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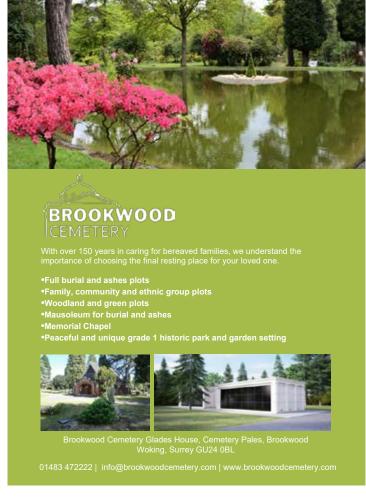
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Keeping the Knaphill Community spirit alive

'A community is best defined as a group of people who, regardless of the diversity of their backgrounds, have been able to accept and transcend their differences, enabling them to communicate effectively and openly and to work together toward goals identified as being for their common good."

Being part of a community is so important, as we know, humans are by nature social animals. We like feeling part of

something, working together, looking out for one another. Sometimes our busy lives, the stress we can be under, outside influences can affect that, and decisions we make.

One of the reasons we called this magazine, myKnaphill, is to remind people that we are a community, this is your Knaphill. Together we can shape it how we'd like it to be. There are many groups and organisations working tirelessly to improve our community, for example; the Community Fridge, The Vyne Community Centre, the Knaphill Residents' Association, our Councillors, the Churches, Scouts & Guides, school PTA's, the list goes on.

This edition mentions many of the people listed above, if you read something of interest that you would like to get involved with please feel free to contact them directly or send me a message at editor@knaphill.org

Thank you for taking the time to read this, I love being part of the Knaphill Community, I hope you do too.

Rebecca **EDITOR**



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I am sure some of you have used the services of Woking Citizens Advice from time to time. It is open to all Woking residents providing free, confidential and independent general advice. They have well qualified volunteers who have undertaken nationally recognised training to

guide clients through their problems and providing them with options to help make those difficult decisions.

In a recent Knaphill Facebook page forum a number of local residents were not aware they offer a drop-in clinic at the Knaphill Vyne Community Centre on Monday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm. Please do make use of this service. If you can't pop in, they also offer

telephone and email advice and a live web chat service. You will find further details on their website at www.wokingcab.org

Also, preparations are well underway for this year's Knaphill Show on Saturday 18 July at Mizens Railway from 1 to 5.00pm run by the Knaphill Residents Association. If you are looking for a stall please visit our web site at https://knaphill.org/ where you will find a booking form. Last year we had to close bookings early as we were full so don't leave it too late.

Very best wishes, John Butler

What's ON

Send us details of your community event editor@knaphill.org

"Your Sanctuary" Coffee Morning

Saturday 14th March 2020 10am - 12 noon Knaphill Methodist Church

RSPCA Millbrook events

Car Boot Sales

Saturday 25 April, Saturday 30 May and Saturday 25 July

Dog Show / Fun Day

Sunday 14 June

Gala Day

Sunday 6 September

Party in the Park

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Our Community



Knaphill Bowls Club was founded in 1926 and prides itself on its heritage. We are a friendly club with a first-class green, a licensed bar and good parking facilities. If you want to know more, or would like to look at our facilities, drop in on 28th March 2020 between 10.00am and 12.30pm and chat to one of our Committee members.

Whether you want to meet new people and bowl socially, or are interested in bowling competitively, Knaphill Bowls Club is the club for you.

For more details, contact Keith Smith on 07779 046771

Knaphill Scouts Litter Pick

Members of Knaphill Scout Group got the new decade off to a great start with their annual village litter pick. On Sat 4th January Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & their families scoured the streets and parks of Knaphill collecting litter. Tracey Daniell, Group Scout Leader said 'this is the seventh successive year we have run a new year litter pick. It is good to engage with the wider community & Knaphill certainly looks cleaner for it. The good news is that the amount of litter generally seems less year on year, with fewer sweet wrappers & crisp packets

but sadly more drinks cans and for the first year several nitrous oxide canisters. We are pleased to have the support of Kate Wilson, Local Neighbourhood Officer from Woking Borough Council who not only brings along litter pickers but she also joins us out on the streets.' Beaver Scouts got quite competitive seeing who could find he most unusual litter, Harry age 7 said 'It was much more fun than I was expecting. I found a builder's hard hat and a broken metal sign in the park car park as well as lots of cans.'



Open Events at Knaphill Bowls Club

Have you ever thought about playing bowls? If so, why not give it a go? The outdoor bowling season is fast approaching, so this is the ideal time.



Make a note in your diary to attend one of our Open Events being held on Saturday 2nd May 2020 from 10.00am to 12 noon and Wednesday 6th May 2020 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

at Sussex Road Recreation Ground, Knaphill.



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Chairman Martin Dunham said 'We are always keen to recruit new volunteer drivers, the commitment can be as little or as much











rota basis, again the commitment can be as little or as much time as you can offer.'

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Knaphill Care please call 07792 514166 between 10am-12noon. If you call outside these hours please leave a message & you will receive a call back.

citizens

Did you know that we not only run drop-in Advice Sessions at our main office at Provincial House, 26 Commercial Way, Woking, but you can also

access our support and advice from two other Outreach venues in the borough?

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Knaphill Methodist Church Clothes 4U preloved clothing with TLC

Over the last few months we have found Clothes4U has brought many people together in ways we couldn't expect. We set out two years ago not really knowing what to expect, perhaps, on refection, we clearly underestimated God's love and support in outreach projects within the community.

As a team of volunteers we are spending valuable time together and enjoy a gentle natter while sorting through donations then chatting to guests as they arrive. We are always keen to invite more people to join us. We are also still in need of your donations too please.

During a recent appointment at my GP's surgery I met a Muslim Nurse, who is also a fashion designer and dress maker. She was telling me how she was also homeless when she arrived in the country and she introduced me to the charity who supported her to give her the training to be the nurse she is today. She has offered to give us clothing for our Syrian ladies who still dress in their traditional way. They are having a fashion show in February and I have been invited to speak to the guests to try and get even more donations. She will also be joining Clothes4U this month to chat to our Arabic speaking families.

We are only open for a couple of hours once a month, yet we see around 25 - 30 families during that time, and we are getting to know families and individuals, finding out more and more about their needs and dreams. Our pastoral team work hard to help when they can, but we are also there just to listen.

We are also working with Woking NCT, who donate amazingly huge gift parcels for new mums and their babies. We are working with Holy Trinity (C of E) in Knaphill to promote their Fridge Bank and in return they promote Clothes4U. Most weeks, Tesco's in the village give us food donations to pass on, which are very well received.

Clothes 4U preloved clothing with TLC will meet at Knaphill Methodist Church on the following Saturday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm for the quarter:

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Woking Ladies Choir present a Spring Concert



forests of the Congo, Woking Ladies Choir explores some of the many different places we call 'home'. Including Home from Beauty and the Beast, Va Pensiero – popular Verdi piece, Take me home, country roads and many more contemporary and familiar pieces.

Saturday 28 March, 7.30pm | Knaphill Methodist Church | £12

From an apple tree in an English country garden, to the tropical rain forests of the Congo, Woking Ladies Choir explores some of the many different places we call

'home'. Alongside classical masterpieces by Vaughan Williams and Verdi, a feast of folksongs from the British Isles and further afield, as well as singalong favourites (singing along optional) like Take Me Home, Country Roads. In the poignant 'Bring Him Home' from Les Miserables, the choir reflect on those who may feel far from their home. This is a concert that will alternately soothe your soul, tug at your heartstrings, and have you dancing in the aisles! With our concerts becoming more popular this is another not to be missed.

Knaphill Methodist Church Saturday 28th March 2020, 7:30 pm Adults £12, Children (5-16) £6 Pre-order 07957 593534 thehunties@virginmedia.com facebook.com/wokingladieschoir wokingladieschoir.org.uk

Baroque Music Concert

Saturday 7th of March at 7 pm at St Saviour's Church in Brookwood Connaught Rd, Brookwood GU24 0AS Tickets £10 on the door / £7 for under 16s

Programme

Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by Johann Sebastian Bach Clarinet Concerto No. 1 by Johann Melchior Molter

Soloists:

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Double Bass : Adrian Warrick



Property

Phil's Planning

There has been quite a bit of activity in and around Knaphill. This report highlights the major points.

ENGLEFIELD ROAD

Erection of 4 terraced dwellings (3 to be three storey and 1 two storey) on Englefield Road.

The actual location is behind the Co-op, between the Co-op and the bungalow. This was the second application from Thameswey Developments. The first application was for 4 terraced houses and was rejected both by Woking Borough Council (WBC) and the Planning Inspector on appeal. This second planning application was again rejected by WBC Planning Department under delegated powers, i.e. it was never put to the Planning Committee. The Planning Officer for WBC stated that the proposed terraced row of dwellings, by reason of their scale, height, design and incongruous nature would detract from the character and appearance of Englefield Road and fail to make a positive contribution to the character of the wider area. Thameswey Development rejected the grounds for refusal and appealed to the Secretary of State. Thameswey argued that the Council have a chronic shortage of homes! The major change between the two applications was that the end terrace, of four, was now two storeys rather than three. Although the proposed development fails to meet several Woking's planning guidelines the Planning Inspector found in favour of Thameswey Development and gave planning permission for the development to go ahead.

ANCHOR PUBLIC HOUSE, HIGH STREET

The redevelopment of this site has been ongoing for some time. A revised planning application was submitted last October. The plan was to continue with the building of two new wings to the current building. The new building would contain 9 self-contained residential units plus either a restaurant/cafe or drinking establishment. One major change to the original plan was that the developer wanted to create a new access road to the car park from the High Street. The new access road would be between the traffic lights and the bus stop. Surrey County Highways have raised major objections to this new access road but there is little sign of any progress with this development. There are rumours that a new body/developer want to purchase the site but currently the planning application submitted last year remains live.

GARAGES AND LAND AT THE REAR OF SUSSEX COURT

Again, this is a site that has been subject to several planning applications. Sussex Court are the blocks of apartments opposite the junction of Sussex Road and High Street. The developer already has permission to build a single bungalow on the green space at the rear of the apartments. At the end of the access road there is a block of garages that are independent of the apartments. The new application was to demolish the garages and to build two bungalows on the green space and the land once occupied by the garages. It is worth noting that the row of terrace houses to the right of Sussex Court are listed for their architectural design. Residents asked the KRA to assist them in objecting to the plan and we are pleased to announce that the

Planning Committee rejected the planning application. Residents will have to wait to see if the applicant appeals.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE USE OF A BUILDING FROM OFFICES TO APARTMENTS. 1-3 HIGH STREET

This is the building opposite The Anchor, it used to house Pets Kingdom. Again, there have been a few planning applications for this site and the owner of the property has accepted that he cannot make any major changes to the external appearance of the building. This planning application is to convert the first and second floor from office space into 4 apartments. There is nothing in the documentation to say what happens to the ground floor where we used to have Pets Kingdom.

Seymours' Market Update Spring 2020

We are happy to report the market for the first couple of months of the year has been very active with good numbers of sales being achieved. Family three and four bedroom houses have been particularly selling well with clear evidence of stronger prices than in 2019. We see this trend continuing into the summer with renewed optimism from sellers bringing some really nice houses to the market. Buyers have responded in greater numbers which has included a marked increase in first time buyers which are the life blood of the market. With the Spring / Summer market now in full swing many will be thinking of moving. It is important to get good advice from local experts with a thorough knowledge of the Knaphill market. As the market leader locally we would be delighted to pop out to give you a free, no obligation market appraisal. Please contact any of the team on 01483 798969.

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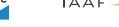
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Football

KNAPHILL ATHLETIC

Our youth section continues to grow as word gets around about the excellent work our coaches are doing with the younger generation. Our U8's have proven especially popular with a third side, the Stripes, joining the existing two teams in that age group. U8's coach Mark Middleton says: "It's really taken off and we have a great group of managers and assistants willing to help out in all weather both at training and on match days which just adds to the amazing atmosphere at the club".

Lee Stenning's U9 Sharks are also proving successful winning all their games in their age's development group mini-League. Lee says: "All the players have performed exceptionally well, are enjoying themselves and we're only a couple of players from forming a second team". Any interested players should attend training at The Vyne Field for 9:45am on Saturday mornings.

Molly Ufton has also formed a new U10's side, the All-Stars, who have been entered into a League and are already playing matches and continues the values we set out to follow as a club by providing a safe environment for local children to enjoy their football.

The club plays at two locations in Knaphill. Our youth teams train and play at The Vyne Field, GU21 2DG with our U13's and up training and playing at Waterers Park, GU21 2HX.

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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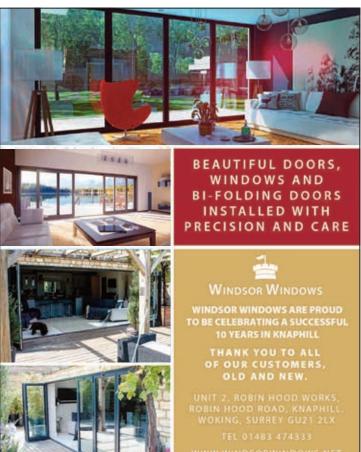
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my Local

Before you throw out unwanted food, consider whether it can be donated to the Knaphill Community Tridge. This simple solution to wasting less through the sharing of good quality food, is based outside the Holy Trinity Church on Chobham Road.



What was the aim for the Community Fridge?

Knaphill Community Fridge has gone from strength to strength since it opened in May 2019 and has helped to redistribute over 15.9 tonnes of food to the local community. It's aim is to share surplus food near its sell-by date that would otherwise go in the bin, helping to reduce food poverty and saving the environment.

Who is helping to run the Community Fridge?

A huge team of over 30 volunteers pick up produce from our food partner stores, including 5 Coops, Tesco, 2 Sainsburys, Asda, Waitrose and Marks and Spencer. Others help monitor fridge temperatures and cleanliness, return crates and help with day to day needs. We hope to add more food partners in 2020 and expand to a bigger shed!

What affect does Food Waste have on the environment?

Food waste is the term used for food that has been grown and produced for human consumption and this food can be wasted at any point along the food chain from harvest to production to finally being thrown away when it is past its use by date and no longer safe to eat. Food that ends up in landfill emits green house gases as it rots down, in particular methane gas, a gas that is at least 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

How can people support the Community Fridge?

Knaphill Community Fridge will be celebrating its First Birthday on May 1st and invite everyone who has been part of its fun adventure this first year to a free coffee and cake morning on Thursday 30th April at the Community Fridge itself. Cakes will of course be made from the varied ingredients that are donated to the fridge and could include carrot, swede, parsnip, pumpkin, toffee and of course the obligatory banana! Offers of cake donations greatly received at knaphillcommunityfridge @htandstschurch.org







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KNAPHILL MARKET UPDATE 2020

A renewed sense of optimism has swept across the market, with buyer numbers on the up, as well as more instructions coming to the market. The uncertainty of Brexit appears to be behind us now and so there is much to look forward to. Demand is strong across the board, particularly for three and four bedroom houses close to the schools. The big question out there is 'are prices going to be on the rise'. It is early, however the signs are good, and if demand continues at the same level, inevitably prices will surely improve. If moving is something you are considering in 2020, we would be delighted to carry out a free, no obligation market appraisal of your home. Please contact any of the team on 01483 798969 who will be happy to arrange a free, no obligation market appraisal on your home.

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