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We're looking forward to the 10th Knaphill Village Show on Saturday 20 July!

The Knaphill Residents Association are busy organising our 10th show. Many months of planning goes into this fabulous community event and once again it will be held at Mizens Railway. We are passionate about our community and so this year will be trialling a new idea for local residents that make products at home - a Handmade Crafts Marquee. As usual, we will have the wonderful Dog Show run by OSCARS Pet Foods as well as live music, fun games, family entertainment, stalls, refreshments and more. A huge thank you goes to all of our sponsors and volunteers.

For this edition's 'My Local' interview, I had the honour of speaking with Susie Roberts, whose husband, Dean Roberts, was well respected among the community and dedicated his time to Knaphill Athletic before sadly losing his battle with cancer. Please take time to read our interview on page 10. Susie will be taking part in the Hospice Midnight Walk, as she has done every year since Dean passed away.

Following on with the community theme, we uncovered two unsung heroes working quietly behind the scenes at Barley Mow Woods, Waterers Park. The funds raised at last year's Village Show have gone to supporting this local wooded area. You can read about the two hardworking volunteers and the funds raised on our website www.knaphill.org

Rebecca Ward
EDITOR

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Chairman's Report Summer 2019



Well it's been 10 years since the Knaphill Residents Association organised its very first Knaphill Show at Mizens Railway. How time passes so quickly. The Show was an idea to replicate the original summer fete held many years ago in the grounds of the old Brookwood Hospital.

This year's show promises to be as successful as our previous 9 shows with more entertainment for all the family with a vintage theme. Please come along to support us.

On a different theme we have put speeding on local roads high on the

agenda. A number of ideas have been put forward on traffic calming measures, but budget restrictions are always the bottleneck. So, the KRA decided to pursue a Community Speedwatch with the support and help of our Knaphill councillors and Surrey Police. We have started our training and hopefully we can improve speed awareness around our local roads.

Have a great summer, **John Butler**

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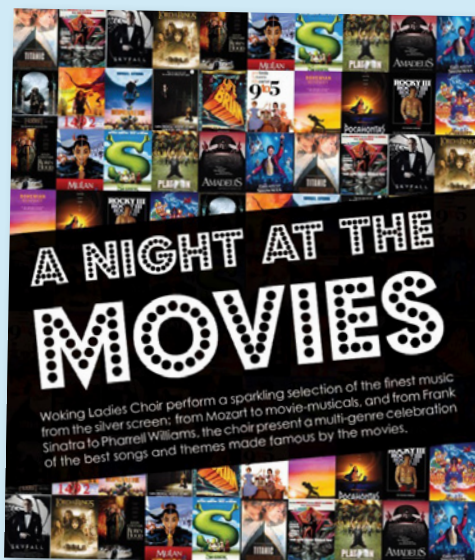
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Phil's Planning

■ Is local history important?

The Planning Department at Woking Borough Council, as well as being the department that deals with planning applications, is responsible for the area's heritage and conservation and the question is, are we paying enough attention to our heritage? Knaphill is one of the oldest settlements within Woking and we have several nationally listed buildings and even more locally listed. The earliest nationally listed is a Grade II 13th century cottage. Most of our historic buildings are around the bottom of Anchor Hill and Barrs Lane. In several reference books, this area was referred to as 'Lower Knaphill'. In the early 19th century the area was referred to as 'Whitefield' after Whitefield Court. Let me go into more details on two buildings, one a public house and the second a former public house.

First, The Royal Oak located on Anchor Hill close to its junction with Barrs Lane. Parts of this pub date from the 17th century and, although not nationally listed, it is listed locally as a building of architectural significance. The second building, as stated earlier, is a former public house and that is The Barley Mow, Grade II listed, located where Barley Mow Lane meets Chobham Road. Very little of the building can currently be seen because of the high fence and hedge. Again, it dates from the 17th century and it was a public house until 1921 when it was converted into a private residence. Both buildings have something in common, allegedly both are haunted.

One worrying factor is that while The Royal Oak is in a conservation area, The Barley Mow and the 13th century cottage aren't, so don't benefit from higher protection.

One building that is surprisingly not nationally listed is Florence Court. Florence Court is the largest remaining building from the former Brookwood Hospital. It was built in 1888 and formed an

annex for female patients, it has been assessed by English Heritage for national listing but failed but remains locally listed.

If you are interested in the history of Knaphill, may I draw your attention to two booklets; *Knaphill (All in One Place)* by Mal Foster and *Knaphill A Self-Guided Heritage Walk* by Iain Wakeford. Both should be available in Knaphill Library.

■ GP Surgery

Back in 2013 Woking Borough Council applied to build an extension onto the Vyne and this was to provide a Wellbeing Centre. There was no objection to this addition to the Vyne facilities, in fact they were welcomed, but the KRA questioned the Council on why they were not also planning to extend the doctors surgery given the planned development on Brookwood Farm. The response from WBC included the following paragraph.

'THE IDP (2012) and its supporting schedule identifies that Woking is well-catered for in terms of GP provision and whilst post 2017, additional capacity maybe required, in the short-term the existing provision will be able to support any future growth. Accordingly, it is considered that there is adequate GP provision to meet any additional demand arising from the Broadway Farm development.'

Given that we are now in 2019 I asked our local Councillors if there were any plans to expand the Knaphill Surgery and I was informed that plans for an extension had been approved but the Council saw it as a low priority and therefore there is no date when building may commence.

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Business News

How a biscuit changed my life

Whilst at work, we held a biscuit decorating competition to raise money for a chosen charity. The chosen charity for the next three months was The Brigitte Trust. Vanessa, the promotions manager, came in to judge the competition, and this is where I first heard about the amazing work this charity does. Vanessa explained the charity is there to give emotional and practical support to people, and their families, when a life-threatening illness has been diagnosed. The volunteers are really there to listen to the client, to help with their emotional wellbeing, but they can also offer transport, shopping and a chance to go out for a few hours a week.

I went home thinking about what Vanessa had said, about dedicating some of my time in order to help others and decided to find out more. I went along to a taster morning where I met like-minded people who also wanted to volunteer. Mandy, the Training Manager, explained what would be expected of us, and importantly, what we would get in return. Before I knew it, I had put my name down for the training course.

12 weeks later I completed my training in March and have been with my client for three weeks now, and I have no regrets. Each week I put my new skills into practice, I listen to what she says, we go out to get some fresh air and I can already see how much it means to her and her family. It is a true privilege to be a volunteer with The Brigitte Trust, and I am so pleased I decided to join this charity.

Emma, Knaphill resident and Brigitte Trust volunteer.

Please contact Ingrid on **01306 881816** about the September training course for volunteers, to be held in Woking. Volunteers are needed to support local families this autumn www.brigitte-trust.org



The Brigitte Trust

Supporting people at home facing life-threatening illness

A diagnosis of cancer, MND or any serious illness can be devastating and it's sometimes hard to share feelings and concerns – even with closest family. Brigitte Trust volunteers, like Emma, offer emotional support as well as practical help at home like shopping and transport whilst building a relationship with weekly visits. Often the most important thing is simply to sit and listen.

We want to continue to support people like John – an elderly man with advanced cancer. Having always been active, his symptoms of limited mobility, tiredness and breathing difficulties have been very difficult for him to cope with emotionally and he has found himself very lonely. His volunteer has taken him out for day trips and helped him write his memoirs. He told us he never believed he could benefit so much from having someone to talk openly with. He also said driving along last summer with the roof down on his volunteer's car had, in his words, "been absolutely tremendous – for a brief time I forgot I was terminally ill" (name has been changed)

The Trust works closely with hospital and hospice teams and district nurses who can see the need for support at home. We need to train more volunteers from Knaphill and St John's this Autumn to visit local families facing life-threatening illness.

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After trophies for the reserves in previous seasons, success arrived at last for the first team at Knaphill Athletic as they secured their first silverware in the shape of the SCILW Division One title. A great season saw them hit 99 goals in all competitions with Sam McConnell bagging 19 in 26 games to finish the season top scorer. Looking to build on this, the club begins pre-season training at Waterers Park on Tuesday 9 July with all new players welcome.

Meanwhile, the club's free football sessions continued throughout May and proved popular with over 40 boys and girls showing up to the first one (pictured) at The Vyne with, at the time of writing, more expected every week! Last year's success allowed the club to form two new age groups and we're hoping for the same this year.

The club is always looking for players for all age groups as well as anybody who would be interested in a role at the club or any potential sponsors so please get in touch:

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LOCAL RESIDENT SUSIE ROBERTS TALKS TO REBECCA WARD ABOUT WORKING FOR THE HOSPICE THAT CARED FOR HER HUSBAND AND THE MIDNIGHT WALK 2019.



I've heard people say that the secret to finding your purpose in life is to have a purpose in life. Most people might never know if they have made a difference during their lifetime. For Knaphill resident, Dean Roberts, this was made very clear that he had at his funeral in 2016 when over 500 people attended the Brookwood Crematorium to pay their respects to this husband, father and Knaphill

Athletic football coach. A request by his wife Susie for players to wear their blue team kit, as you can imagine created a stunning scene with a sea of blue among those in attendance.

Dean started coaching football when his son, then aged 6yrs,

decided he would like to play for a local club. At that time the team was called the Knaphill Wanderers. Dean's drive and passion was encouraging the youngsters and seeing them enjoy playing. His son continued to play and then in 2014 when his son was 20yrs, he made the decision to retire and spend more time with his family. Sadly just 6 months later, Dean was given the heartbreaking news that he had lung cancer.

Dean fought for 18mths, and in that time became Chairman of Knaphill Athletic, but eventually was admitted to the Woking Hospice in Goldsworth Park. Hopefully very few people will ever be in a situation of having to enter a hospice, being scared and frightened of the unknown.

I, myself, have only visited to see the staff and facilities at the Woking Hospice but was amazed by the care, attention, thought and planning that has gone in to creating an environment that allowed Dean to feel within just 24hrs of walking through the doors that he had got his pride and dignity back.

As Susie Roberts retells her story, it is full of gratitude, praise and positivity, not as the sad, regretful experience you might expect it

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to be. Susie describes the nurses as angels that would take care of not just her husband, but also her. Remembering the fresh flowers that would be placed in the room, the consideration of allowing a husband and wife to sleep close together and undisturbed.

The day before Dean passed away Knaphill Athletic won their match and made it in to the league for the first time. Susie continues to attend matches wearing her husband's jacket with his initials and fundraises for the Hospice that was there for her and Dean at such a crucial time. When Susie saw an advert for a vacancy at the Hospice she knew that was how she could give back. "If we can just put a smile on somebody's face every day at the Hospice" Susie says, "I feel honoured and privileged to be able to make a difference".

Join **Woking & Sam Beare Hospices' Midnight Walk 2019** on Friday 21 June and walk together through the night to raise the vital funds needed to continue providing free of charge care in 2019 and beyond.

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Summer 2019 Update

2019 has got off to a good start with plenty of property selling locally in all price ranges. As we head into the busy summer months we are expecting this trend to continue, particularly for four bedroom family homes. This we believe is being driven by more families looking for better value moving out of London as well as local families seeing good reasons to trade up in what is a less frantic market. We have also seen first time buyers increasing in numbers which has really helped to get chains moving so all in all we have a good feeling for the market in the coming months. Expert local advice on values is crucial to success in this market and so we would be delighted to visit anyone thinking of moving in Knaphill and the surrounding villages. Please contact either Simon or Andrew, the resident partners for a free no obligation valuation on your home 01483 798969.

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