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Knaphill goes Green for the Autumn

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It's hard to imagine as I write this on a hot Summer's Day that this edition will be coming out just as our children start their new term at school and the 'What's On' section will be listing the dates for the November firework displays!

I hope everyone had a lovely Summer and, if you visited the Knaphill Village Show, you had as much as fun as we all did. Our cover photo was taken on the day by local photographer, Claire Bemister. You can find a selection of her show photos inside, and on our FB page there's a link to the full gallery.

A topic that is becoming increasingly more serious is our plastic usage. We are now hearing the words "climate emergency" on a daily basis. We can all very easily make small changes for our environment. To help us on that journey is local resident, Kate Kett, making these changes as simple as possible. You can read my interview with Kate on page ??? and her passion for making a difference through her many projects, the latest being Knaphill's very first Eco Shop.

We have put together a Shopping section on page 11 for you to see the kind of products available to you.

At the time of writing this we had a number of residents on our Facebook page discussing a home grown and homemade produce exchange, possibly by the time this edition comes out a Facebook Group may have been formed to open this up to more local residents.

As always please send us anything you would like featured in the magazine or on the Knaphill Community Facebook page.



Rebecca Ward
EDITOR



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Chairman's Report Autumn 2019



After our very successful 10th Knaphill Show I thought I would share a few thoughts on how we organise the event.

It would not surprise you that it is run by a team of dedicated volunteers whose aim is to make the day run smoothly and as enjoyable as best we can. Depending on the weather we target at least to cover our costs and allocate profits to local charities or good causes.

We operate as a separate show committee under the Knaphill Residents Association, planning the event from around January each year. Each volunteer has a responsibility, some quite small, some larger roles depending on how much time can be offered.

The key roles, some of which are shared, include project management across the event, coordination of stall holders and entertainments, publicity & marketing, finance, communications and running events on the day of the show.

Along the way new friends are made and new skills are learnt that can be applied in the workplace or in any organisation. At the end of day, it is very satisfying to deliver a show that is affordable for the benefit of the local community especially children who enjoyed themselves so much at this year's show.

To run an 11th show we need to strengthen the Committee. If you can spare time, however small, please contact chairman@knaphill.org. I am sure you will find it interesting and fun.

Best wishes, **John Butler**
Chair KRA and Knaphill Show



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Knaphill Methodist Church opened Clothes4U Pre loved clothes with TLC in October 2017. It is open once a month, 2pm-4pm. We are open Saturdays 21st September, 19th October and 16th November.



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Coffee Morning Dates

We hold regular Monthly Coffee Mornings on Saturdays between 10am and 12 noon. Our next two for 2019 are 28th September and 26th October.

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Many residents have mentioned both on social media and in person their concern at the dangerous driving in and around the village, we will now be able to monitor the speed of such vehicles.

Changes to The Vyne traffic arrangements

The bollards have finally been removed, traffic is now operating on a two-way system. Although we lobbied for a crossing outside the Vyne, Surrey highways conducted a comprehensive safety evaluation and they have assured us that the safety of pedestrians will not be compromised. We are monitoring the situation closely and if needs be will call them to account.

Environment

Both Woking Borough Council and Surrey County Council have declared a climate emergency. I fully support this as we must pass on as healthy a world as possible to future generations. In this, I am delighted to see that Knaphill, although a small part, is addressing the issue where it can. Holy Trinity Church has launched a Community fridge. This is to hold recyclable food produce and the Methodist church has a Clothes bank. Both of these ventures hopefully will encourage residents to invest in the recycling programme.

We are here to assist you with any issues, so please contact us on the following numbers...

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Heritage Open Days, across Woking Borough
13 - 22 September

Woking Fire Station Open Day
Saturday 14 September 11-4pm

Woking Drama Festival, Rhoda McGaw Theatre
8 - 19 October

Diwali, Woking Town Centre
31 October

Fireworks, Woking Park and Vyne Field, Knaphill
2 November

Woking Music Festival
7 - 25 November

Woking Beer Festival, Woking Leisure Centre
8 - 9 November

Remembrance Sunday
10 November

Christmas Lights Switch On, Jubilee Square
21 November

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Mizens October Event

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The Entertainer

Syndicated interview by Matt Trueman

It is the part that restarted Laurence Olivier's career. Corin Redgrave performed it late on in life. Michael Gambon did so on screen. Three years ago, Kenneth Branagh took it on in the West End. Now, this autumn, it's Shane Richie's turn...

If the ex-EastEnders star sticks out amongst such illustrious theatrical company, each of them knighted for their contribution to the stage, there's a decent argument to say Richie's better suited to this particular part than any of them.

Archie Rice, the snarling protagonist of John Osborne's classic *The Entertainer*, is a washed-up music hall star: an old-school comedian and second-rate stand-up still stepping out, well past his prime, to deliver out-of-date gags.

Richie, more than most, knows what that's like. He cut his teeth on the comedy circuit in the late-eighties before finding fame on primetime TV. "None of those guys played the pubs and clubs," he says, sat in a swish West End theatre bar. "None of them knew what it's like to stand there doing stand-up, dodging beer mats and pint glasses with people going, 'F-off, you're s***.'" Quick as a flash, he adds: "That was last Tuesday..." Still got it, Shane Richie.

The Entertainer is one of the great post-war plays. Written on the quick in 1957, less than a year after *Look Back in Anger* launched Osborne's career at the Royal Court, it is a wildly ambitious state-of-the-nation play.

Osborne uses a creaking, old-fashioned comedian to parallel Britain's waning international influence. As Archie Rice steps out onstage, his act seizing up, Anthony Eden's government is stumbling into the Suez Crisis with the Empire winding down. The comic keeps smiling, but the cracks start to show: debts mount, jokes die, family feuds start to fester.

"I've always loved the extraordinary ambition of that vision," beams director Sean O'Connor. "People might think Osborne only wrote kitchen sink plays, but it's absolutely not that. It's part music hall, part family drama and part nowhere-land. It's a very ambitious, powerful play, but I've always felt that something stops the audience getting to it."

The Entertainer is very much of its time. Opening so soon after *Suez*, its premiere felt fiercely present tense but, more than 60 years on, it can seem strangely fossilised. As O'Connor acknowledges: "It's set so specifically in 1956 that you need to know all about *Suez* and the music hall. It's become a slightly holy grail set text when, in actual fact, Osborne always said he really wanted to move people."

Determined to make it accessible again, O'Connor has transposed the play to the early Eighties – 1982, to be precise. The parallels are remarkable. "Britain is again trying to establish its status as an international power," O'Connor points out. Margaret Thatcher was on manoeuvres in the Falklands. Britain was changing fast – and beyond recognition. Comedy, too: old-school club comics like Bernard Manning were on the way out, shown up and supplanted by a new wave of alternative comedians.

Re-enter Archie Rice – fallen from fame and deeply bitter about it. "So bitter," says Richie, "and he brings all that to the stage." For an actor as clubbable as Richie, that's not easy. "I've done stand-up, I've done game shows. The thing you do is, 'Come on, I know you love me, course you do.' Now I've got to fight against that. I'm going to play a comic who's fallen from grace and hates – loathes – the people in front of him."

Richie knows the sort all too well. His dad ran comedy clubs when sexist, racist jokes were "the staple diet of comics" and he supported his share of "summer season acts" starting out. The challenge, Richie reckons is finding the moment the mask drops: When do we see the real Archie, not just the act?

Richie's intrigued to find out. "I made a decision two years ago: I wanted to play

some characters that would give me my fear back. I wanted to stand in the wings and go, 'Oh my god. I don't know if I can pull this off.' Fight or flight." He's just finished a West End run of the hit musical *Everybody's Talking About Jamie*, playing an aging ex-drag queen. "I enjoyed the fear of that," he says. "I'd missed the butterflies."

For all its challenges, O'Connor believes *The Entertainer* lives up to its name. His staging will offer a history of post-war popular culture "from Glenn Miller to Kajagoogoo" to chart Britain's decline after World War Two. "Osborne was a real democrat with theatre. He wanted his plays to be entertaining, so you get the gags, the music and a bit of smut." At the same time, O'Connor sees "a family drama as vicious as a Strindberg or a Eugene O'Neill" and he's cast stage veterans Sara Crowe and Pip Donaghy, alongside Diana Vickers, as Archie's family.

It's a fascinating moment to take a classic state-of-the-nation play around the nation. O'Connor believes it will resonate: "You don't have to press very far to see its relevance," he says, either politically with Brexit or culturally in the wake of right-on comedy. Richie's excited: "It's like it's no longer going to be the best kept secret. Everyone will get to see John Osborne's masterpiece."



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■ Jimmy Carr – Terribly Funny

Tuesday 10 September, 8pm

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Wednesday 11th	Back to School Lunch Party 12-3pm £8 per member (Short Mat Bowls & Line Dancing cancelled due to party). Chair Pilates returns today in The Orchard Room.
Thursday 12th	Dorothy's table top sale of gifts 10am till 1pm.
Friday 13th	Mary Keen's table top sale of gifts plus raffle 10-1pm
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Robert and Theresa are enjoying the slightly slower pace of life here in Knaphill, and are already making friends. Their intention is to make the Crown a go-to pub for everyone, and as such families with children and pets are welcome.

They also intend to be as involved as possible in local community life and to support local good causes. With this in mind, they will be organising various events and themed evenings to raise funds with the support of the local community.

Now that the kitchen has had its power supply upgrade, they will be doing traditional pub food along with the themed evenings such as Caribbean or Indian. Robert says, "we look forward to meeting you and getting to know you!"

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...was a cry often heard about products, but today, we're more aware of our energy consumption and from mobile phones to hybrid cars, bigger and faster usually means running out sooner!

Generation and usage of electrical energy has focused the minds of local councils, where Woking is a good example of efficiency. Online, however, we don't have the transparency of international server power usage and the side-effects of a global network of data switches. It had been suggested (BBC, 2009) that a couple of search engine requests could be equivalent to boiling a kettle, although others disputed that and quoted 0.2g of carbon instead (Telegraph, 2014). Eco-groups recommend black as the background colour to your browser, to save energy (yes, LED/LCD's).

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Football

KNAPHILL ATHLETIC

After last seasons successful campaign, finishing as champions of Surrey Intermediate Division 1, First Team Manager James Taylor and First Team Assistant Stewart Freeland will continue in their roles at the club with the addition of James Wade who we welcome as First Team Coach ahead of our return to the Premier Division. The season starts away at Chiddingfold on 7th September followed by a home tie against Guildford United (14th) before an away fixture at West End Village (21st).

A new look Reserve Team setup sees Alex Hutton & Lee Beardall taking charge as joint-managers with Darren Gover joining as Reserve Team Coach. Their season also opens on 7th September with a home tie against Hersham, promoted to the Intermediate as last seasons GWAFL champions, before an away trip to Milford & Witley (14th) and a home game vs University of Surrey (21st).

Training takes place at Waterers Park in Knaphill from 7pm on Tuesdays & Thursday with all welcome.

The club would also like to say a huge thanks to our sponsors Trident Honda who have supported us since our beginning with us now going into our 10 year anniversary season. The firsts and reserves will be sporting new Nike kits in the traditional blue and black stripes, with a green and white away kit, in a nod towards Knaphill Wanderers, all sponsored by our friends at Trident Honda. They will also feature the Woking & Sam Beare Hospice logo on the back, given Trident Honda's strong links with the Hospice. Trident Honda have also sponsored warm up tops for pre-match along with managers matchday tops. Players will also benefit from matchday tops provided by MCFT and tracksuit tops sponsored by The Garibaldi. The club are extremely grateful for the ongoing support and generosity from all our friends in the local business community who help towards making our club what it is.



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The club are 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 KATE KETT TALKS TO REBECCA WARD ABOUT OPENING KNAPHILL'S FIRST ECO SHOP

"I decided that now was the time to start offering local people the chance to refill without having to make a special journey"



Starting something like Kate's Eco Shop is an idea I've had for a few years but for various reasons hadn't pursued. This year has been great for Woking with Bare + Fair and Refill opening in the town centre and Noel's Farm Shop expanding his range. Unfortunately living in Knaphill I don't often get to those places and it's the same with a lot of people I know. Whilst people comment about Knaphill's variety of shops it does have everything I need on a regular basis with Post Office, library, pharmacy and many more.

So I decided that now was the time to start offering local people the chance to refill without having to make a special journey. I have always been interested in environmental issues and since my first son was born 8 years ago and working part time I've had time to get involved in a variety of environmental volunteering opportunities including setting up Woking Nappy Library giving people a chance to try out cloth nappies as an alternative to disposables before committing to buy them which I still run.

In the shop we have a variety of toiletry and cleaning products available to refill, just bring along your old container (or another suitable one), they are all eco-

friendly brands. We also have a variety of loose foodstuffs and some other food items. The vast majority are organic as this method of farming helps to protect our

environment in a variety of ways. There are also recycled household products, reusable menstrual products, and locally made up-cycled cloth products.

Opening hours are currently 2 days a week but I am hoping to extend as and when I can. Thursday's are 9am-11am perfect for visiting straight after the school run. Saturday's are 10am to midday. Address details below.

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2019 AUTUMN MARKET UPDATE

With the summer holidays now behind us, we look forward to the autumn market which has always been very busy in Knaphill and the surrounding villages. We expect this to continue this year with some really good stock available at what is now being seen as better value. The general uncertainty which has persisted over the last couple of years has not dampened buyer enthusiasm and as we stand, we have had our best year to date in the Knaphill office. No doubt, as we enter the coming weeks, many will be wondering if it is a good time to move. The answer is a resounding yes!

With better value in all sectors of the market and more stock availability, it may never be a better time. Good advice from local experts is key and so if you are considering a move we would be delighted to carry out a free, no obligation market appraisal of your home. Call 01483 798969 and the team will be delighted to help.

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