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This has been a lovely edition to put together, much of the content has been good news and congratulatory!

Woking in Bloom saw many winners from the Knaphill Area. The Royal Oak won their category and Knaphill Lower School placed second in the School Environmental Garden Award, sponsored by our local business park, Lansbury Business Estate. Many residents from the Knaphill community were also awarded prizes, you can find the full list on the Woking Borough Council website. The Garibaldi has once again been awarded Gold for Best Bar None, see page 10.

At the time of writing this we've just heard the news that Littlewick Road has reopened after an extensive closure for essential maintenance. I'm sure I'm not alone in hoping this ends the devastation caused to the residents by the pipes bursting so frequently.

Our cover photo for this edition is competition winner Samuel Cooke. We were sent many beautiful pictures and you will see some of our favourite entries on page 14.

As always please send us anything you would like featured in the magazine or on the Knaphill Community Facebook Page. We also have a 'Knaphill Businesses' Facebook Group and a 'Jobs Board' Facebook Group which you can find linked to our Facebook Page @knaphillcommunity.



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It was interesting to read a report of Woking's most anti-social neighbourhoods according to police statistics. Knaphill & Brookwood had the third highest number of anti-social behaviour reports. There were also 251 offences reported in the area between January and August 2019.

What is being done? At the last Police Meeting hosted in Knaphill early this year with our Chief Inspector present we learnt that his resources are aimed at high level crime rather than anti-social behaviour. The main message was to continue to report such incidents but remains a lower priority until police numbers in Surrey increase. As seen from our Knaphill Community Facebook pages anti-social behaviour probably

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is one of the highest concerns of local residents and needs focus.

On a more pleasing theme with Christmas fast approaching the KRA are trying our best to organise a Christmas tree and lights for the High Street. We also help the local churches in this edition to publicise their services and events during the festive period.

May I wish all our residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Butler

Our Community

Towards a leafier Knaphill!

Back in May, residents were asked via the Knaphill Community Facebook Page for suggestions on locations that could benefit from having some more trees, an offer to provide them having been made by Woking Borough Council.

Well, the workings of local government are often long and tortuous, but it looks as though this initiative has finally come to fruition. Our WBC

Neighbourhood Officer Kate Wilson has informed us that we can look forward to trees being planted on Sparvell Road, Queenswood Road and in Sussex Road Recreation ground.

For people who might be disappointed that their suggestions haven't been chosen, it's worth clarifying that the main part of the High Street already has several trees and the rest is too narrow to allow

planting, the Brookwood Farm location is still owned by Cala Homes not yet by WBC, and the Lockwood Drive site is due to be developed so any planting there can only be decided after that.

It's great to see that input from residents facilitated by the KRA, coordinated by our Neighbourhood Officer Kate Wilson and implemented by WBC can result in positive action for our village!

If you have any other ideas or suggestions on improvements on any matter concerning Knaphill, do let the KRA or Kate know, and we'll always be happy to help see them through whenever possible.

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Drainage repairs for Brookwood ponds

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Over the summer months, the Goldsworth Park Angling Club was rather busy on the ponds at Brookwood Country Park, particularly through the hot weather. In the spring, pond 4 suffered a pollution problem. Thames Water had to be called to site, and it was found that foul water was seeping into the surface drainage pipe work, but luckily after flushing all interceptors and pipe work, all should be now OK. However, this incident coupled with the very high temperatures this summer meant that the dissolved oxygen in the water had dropped so low that the fish were suffering, and unfortunately a few did die.

We were able to borrow a generator pump thanks to the Environment Agency and managed to get some oxygen back into the pond before things got worse, and after running the pump for several days things did improve. No more fish were lost, but we did have to close the pond for fishing for a few weeks to give the fish time to fully recover from their ordeal, and by August with the help of a little rain things had in the main got back to normal. However, I'm still rather concerned this could happen again if there is still some foul waste held in the silt on the pond bed.



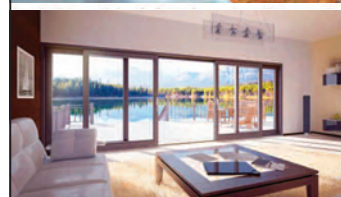
On 8th October we met on site with WBC drainage advisers who shared my concerns, and it has been agreed in principle that de-silting, particularly near the inlet, could be considered subject to agreement with TW and the EA. Cost will be a major factor for such an undertaking, so over the coming weeks we will be busy compiling as much information as we can to bring this to fruition, and save this beautiful little pond and its wildlife from extinction.

On a more positive note, despite all the above we were still able to hold our annual free-to-enter "Let's Go Fishing" event on the ponds throughout August, which again was a great success with over 80 people taking part. Each participant was given a full hour's tuition in the art of angling, delivered by our two on-board coaches Richard and Simon, during which time they were shown how to tackle up, cast the line, bait the hook, catch some fish and return them safely unharmed to the water. All attendees were presented with a certificate of participation and a starter fishing kit, setting them on the path of good angling practise.



If you are a regular visitor to the park, you will have noted that we have started installing platforms on pond 2; two are complete, and over the coming weeks weather permitting a further five will be installed, making the banks much safer for users whilst supporting margins from erosion. You may also have noted that on both ponds we have installed a low wattle fence in some areas, again to help protect the margins and plant life round the ponds but also to help stop dogs entering the ponds.

We have on occasion had dogs interfering with wild fowl and getting tangled in the fishermen's tackle, and as they pay to fish the ponds they should be able to fish undisturbed. It's also important to point out that when a dog goes into any body of water there are dangers that owners need to be aware of, ie. the quality of the water (pond 4 as an example), water-borne diseases some of which could make your dog very ill, and most importantly the transfer of diseases from one body of water to another. For example, if your dog goes into the canal then while still wet goes into one or more of the ponds it will potentially make that transfer, when you consider that each body of water will differ in its own biodiversity. So all responsible dog-owners and dog-walkers, please bear this in mind when enjoying a walk round the ponds area.



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Knaphill Care

The good neighbour scheme Knaphill Care hosted a fun musical entertainment afternoon for their clients and volunteers at the Knaphill Scout HQ on Wednesday 4th September. Local singing ensemble 'The New Starlights' entertained with a wonderful repertoire of songs and ditties.

Martin Dunham, chair of Knaphill Care commented 'We were delighted to welcome Cllr Beryl Hunwicks, the Mayor of Woking and really appreciate the thanks she offered to our wonderful volunteers. Many of our clients were really looking forward to an afternoon out and they all enjoyed the entertainment and the splendid tea and cakes. The singers were fantastic at engaging the audience and encouraging a sing along. We hope to make this a regular event in the calendar.'

The New Starlights support Macmillan Cancer and kindly donated their fee to the charity.

For further information contact Tracey Daniell on 07885 180434.



Knaphill Methodist Church, Broadway Clothes4U • Pre-loved clothes with TLC

Clothes4U, the Knaphill Methodist Church clothes bank, is approaching its 2nd anniversary and both visitor and volunteer numbers continue to grow. The September opening brought a queue of visitors waiting for Clothes4U to open, suggesting the posters displayed by many organisations in Surrey are working well. A new poster is circulated by email once a quarter showing the next three months' opening dates, and various schools, charities, local government facilities, churches etc kindly print them out & display them.

The organisation of clothes bank open afternoons has also changed, making better use of the church's space, giving visitors more room to choose their clothes, and allowing more time and space for volunteers to sort donated clothes and put them onto hangers. Another benefit seems to be that it encourages people to stay on and socialise over a cup of tea – a lot of Syrian visitors took the opportunity to do this in September. Everyone who visits is encouraged to have a drink and a piece of cake before they go.

Of course, the more visitors we have, the more clothes we give out, and the more we need to replenish our stock. This means we need to constantly renew our requests for donations, while bearing in mind the changing seasons. The best way for donors to supply clothes is to email clothes@knaphill-methodist-church.com to find out when the church will be open, so that they don't have a wasted journey. One of the volunteers will reply to them and arrange a time. We particularly need Muslim women's traditional clothing for Woking's Syrian refugees. Woking is now home to many Syrian refugees, and a growing number of them visit the clothes bank. If anyone can help us out with donations, please do get in touch.

Clothes4U is always looking to add to its list of helpful organisations who can display posters and/or issue vouchers to people who need some clothes. Some of the volunteers have therefore agreed to start contacting additional charities, nurseries, churches, etc to ask if they would agree to

be involved. Those volunteers will also be a useful point of contact for all organisations who work with us.

We would like to provide some signposting to other services which visitors may find useful and research is starting – firstly to identify what services would be useful to know about, and then how best to provide the information. Examples of services we know about are the CAB's Energy Best Deal, (which offers help in understanding how to approach the energy market), food banks,

and charities which can help with managing debt. There must be many useful services out there, and there will need to be some form of Arabic interpretation – so there is plenty to keep us busy.

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Women in the title role are currently featuring prominently in the operatic productions of Knaphill & St Johns Operatic Group. In 2019 we performed Lehar's sparkling and witty operetta, *The Merry Widow*, which portrayed the 'will they-won't they' relationship between the widow of the title and her former love. Our 2020 production is Gilbert & Sullivan's lesser-known gem, *Patience*, the dairymaid with a big question on her mind: 'What is love?' It appears that it brings no happiness to its victims who are all as miserable as sin!

G & S were satirising the aesthetic craze of the 1870s and 80s when the output of poets, composers, painters and designers was prolific, but some argued, self-indulgent and empty. This is the time of Oscar Wilde and the Pre-Raphaelites. The two main male characters of the operetta are two rival poets with a rather different approach to their art. Add to the action some dragoon guards who are trying to capture the attention of



the local ladies and you have the added satirisation of male vanity, particularly in the military!

We last performed *Patience* 30 years ago, in 1990, at The Winston Churchill School, which was our former home before we transferred to The Rhoda

McGaw Theatre in 1994. We are really pleased to be able to mount another production of this amusing and slightly more unusual style of G & S. At its inception, it was wildly popular and ran for more performances even than HMS Pinafore! All the familiar G & S trademarks feature: patter songs, dramatic solos and poignant ensembles and toe-tapping military marches, alongside the usual witty dialogue with plenty of classical references to give audiences an educational night out too!

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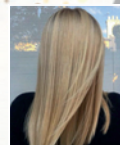
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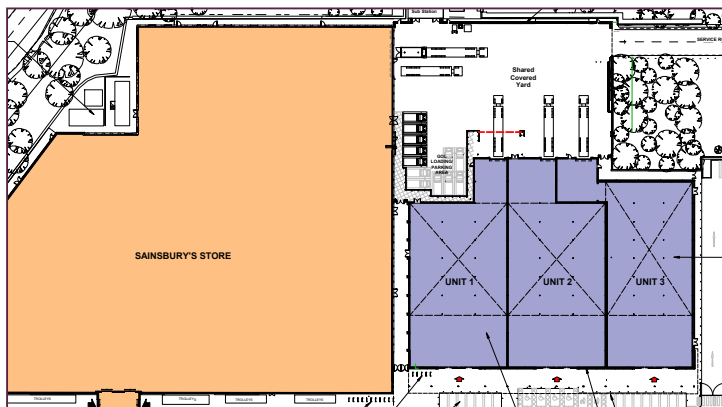
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■ Englefield Road

A planning application from Thamesway Development to build 4 terraced houses on Englefield Road, behind the Co-op, was refused by Woking Planning department but Thamesway have launched an appeal. We await a decision.

■ The Anchor Public House

A new planning application has been submitted to Woking Borough Council for the redevelopment of this site. Please note the new vehicular access onto the High Street, we have safety concerns with this change.

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Agents for the developer are conducting in-depth consultation with local residents and local Councillors. The KRA have identified issues connected with traffic, drainage and the impact on the local GP surgery. The developer has yet to launch a formal planning application.



Knaphill Market Update

As we head towards the end of the year we reflect on what has been a surprisingly busy year in the Knaphill housing market. Notwithstanding uncertainty around Brexit, many have taken the opportunity to explore moving and seen the benefits of a more stable market. We have seen plenty of demand for modern family three and four bedroom homes with some excellent prices being achieved. First time buyers have become more numerous in the second half of the year as better value begins to come through the market. As we head towards 2020, we firmly believe the market will be very busy. Our sense is that many who have been unsure will be getting on with their lives particularly in view of the incredibly low interest rates available at the moment. As Knaphill's No1 agent we have the knowledge and experience to not only guide you through, but get the very best price available. If you are thinking of moving please call either Simon or Andrew to book in a free no obligation valuation of your home.

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LOCAL MUM OF THREE AND BUSINESS OWNER FIONA MASON TELLS US ABOUT HER VIDEOS THAT FOCUS ON EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

"Poor mental health has become a hot topic, though instead of giving to other charities, I now interview people at Cuppa Time"



Fiona Mason & Karen Peters

I'm originally from Sale, in Cheshire, however have lived in Brookwood and now Knaphill for far more years, with my three daughters.

Currently, my main personal passion is Cuppa Time, which I created in Autumn 2017 after much personal development and growth. Whilst it seems a positive approach can be beneficial, we all experience different emotions when we go through good or bad life experiences; and whilst some people appear to sail through life, others may not.

Personally, someone told me many years ago that if I didn't look after myself and set my own wellbeing as a priority, then I wouldn't be healthy enough to cope with all the other stuff going on in my life. Subsequently what I've discovered is that sometimes people may be disguising that they're struggling, or not being brave/confident enough to admit this to those around them; or even fearing how

they may be perceived, or imagine being judged by others.

As most of us are aware, poor mental health has become a hot topic and our emotional wellbeing is often set aside, so at Cuppa Time, I've been interviewing people with the simple aim of sharing what works for us; looking at what makes us tick, or function better as a person in busy times. Ideas that we share can be adopted by others in order to help themselves; such personal activities shared have included walking and singing, plus one lady even mentioning that she often danced naked! Whilst that really surprised me and took me aback I was proud of her admitting what helps to keep her mojo in her own life.

With each interviewee I regard the time shared as a true privilege, asking the two questions after discussing favourite cup(s)

or mug(s). Those questions are: (1) What is it that you have incorporated into your life that keeps you uplifted? and (2) How do you reward yourself with your achievements? So many of us rush onto the next job, chore or priority when I do believe that we should acknowledge our progress.

Cuppa Time also includes our/your hints and tips about what keeps our bodies functioning well (re: sleep, diet, exercise); how we look at things with our mind (re: psychological and emotional coping mechanisms); combined with our choices and attitudes (re: thought processes and fixed opinions).

Do feel welcome to watch the videos at Cuppa Time (primarily in Facebook) and I would very much welcome hearing what has uplifted you in your life. Additionally, some Cuppa Time videos have been used in small business social media and websites, as many interviewees have discovered that in business terms, new and existing clients like to get to know a bit more about you; to gain trust in you.

I'm always interested to hear from people, if you would like to contribute to Cuppa Time or create a business interview, please feel welcome to get in touch.

For further information you can visit www.StarOfYourShow.com/Cuppa-Time

If you're on social media you can connect to Fiona through

Instagram: CuppaTime_FM

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First Team – James Taylor

Reserves – Lee Beardall

Sunday Mornings

Adults – Steve Baggott

U18's – Des Clark / Russ Bowman

U14's – Richard Storey / Paul Clayton

U13's – Iain Airey

U12's – Simon Jones

U9's – Lee Stenning

U8's – Mark Middleton

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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Also, for the 10th year running, Knaphill Athletic FC put a team into the Woking Swimathon which raises money for a variety of valuable local charities. Lee Beardall, Jamie Cutt, Jamie Donaghy, Sam Elsworth, James Fry, Alex Moppett, Brad Pegg, Matt Pegg, Brad Roberts & James Wade took over two lanes and swam lengths for an hour raising over £340 for the causes. Well done, lads!



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Woking & Sam Beare

Hospice and Wellbeing Care

Hospice care goes way beyond just the building

Meet the team delivering specialist care in your community

Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care has now well and truly settled into its state-of-the-art facility in Goldsworth Park Centre having been open for almost two-and-a-half years. But what many are surprised to learn is that over 70% of the care that this charity delivers is in patient homes.

Your local hospice is a people-centred charity that delivers specialist care to over 2,000 people with life-limiting illnesses and their carers and families each year. The care and support they provide is delivered at Woking Hospice through its Wellbeing Centre for day patients, on the Ward for in-patients and the community care is delivered through its Community Teams. These are comprised of Clinical Nurse Specialists [CNSs], Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Counsellors, a Social Worker and Specialist Palliative Doctors.

Shelagh Musoke [pictured right and above with some of her team], who heads up the Community Team and is a senior CNS at Woking & Sam Beare, explains: "Hospice care is far more than just treating a patient's physical symptoms. Myself and the team all come together to care for the whole wellbeing of our patients.

No one day is ever the same because no one patient and their needs are ever the same. My day normally begins in the office to meet with the team and look at the referrals that may have come in and for us to collectively discuss our caseloads. After this we will go out into the community and start our patient visits either in their homes or care or residential home. Currently we have 560 people on the Community Team's caseload.

It is our role to ensure that those under our care are looked after in the best possible way, where they want to be and according to their wishes. This is done in collaboration with our healthcare peers, such as the

District Nurses and GPs, to ensure the patient and their family have the support they need.

It depends on the patient's needs to how often we may visit them but the team are always at the end of the phone to offer support, advice and reassurance.

All of us at the hospice put those we care for at the centre of what we do and it is a huge honour to be part of an organisation that makes such a difference to peoples' lives."



As a charity the hospice is reliant on income from its fundraising activities and the sale of goods in one of its 18 shops. You can support their 2019 Appeal by giving the gift of care and contribute towards funding the services that Shelagh and her team deliver. Your support enables them to provide a vital lifeline to so many people who live in your community.

For more information about Woking & Sam Beare Hospice and Wellbeing Care, to make a donation or to find out about some of the festive activities over the coming months please visit the charity's website: www.wsbhospices.co.uk.

Heaven Came Down at Christmas

*Join us to
celebrate this December*

Holy Trinity, Knaphill (Chobham Road, GU21 2SX)

30th Nov Christingle Service – 4.30pm
Sun 15th Carol Service – 7pm
Sun 22nd Pop Up Nativity – 10am
Tue 24th Midnight Service – 11:15pm
Wed 25th Christmas Day Family Service – 10am

Knaphill Methodist Church (Broadway, GU21 2DR)

Sun 1st Advent and Gift Service with Salvation Army – 10am
Sun 8th Christmas Afternoon Tea and Carols – 3pm
Sun 22nd Carols by Candlelight – 6.30pm
Wed 25th Christmas Day Family Service – 10am

Knaphill Baptist Church (High Street, GU21 2PZ)

Sat 14th Meet Santa and Get in the Picture – 10am & 2pm
Sun 15th Pop-up Nativity Service – 11am
Sun 22nd Messy Christingle Service – 11am
Carols by Candlelight – 5.30pm

St Saviour's Church, Brookwood (Connaught Road, GU24 0AS)

Sat 14th Messy Church at Christmas – 3:30pm
Sun 15th Christmas Café Service – 10am
Sun 22nd Carols by Candlelight – 7pm
Tue 24th Crib Service – 3:30pm & 4:45pm
Midnight Service – 11:15pm

Wed 25th Christmas Day Family Service – 10am

St Hugh of Lincoln RC Church (Victoria Rd, GU21 2AA)

Tue 17th Advent Confessions – 7.30pm
Tue 24th First Vespers & Benediction – 3pm
Vigil Family Mass of Christmas – 5pm & 7pm
Carols – 11.30pm, followed by Midnight Mass
Wed 25th Mass of the Dawn – 8.00am
Solemn Mass of the Day – 10.00am

Wyne Community Centre (Broadway, GU21 2SP)

Thu 19th Christmas Service with Almac Bisley Band – 11am