remove the honey.

Well, I think that's probably enough for today. Sitting here on a bright crisp late winter morning contemplating the year ahead, I'm hoping that this year the weather will be kinder to my girls, but as with anything related to Mother Nature, one has to be an eternal optimist...



## RSPCA Events in 2016

All you animal-lovers out there! Make a note in your diary of these events taking place over the next few months at the RSPCA Millbrook Centre, Chobham Road:

**Boot sales** on Saturdays 30th April / 18th June / 6th August: set-up is at 9am, open for browsing at 10am. Cost is £10 for cars, £15

for vans, and a donation on entry for buyers, refreshments available.

**The Fun Dog Show** takes place on Sunday 22nd May, registration at 10.30 and lasting until 4pm

**Sunday 4th September is the Big One** – the annual Gala Day, an action-packed day 11am-4pm with numerous attractions. More details

in our next edition and on the RSPCA website nearer the time!

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## The Woking Bikeathon 2016

By Terry Smith, Woking Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Woking took over running the Woking Bikeathon in 2013, and has since then raised an impressive £75,000, which has been shared between various local charities across the borough.

The Bikeathon isn't a race but a sponsored "fun ride". It will as usual be starting and finishing in Woking Park, with two routes available to riders. The Kids' Bikeathon will give younger children the chance to be involved by following a short route in the park.

This year's event takes place on Sunday

8th May. Riders will gather in Woking Park ready for a 10am start, with the kids' event beginning at 11am.

Our generous sponsors this year are Barlow Robbins Solicitors, Bourne Valley Garden Centre, Trident Honda and Woking Shopping, and the charities benefitting from the proceeds of this great community event are Woking and Sam Beare Hospices, White Lodge Centre, LinkAble, the Woking Mayor's charities and Tommy D.

The Rotary Club is calling on individuals and groups in the community to take part in this event and help make it an even greater success this year! Both individuals and groups are encouraged to take part

and enjoy The Bikeathon, knowing that they will be helping many across the borough through the above charities.

The entry fee for children up to the age of 12 is £10 before the event and £15 on the day, and for adults £20 before the event and £30 on the day. The fee includes a rider's pack with a hi-viz jacket which must be worn on the day and a route map.

Sponsorship forms are available at [www.wokingbikeathon.co.uk](http://www.wokingbikeathon.co.uk). Alternatively, for more information call Terry Smith on 01483 762832.



## Woking Hospice Flower Festival

On Saturday 14th May the annual charity flower festival in aid of Woking Hospice takes place at Chobham Village Hall, Station Road, Chobham, between 10am

and 2.30pm. Join us and admire the wonderful table top arrangements, all donated by flower clubs, local groups, churches and individuals around this year's theme "Nature's Gifts". You might even be lucky enough to win one in our raffle. Then it's on to the other attractions: tombola, plants, jam & chutney stall, and homemade

cakes & savouries. In addition, we will have small arrangements available for purchase. Enjoy a cuppa and piece of cake in our refreshments area while you decide on your favourite arrangement in our Public Vote.

For further details, contact Chrissie on 01276 858067 / 07719 274899

## Business Focus

### ANYONE FOR TENNIS AT THE WOKING SINGLES TENNIS LEAGUE?

If you have been meaning to get back into tennis, or would like to meet new people to play, why not join your local league? It's

open to men and women, aged 18 and over, and it doesn't matter what your standard is as everyone is organised into groups of a similar level. Players arrange their own matches at a mutually convenient time over 8 weeks, from Thursday 26th May to Wednesday 20th July. Any court that suits

both players can be used.

Entry to the Woking Singles Tennis League is £15 at [www.localtennisleagues.com/woking](http://www.localtennisleagues.com/woking) by Monday 23rd May.

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# SPORTS ROUND-UP

## Knaphill Athletic Cricket Fixtures and News

By Neil Thomas, KACC

Initiated by the Residents' Association, last year's scratch Knaphill cricket team has developed into Knaphill Athletic CC. Five fixtures have been organised for 2016 to be played at Waterers Park, of 30 overs each, starting at 1pm and finishing by 5pm.

Dates of these fixtures are;

Sunday 15th May	vs	Byfleet CC
Sunday 12th June	vs	Woking Council XI
Sunday 17th July	vs	Brookwood CC
Sunday 21st August	vs	Woking & Horsell CC 2nd Sunday XI
Sunday 11th September	vs	Grace CC from West London

It is proposed to have a one-off celebration for HM The Queen's 90th Birthday on the occasion of the 12th June game by way of a "picnic in the park" party, possibly with entertainment provided by a brass band and Morris dancers.

The game on 21st August will be a charity match with proceeds going to Woking Hospice who are raising funds for their new building in Goldsworth Park. There will be a BBQ by Lowe & Slow and a beer tent provided by the Garibaldi pub. We also hope to have a range of activities including a tug-of-war match between north and south Knaphill represented by the Garibaldi pub and the Royal Oak pub.

We hope for maximum attendance at all games, but particularly for the charity game, so please come along and support us and invite your family and friends along to enjoy the fun.

We are still recruiting players, so all applications are welcome! Please e-mail me, Neil Thomas, at [cricketknaphill@hotmail.com](mailto:cricketknaphill@hotmail.com), and you can also follow us on Twitter @CricketKnaphill.

## Knaphill Bowls Club

By Alan Bennet

LOOKING FORWARD (AND BACK)

As we start out on our 90th anniversary year, Knaphill Bowls Club and its members are looking forward to another happy and successful season.

Last year, we were very proud of two of our young ladies, Kylie and Sarah, who were part of the Surrey County teams that won two National titles. Kylie also played for England in the International series. In addition, Marcus won the Surrey Under-25 title, and helped other Club members to win several West Surrey titles.

We also had some success in recruiting 14 new members. These "newbies" integrated well and are an important part of our future.

Our greenkeeper, John Kenton, has been maintaining our sacred turf for over 25 years and last year was awarded life membership for his dedication and efforts. With his continued enthusiasm this year, the green should again be at its best.



Bowls is a great game for families, couples and single people of all ages, providing exercise, competition and a social environment which our members enjoy. If you'd like to find out if the game might suit you, please come along to one of our no-obligation open days when you will

be made most welcome. These will be on Saturday 30th April from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

and Wednesday 4th May from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. You will be able to have some initial coaching and ask any questions.

For more information, just phone Norman Crawley on 01483 830040 or Alan Bennet on 01483 480262, or visit our website at [knaphillbowls.co.uk](http://knaphillbowls.co.uk)



## Knaphill Athletic FC

By Des Clark

**Knaphill Athletic Under 16's on the up.**

Following on from last season's outstanding league winning performance, Knaphill Athletic under 16's now find themselves playing in the SPL Championship. They are undefeated with only handful of games remaining, so are hoping for a repeat of last season's success.

Having been formed from under-8's, the hope is that they will continue playing together in the junior league up to the age of under-18, and then have the opportunity to join one of the Knaphill Athletic senior sides that also play at Waterers Park.



Team line up is: Charlie Parsons, Ciaran Mac Cleod, Zac Seymour, Euan McClaughlin Jack Brazil, Eddie Phillips, Ashley Nunn, Hannan Hussain, Josh Adams, Jay Baker, Nathan Field, Matthew Cressey, Daniel Lackey, Matthew Lockyer, Morgan Lewis, Loius Eike, Simon Cressey (Manager) Paul Adams (Asst Manager).

(Editor: PS: For the record, Des is participating in the Woking Bikeathon; if you'd like to sponsor him, his [VirginMoneygiving](http://VirginMoneygiving) page is [www.knaphillathletic.co.uk/bikeathon](http://www.knaphillathletic.co.uk/bikeathon))



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