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Have you ever thought of giving some of your time to help out the KRA to make your home village even better? We'd love to have you on board and need your continued support to run projects, events and the annual village show.

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Proud of my community

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Each of us has learned so much over the last couple of months. I saw an advert on TV about peoples video diaries looking back on this time and recalling all the things they've enjoyed doing. They don't want to forget the good things that happened during this crisis. We often see when people are faced with adversity that they come together more as a community and we must remember that community spirit. If we take just one thing from this awful time it is the community spirit and the slower pace of life to enjoy moments of time. We are all extremely grateful to all the volunteers that have been working so hard behind the scenes. Sonal Sher's COVID Support Group, the Community Fridge and the numerous volunteers, carers, key workers, shop staff, and I'm sure there are many more. Thank you to all of you.

We are publishing an online edition during this time but plan to print our usual 'full' magazine for distribution to all Knaphill households as soon as we can.

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Wood Lane Rainbows – Louise, Bella & Charlie Lee

Our Community

Girlguiding Volunteers Urgently Needed

Have you thought of volunteering with us? We'd love to have you join our team.

We provide full training, support and a DBS check, Girlguiding provide a programme to follow and you get the chance to make a difference to girls' lives as well as doing something for yourself.

Has lockdown made you think about doing more for your community? We have Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10), Guides (aged 10-14) and Rangers (aged 14-18) who need enthusiastic and committed leaders.

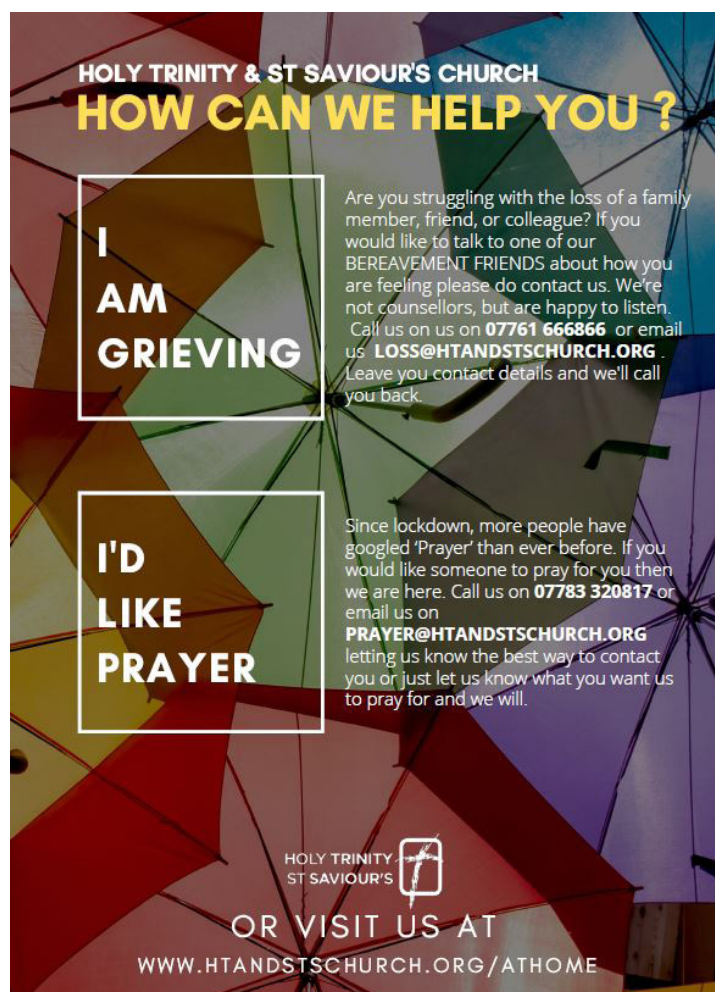
Please enquire by visiting girlguiding.org.uk

www.knaphill.org

The church family of Holy Trinity in Knaphill recognise the key workers who have kept our local areas going these past couple of months, so with prayerful and financial contributions from other Knaphill churches, they have recently delivered a variety of sweet & pampering blessings to 800 key workers in the area, ranging from our postal workers & supermarket staff to care home staff.

In addition, the church recognises that the pandemic has affected our neighbourhood, particularly for those who have suffered personal initiatives in response – Bereavement Friends and Prayer 4 U. If you are grieving the loss of a family, friend or colleague, then do contact the Bereavement Friends; safe space to talk. Likewise, if you are unwell, uncertain, or unfulfilled, and feel you would like someone to pray with you, then one of the Prayer 4 U team would gladly do that for you. Contact details for both initiatives, are below.

Additionally, you may be aware that the Knaphill Community Fridge opened its doors a year ago in the grounds of Holy Trinity Church in Chobham Road and quickly became a well-known place on the local map, providing a place for food that would otherwise go into landfill to be gratefully used by others in the community. When the doors had to close due to the Covid-19 community that had come to value the Fridge as a useful resource to supplement a tight food budget. The Community Fridge Coordinator, Jules Hopkins, set about delivering food parcels to families and individuals within



the neighbourhood, working with Woking Foodbank and other agencies, to identify those in need.

As we look ahead to restrictions being lifted, but the effects still being felt, Jules plans to continue this provision and is looking to extend the partnership with other organisations to further the distribution of fresh food within the community. **Bereavement Friends:** loss@htandstschurch.org / 07761 666866 **Prayer 4 U:** prayer@htandstschurch.org / 07783 320817 **Knaphill Community Fridge:** knaphillcommunityfridge@htandstschurch.org / 01483 473489

Volunteers Group

Knaphill, St. Johns & Brookwood Volunteers' support group was formed on the 13th March 2020. The founder Sonal Sher offered help and support to the local community via Facebook and shared that on the Knaphill Community page just ahead of lockdown. An overwhelming response to the post made her realise that there was a need to facilitate this desire to help and it needed to be done quickly. Over the weekend, she set up a helpline, email address, a separate Facebook group, a database to collect volunteer information, designed the leaflet with some help and got together a group of volunteers on WhatsApp. The initial group of around thirty volunteers had a call on the 19th March and a huge effort to deliver leaflets to everyone in Brookwood, St. Johns and Knaphill was mobilised that weekend.

As leaflets fell on doormats and the calls started to flood in, the organisers worked on updating basic systems that had been set in place; towards the end of two weeks the Duty Team was formed who were crucial in staffing the Helpline.

At the outset, there were a million questions such as how to

maintain social distancing when delivering groceries or collecting prescriptions from busy pharmacies, but everyone was determined to keep up the momentum in spite of any uncertainty. Volunteers had collected over a hundred prescriptions by the first week in April just three weeks after the leaflet drop.

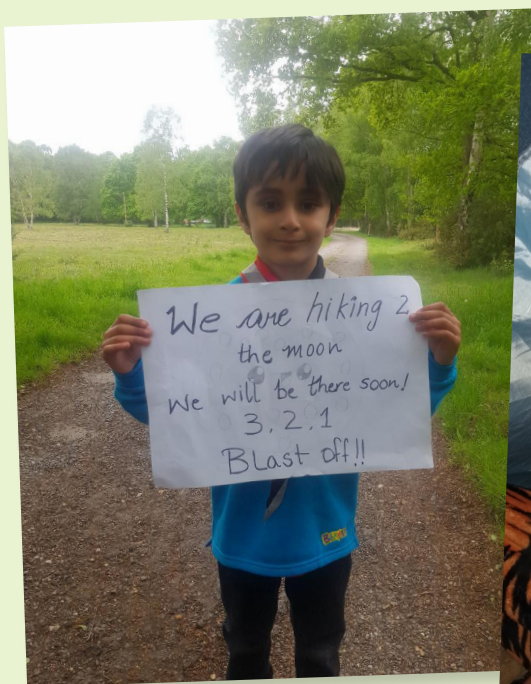
Currently, there are two separate teams in place, one dealing with Food deliveries and Prescriptions and the other team dealing with very essential Care Calls. There is a robust IT support and comms structure in place which ensures that all requests get picked up and actioned by a group of 150+ strong group of volunteers within 24 hours.

The requests for help had started coming in even as the group was being formed and there was no doubt in Sonal's mind that there would always be people to help. Volunteers, many home-schooling, working from home and with busy and hectic lives continue to enthusiastically put up their hands each and every day. New friendships have been formed, new connections made that are sure to last even after we all come through this crisis.

For Help or Enquiries:

01483 380801 wokingvolunteers@gmail.com

Words: Sonal Sher with Dale Roberts.



Scouts

Scouting in Knaphill continues apace despite lockdown. We haven't been able to meet face to face but all age groups are taking part in a wide range of activities on a weekly basis, including making a den and sleeping in it, making mini rafts, bird feeders, cooking and even a beanstalk growing challenge! We couldn't get together to celebrate St. George's Day this year but members all renewed their promises at home as is traditional in Scouting on St. George's Day.

One might think that Scouting favourites such as camping and hiking would be off the programme but these are both still taking place. Members from all sections age 6-14 took part in the Scout's Hike to the Moon Challenge, an initiative from the Scout Association to raise funds for the charities supported by the BBC Big Night In. The event was a huge success. The aim was for members to collectively walk 240,000 miles, the distance to the moon, and to raise £240,000. The total raised was in excess of £328,000 and the distance covered was just short of walking to the moon and back!

In addition Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all took part in the world record attempt by Northumberland Scouts to get more than 60,000 people camping at home on the same evening. On Thursday 30th April 95,342 camped out at home considerably beating the previous record of 60,000! Our Scout Troop enjoyed a 'Moon Camp' at home where they incorporated their hike to the moon into an overnight camp & then did some star gazing looking for the elusive Starlink satellites.

1st Knaphill Group Scout Leader, Tracey Daniell commented: 'we have had good uptake for all the activities we have been offering during lockdown. Beavers are undertaking weekly challenges, Cubs are working on badges and Scouts are meeting weekly via Zoom. We are very conscious that we don't want to overwhelm or add stress at this difficult time & all participation is optional but the feedback we have received is fantastic. Parents are saying that Scouting is providing some relief from the stresses of schooling at home and is much enjoyed. We hope to get back to face to face Scouting as soon as we can but in the meantime these activities are a great alternative'



Beaver Guillaume age 6 said 'I look forward to seeing what our challenges are every Tuesday. I have really enjoyed the cooking challenges and making things. I am looking forward to camping in the garden soon.'



Lockdown Library

Sonal Sher has also organised a small selection of books available just outside Knaphill Post office. Sonal says "I have included a variety of Fiction to suit most. A series of Dirty Bertie books has also been donated by my younger son.

Please feel free to take the ones there and you can also leave more books for others to read.

The books will be available during Post Office opening times, 8 am to 1 pm. Thank you Saj for your help."

Financial Briefing

The local Business Community (in conjunction with Knaphill Residents Association) have organised two online Business briefings in these challenging times.

Open to all small businesses in Woking covering;

- Latest on the new self-employment grants
- Update on grants available from Woking Council
- Review of other government initiatives for small businesses
- Q & A session including furlough scheme

Run by:-

- **REBECCA WARD** – coordinator of the Knaphill Facebook Business community
- **JOHN BUTLER** – Treasurer of Woking Citizens Advice and a local Chartered Accountant
- **Councillor SAJ HUSSAIN**

The live broadcast can be found on Butlers Chartered Accountants Facebook page, [click here](#).



Q&A with our Chairman

A FEW QUESTIONS FOR JOHN BUTLER OUR KRA CHAIRMAN

When did you join the Knaphill Residents Association (KRA)?

This was in the late 1990's when the late Arthur Raynes was Chairman and Rick Sharp a former Councillor was Secretary. I joined as Treasurer to help them out at a time the KRA was struggling for volunteers.

Sadly, Arthur passed away several years ago. He formed the KRA with hundreds of members who contributed to its 'small' running costs. He was extremely passionate about helping the Knaphill community and was well regarded in the local community. It was nice for Raynes Close near Brookwood Farm Estate to be named after him.

What does the KRA do?

We help residents, businesses and community groups share ideas and work together. We also raise awareness of, and campaign on, key local issues working with residents and our local councillors. We are non-profit making and rely on small subscriptions from our members.

We publish and distribute quarterly newsletters to 5000 households in Knaphill, run the Knaphill Facebook Community and Business pages and the KRA website. Our biggest event is organising the annual Knaphill Show at Mizens Railway. All run with a dedicated team of volunteers many of whom have been on the Committee for several years.

What has been the most enjoyable moment with the KRA?

Organising the 10th Knaphill Show last year. The first show was an idea from Martin Dunham our former Chairman. Being the first one it was a venture to the unknown but was incredibly successful. So much so that the KRA and its volunteers have kept the show going each year with last year's show being one of the most successful with around 2000 attending at Mizens Railway helped by great weather.

With Covid-19 sadly this year's July show has been cancelled but we look forward to organising our next show on Saturday 17th July 2021 at Mizens.

How have you spent your time during the lockdown?

Having my own local Chartered Accountant practice has enabled me to help others in claiming government support. Many small businesses and residents have attended our popular KRA business briefings and we are always on hand in providing support through the Knaphill Facebook Business and Community pages run by Rebecca Ward our coordinator.

It was also an opportunity to explore local walks. I have to admit to just discovering Sheets Heath Common during the lockdown with its wonderful small pond and woodland beautifully preserved.

Where were you born?

I was born in Ripon, North Yorkshire an immensely popular small city with its Cathedral on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. Like many in the early 1980's I moved south for job opportunities ending up at Goldsworth Park as one of its early residents.

What is your favourite holiday destination?

With my Malaysian family connections, I am fortunate to spend time in Kuala Lumpur for part of the winter. However one of my favourite destination is Freetown in Sierra Leone where I worked for a couple of years in the early 1980's There is a well known spot on the coast called 'Number 2 River' down the coast from Freetown where a mountain river meets the sea to create a perfect setting by a beach in natural unspoilt surroundings. One of the world's best kept secrets.

Citizens Advice Woking

Citizens Advice Woking continues to provide free, confidential and independent, general advice during the Covid-19 restrictions. We are currently closed to the public for face to face advice at our offices in Woking and have changed our service to an email or phone service only.

- Please email your query to bureau@wokingcab.org (giving us your phone number)
- Please ring our Adviceline on 0300 330 1198 or 03444 111 444 (Calls charged at local rate)

One of our advisers will contact you as soon as possible.

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