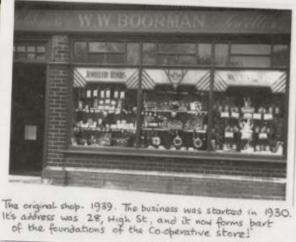
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Boorman's Jewellers and Quality Gifts Celebrating 90 years in Knaphill

Who in Knaphill and for many miles around doesn't know the name of Boormans?! However, not everybody will be familiar with the history of the shop. The original business was established by Walter Withers Boorman in 1930 as W.W.Boorman Watchmakers and Jewellers at 28 High Street Knaphill, which is where the Co-op now stands.

The business flourished through the 30s and 40s and Walter's son, Bob, joined him in 1959 having trained as a horologist at the National College of Horology in London. Their successful partnership continued until Walter died in 1980 aged 84, still working full time until his passing.

The business W.W.Boorman & Son. continued to grow through the 60s and 70s, taking on two student trainees, one of whom, Ron Smith, stayed for a number of years, eventually leaving to take over Weekes Jewellers in the middle of Woking. At its peak there were seven people working

full-time in the business in Knaphill. In 1985, Ron Smith returned to take over the business when Bob Boorman wanted to retire, and ran the business for the next 19 years.

After moving premises a couple of times within Knaphill, the business moved to 3 Broadway (previously Fagence News Agents) where it remains today. Mary Fagence still owns the property and still lives in the Village.

Walter Boorman established a reputation for good value and excellent service, and this ethos remains at the heart of the business with the current owners Richard, Jayne and Amanda Fairless who bought it in June 2004. The current team is completed by a professionally qualified gemologist, Alison Blomfield and an experienced retail jewellery supervisor, Susan Richardson.

Boormans Jewellers still carries out the same high standard repairs and servicing to jewellery, clocks and watches established by Walter Boorman all those years ago, together with sales of jewellery, quality gifts, watches and clocks. Richard, Jayne and Amanda are proud to be part of this amazing 90 year history.

In this current challenging time, Boormans will be setting out some exciting gift ideas for Christmas somewhat earlier this year including many special offers in recognition of the past 90 years in Knaphill. All are welcome to come and experience a traditional independent Jeweller who still upholds the values and service Walter Boorman established nine decades ago.



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When we started planning this edition, there was a glimmer of hope in the run up to Christmas that we could share good news about businesses and groups open again, but then the November lockdown arrived. We're very much hoping December will see our local businesses being able to trade again fully and for our community to be able to take part in festivities.

A lot of thought has gone into activities that can take place and how best to make them safe. You'll see the Knaphill Window Wonderland idea by Sarah Wilson, a drive-in Carol Service from Holy Trinity & St Saviour's Church. Our local councillors are providing a Zoom call for Q&A sessions.



Restrictions make it difficult but we must try to use local businesses where we can to help our village survive. It is so lovely to see celebrations from Boormans Jewellers serving Knaphill for 90 years. Similarly, RSM Domestic appliances have been with us 52 years and have stayed open through both lockdowns, providing a click & collect service, engineers to carry out repairs and unlike many companies RSM will deliver, install and take away your old appliances.

Our Chairman, John Butler, has many special thank yous to people who've made this edition possible. I'd also like to give a shout out to Lansbury Business Estate, Knaphill Print, TBB Design, AC Logic, Squires, RSM, and local volunteers & residents who've helped along the way.

Relecca Ward **EDITOR**



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Chairman's Report to deliver this Magazine to 5,000 pts since our last Edition came Christmas 2020



We are pleased to deliver this Magazine to 5,000 Knaphill Residents since our last Edition came out just before lockdown. Our thanks go to our Advertisers, the local Churches and all the volunteers and distributors who make it possible. With a special thank you to Lansbury Business

Estate, Lower Guildford Road, for sponsoring this edition. It is especially important to the Knaphill Residents' Association to deliver a paper copy to all residents, especially those who are unable to keep in touch via social media.

When I last wrote in February, we were looking forward to summer, including the Knaphill Show that we organise. Sadly, like everything else, Covid-19 changed our plans. We have though continued with Zoom conference calls with the KRA Committee and Councillors to keep in touch. Our social media Facebook page goes from strength to strength communicating local news and events.

We are especially indebted to a Knaphill resident, Sarah Wilson, for organising a Christmas competition to brighten up our village, details of which you will find in the magazine. The KRA will also be brightening up the village centre with lights, sponsored by Knaphill Councillors and supplied by RSM, along the High Street, and a Christmas tree kindly sponsored again this year by Ken Childs of AC Logic and sourced by Squires.

Although as I write we do not know exactly what restrictions we may be faced with, I nevertheless hope you are able to enjoy Christmas safely with your families.

Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

John Butler

KNAPHILL COUNCILLORS SAJ SAYS 'THANK YOU'



In the last 35years I have enjoyed serving our Community as the Local Sub Postmaster and latterly also privileged to be the Representative for Knaphill on the Woking Borough and Surrey Councils

During these last gruelling months it heartened me and my fellow Knaphill councillors to see the way so many in our Community have risen to the enormous challenges of Covid 19.

We give a big thank you to all our key workers, be it all those in the NHS,

Carers, Police, Fire, Rescue, Teachers and many other occupations that have pulled together enabling us to feel safer in these times.

Woking Borough and Surrey County Council has provided an infrastructure to help local services to continue. One of many being Community Meals that deliver to the vulnerable and elderly, showing they are not alone! Also those local groups being supported by the

Councils to help at grass roots level where it is most needed. A big thank you to all these people, including John Butler with Rebecca Ward from KRA and Annie Wheeler who runs The Knaphillian have provided a much needed communication channel for the local Residents. There has also been Sonal Sher and all the local volunteers working with her. There were also the many helping their neighbours to collect shopping, medication or just telephoning to make sure that they understood that people really do care and they are not alone! To all the houses of Faith that showed we are one in a crisis.

I am so so sorry there is not enough space to mention everyone by name!

If there is anything I, Melanie or Debbie can assist you with regarding any Council matters please do not hesitate to contact me as follows – email; cllrsaj.hussain@woking.gov.org, telephone 07960 214261 or of course at Knaphill Post Office

Please follow the Government Guidance to stay safe and well especially in these times $\,$

We wish you a Merry Christmas a Healthy and Happy New Year.
Saj, Melanie and Debbie

Knaphill Councillor's Surgery

Our 3 Knaphill Councillors have arranged a Zoom call to take questions from residents on any local matters or issues you would like to bring to their attention.

It will be on Thursday 7th January from 7.30pm

To join the call here is the Zoom link

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83081710398

Chairing the call will be John Butler (Knaphill Residents' Association) with Councillors Saj Hussain,

Debbie Harlow and Melanie Whitehand.

Our Community

The Vyne

The Vyne is subject to current Covid restrictions, so if you would like to visit, please check beforehand on tel: 01483 743558.

If restrictions allow, the Vyne café will be open 9.30am-1.30pm Monday to Friday. However, numbers will be restricted and face coverings must be worn around the building.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be on offer, as well as hot paninis on some days.

Chiropody appointments should remain open throughout.

John Butler reflects on his first six months as Trustee and Treasurer for



Woking

Woking Citizens Advice and the challenges faced during lockdown

Citizens Advice Woking (CAW) is delivered by a group of 80 volunteers and 13 paid staff, and during a normal week typically helps more than 175 people. There is a Trustee Board to oversee the operation that meets once every month or two.

I joined CAW in March 2020 as Trustee and Treasurer offering my financial expertise for the benefit of the organisation. This involves producing the monthly management accounts, budgets and forecasts and the yearly statutory accounts. Above all it allows me to use my experience in providing advice and best accounting practice in delivering its services.

Within a week or two of starting, we were all in lockdown, so all meetings and consultations had to be done via Zoom. Little did we know that this would continue for so long. Despite not being able to meet the Trustees and Volunteers in person, the first six months have been interesting and rewarding. Being able to offer experience for the benefit of such a worthwhile cause has been very satisfying

The main challenge for CAW since lockdown is no longer being able to offer a face-to-face service. There was no option but to close the doors and stop seeing people physically, but we needed to work out how people could be helped, as it was evident this would still very much be needed.

CAW provides free, confidential and impartial advice to anyone who needs it on any subject. With the rapidly changing situation, particularly for those at risk of losing their jobs and finding out what financial assistance was available, both staff and volunteers decided that the only way was to start working from home.

They quickly made the successful transition to delivering a remote service, many using their own equipment, and were able to continue to give advice to people over the telephone and by email. Listening to Zoom team meetings, I quickly realised how effective and dedicated the volunteers and staff are. They have continued to deliver an excellent service for the benefit of the local Community.

and dedicated the volunteers and staff are. They have continued to deliver an excellent service for the benefit of the local Community, despite the challenges of Covid-19. Working as part of a large team to help those who have needed help has been very rewarding, to say the least.

There are paid staff and volunteers working five days a week between 10am and 4pm, so if you need to contact Citizens Advice Woking for advice, please –

- · Complete the form on our website at www.wokingcab.org; or
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Knaphill Methodist Church NEWS

Whitechapel:

From our Harvest Service, we collected monetary donations for the Whitechapel Mission. At least £518.50 will be going from Knaphill Methodist Church this Autumn (and it is possible other donations have been made directly of which I am not aware). Many thanks to all who have supported the Mission. I have expressed our admiration for the courage and dedication of the director and all his assistants.

Christian Aid:

Thank you to everyone who supported my litter-pick appeal. My final total for Christian Aid was £1,620 and, of course, I am hugely thankful to everyone, friends and family, who supported me.

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I collected at least 20 bags of rubbish in my 20 hours or more of collecting. I would like to be able to say that I hope the area (Knaphill, Brookwood and St Johns/Hook Heath) is a bit cleaner and tidier as a result of my efforts, but the rate at which people throw litter down is so high that any benefit is soon undone. The council refuse collectors are unsung heroes. Without their sterling work, sustained throughout lockdown and the ongoing crisis, we would be drowning in rubbish.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me to achieve such a fantastic result.

Lynda Shore

In memory of Pauline Marshall

It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the death of Pauline Marshall. Pauline had lived in Knaphill for many decades and was a founding member of the Knaphill Residents' Association back in the 2000s. Her knowledge of the village and the changes it went through over that time was unsurpassed and of huge assistance to many. We will miss her enthusiasm for ensuring Knaphill did not lose its uniqueness. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.



Woking Beat:

Knaphill Residents Magazine November 2020

Crime Prevention is critically important in tackling the long term issues and trends of crime and anti-social behaviour. In 1829, Sir Robert Peel created 9 principles which shaped policing and still do today. One of which cited that policing should be to prevent crime and disorder.

Woking has seen a reduction in crime (financial year until July 2020), including an overall 13.6% reduction in total crime which is really pleasing and shows that Woking is a safe place to live, work and visit. However we are always working hard to reduce crime and the impact that this can have on our communities.

Below are some of the ways in which communities can help us further reduce crime and ensure that criminals know that there is no place for this activity in Woking.



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Burglary:

As the nights get longer and the winter months are upon us we do see the amount of burglaries increase. We are working hard to prevent these from happening but there are some fantastic prevention tips you can undertake to secure your own home and outbuildings.

Looking out for our neighbours is also a great way to prevent burglaries. Please ensure that your outbuildings are secure as these could be likely targets, given more people are at home due to the pandemic.

Please don't forget:

- Have you activated your CCTV / set your
- Ensure quality locks on your outbuilding, shed or garage.
- · Do you have motion detecting lights?

For further crime prevention advice from Surrey Police – go to:

https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crimeprevention/residential-burglary/ https://www.surrey.police.uk/cp/crimeprevention/non-residential-burglary/





Knife Crime / Serious violence:

During November 2020 you will see an increase in activity and messaging on knife crime in Woking. It is one of our key priorities to reduce knife crime and the fear of crime itself, which often drives people to carry knives and weapons. We want Woking to be #knifefree but we need the community's help.

The community can play a key role in preventing these incidents happening. Woking Police, our partners and most importantly, the community can tackle this together.

How to prevent these crimes:

- Talk to your family and friends about knife crime and its consequences
- If you know someone who is carrying a weapon, then let us know. You can do this in a variety of ways even anonymously through Fearless (https://www.fearless.org/)
- Have a look at the websites below there is a great App to download for young people from the Ben Kinsella trust, search Knife Wise.
- If you would like to be involved in how we can do this together in partnership, contact us directly via our social media channels.

The consequences of knife crime and serious violence are devastating.

For more information, please visit the below https://www.knifefree.co.uk/ https://benkinsella.org.uk/

Bike Thefts:

We continue to see bicycles being stolen in Woking, not only from bicycle racks across Woking but also in outbuildings and garages. Their value has increased during the pandemic. We are tackling this across Woking with a problem solving approach and you may have seen some of our prevention posters in certain areas.

There are a number of ways to prevent offenders stealing your bike but the main tip we would suggest is investing in a good quality lock. A good quality lock will deter offenders even approaching your bike to try and take it.

Tips to prevent this crime:

- Ensure you have a quality lock for your bike, like a D LOCK style for example.
- Register your bike we are continuing to hold free bike register events in Woking. Come along and ensure your bike is marked and registered.
- Park & lock your bike in well-lit areas, near CCTV cameras or prevention signs.

For more tips go to: https://www.surrey. police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/theft-of-abicycle/how-safe-is-your-bike/

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For more information about what Woking Police are working on to prevent crime please follow us on social media @ WokingBeat on Facebook & Twitter.



Arts & Entertainment

Knaphill & St. John's Operatic Group - KASJOG

Usually at this time of year, KASJOG would be well into rehearsals for their show in the following Spring. However, as we deal with the fallout from the Coronavirus Pandemic, sadly this is not the case this year.

Following an amazing success with Gilbert & Sullivan's "Patience" in March 2020, KASJOG took the difficult decision to postpone their plans to stage G&S's "Pirates of Penzance" from March 2021 to March 2022. Although this seems a long time in the future, rehearsals will start in September 2021, which is under a year from the time you read this. KASJOG would have had to make financial commitments to book the Rhoda McGaw Theatre, halls for rehearsal, scenery, costumes, and musicians, all of which would have been cancelled if theatres are not open again by March 2021. Even if theatres were open, could good audiences be guaranteed? Would a lead performer have to self-isolate at the last minute? KASJOG felt that this scenario was all too risky for an amateur group to take on, which is why they chose to postpone "Pirates" to March 2022.

The group were quite lucky to get their production of "Patience" completed before the first COVID lockdown. The performance concluded on Saturday 7th March 2020, and even though the lockdown didn't start until 23rd March, many of the Coronavirus

procedures such as sanitising, washing hands more frequently and remembering to shield a cough were very much in practice whilst the performers staged the show.

Despite COVID fears, the show had good audiences even with "Patience" being one of the less popular G&S operettas. The NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) review commented: "... this wonderful production bounded along – good pace and timing; good attention to detail; great characterisation; good use of the stage; a very good principal line-up, which was very well balanced – altogether a fine thing."

The sets were simple and effective, and the large cast all performed remarkably well, and we must not forget "the small army of people involved in running the group. Well done the stage crew – everything flowed well, with none of the awkward pauses I associate with shows in the Rhoda McGaw theatre." (Woking Music review).

KASJOG are planning a concert of some kind in Summer 2021 – look out for details on their web- site **www.kasjog.org.uk**, and will be back in force for "Pirates of Penzance" at the Rhoda McGaw Theatre in March 2022. Tickets will be on sale from late in 2021.... Look out for more details soon!

In the meantime, enjoy some of the pictures from "Patience".











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Horsell Amateur Dramatic Society (HADS)

The cast of The Actor's Nightmare, top row, from left, Peter Heath, Anne Leggett and Anna Loveday. Bottom row, from left, Olly Clifford, Tom Calder and Ginny Harrington.

A WOKING theatre group is putting on a play that has been filmed on Zoom and will be live-streamed

The Actor's Nightmare, by the Horsell Amateur Dramatic Society (HADS), is a short black comedy revolving around an accountant called George who finds himself appearing in a series of plays for which he is unprepared.

He stumbles from scene to scene desperately trying to work out who he is, where he is and what he needs to do. He is helped and hindered by a cast of seemingly unhinged actors, who take the absurd plot's twists and speeches to even more surreal heights.

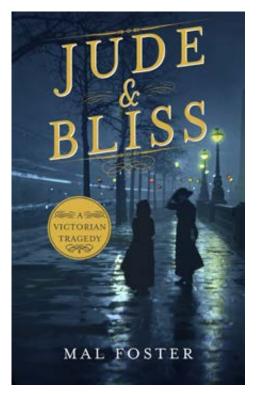
A plan to film a stage version had to be dropped, so the cast are appearing on Zoom

from their homes in a production that will be pulled together, with sound and other effects added by Tony Charters, a former News & Mail photographer and HADS Committee member, who now lives in Dorset.

Kay said that the restrictions of coronavirus have allowed HADS to expand what it can do and reach people from outside Woking or who couldn't get to Horsell Village Hall where the group rehearses.

The Actor's Nightmare will be screened on YouTube on 15 January 2021 at 8pm. For more information and to book tickets, please visit https://www.horsellads.com/?page_id=2016





Local Author Mal Foster

Based in Knaphill since 1993, although his ties with the village go back much further, author Mal Foster has just completed his fourth book 'Jude & Bliss' which is scheduled for publication at the end of November. Readers may remember his debut novel 'The Asylum Soul' set in Brookwood Hospital which has gone on to receive many accolades including scores of five-star ratings and reviews on Amazon, Goodreads and elsewhere. It has also been a big hit with local readers on social media, and Mal hopes his new historical novel will do the same. Mal has also published two other successful novels between 'The Asylum Soul" and 'Jude & Bliss', namely 'Fly Back and Purify' and 'An Invisible Nemesis'.

In a recent interview on Radio Woking's Breakfast with Lara Show, Mal shared his hopes for the new book; with his feet firmly on the ground, he has no illusions. "If I were in this for the money, I would be extremely disappointed. However, if just a few people read and enjoy my work, then the whole journey through to publication has been worth it," he said.

"Jude & Bliss" is set towards the end of the Victorian era and tells the heart-breaking story of a young girl who lives in Knaphill. In 1896, Jude Rogers, a wide-eyed vulnerable sixteen-year old, accepts a position as a domestic servant at a large terraced house in Half Moon Street, near London's Piccadilly. Following a brief settling-in period, she quickly realises that everything is not quite as it seems. As time moves ruthlessly forward, Jude finds herself in the most impossible of situations and finally succombs to the pure evil dealt out by her employer.

Mal's books can be found for sale worldwide on Amazon and from many other outlets across the internet. You can also find out more about his work from his website at www.malfoster.co.uk.

Another Woking author, Jacquelynn Luben's latest book. 'Lost Innocents'

'Lost Innocents' is Inspired by a true-life newspaper article concerning the discovery of a man's body on a doorstep. In the book, the narrative is told by a local journalist, Nick Delmar, whose first big story this is, which becomes even bigger news when a young boy living nearby goes missing. Nick finds himself getting too close to the characters involved in these events, which leads to his career and even his life being put at risk.

The setting for Jackie's latest book is loosely based around Knaphill. Jackie has lived in the area for many years, and her first book Tainted Tree was based in Guildford, inspired by her experience tracing her own family tree. 'Lost Innocents' is available from Waterstones and Amazon.



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Channel 4's Sunday Brunch Bread Expert Jack Sturgess, AKA Bake with Jack, is a professional Chef turned bread maker, demonstrator, and educator.

Jack demystifies the bread making process while using his experience as a chef to create something delicious to go with it. He regularly appears making bread on food festival stages including Eat Food Fest, the Surrey County Show, Fantastic British Food Festivals, Always

the Sun, Woking Food Festival, Fleet Food Festival, Countryfile Live and Foodies London, and his entertaining demonstrations earned him the title of Surrey's Food Hero at the Sandown Park Food Festival presented by Nadiya Hussain.

The Bake with Jack YouTube channel continues to grow with a weekly bread making tip video designed to really give viewers an understanding of the bread making process in Jack's "no nonsense" way. Encouraging viewers to use their imagination, taking the dough into their own hands by discussing the points and tips that are never mentioned in a recipe alone.

Jack has featured on **BBC Radio Surrey** and Sussex sharing his thoughts on the week's episode of the Great British Bake Off, written recipe features for the **Daily Express' S Mag** and been a regular recipe contributor to **The Guide 2 Surrey** magazine. He has been featured for his bread making expertise in **Time & Leisure** magazine and **Surrey Life**.

Bread making courses have always been at the heart of Bake with Jack and they continue to prove increasingly popular to the public as well as masterclasses and training for companies such as **Miele**.

The Bake with Jack Blog brings practical tips via bread making articles and recipes, as well as a back door look into Jack's 16-year career as a professional chef to thousands of readers every month, while his growing social media presence gives his community the opportunity to share their successes and ask questions.

A proud ambassador of the Real Bread Campaign and judge of the Tiptree World Bread Awards, Jack says "anybody can make amazing bread at home, I believe it. Once they get it, they get it and there's no going back to the modern equivalent, if not for the quality of the loaf but for the pride that comes from cracking it!"





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We provide Judo and Fitness classes for children, teenagers and adults. You might be an adult looking for a challenge or a parent who wants a new focus for their child. Fighting Fitness Judo has the class for you. Judo combines physical



activity, self-defence skills and discipline; delivered through our unique classes tailored to each stage of development, from 3 years to 90 years! You are in safe hands at Fighting Fitness Judo; we will make you stronger, more confident, healthier and happier.

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5 things you may not know about Fighting Fitness Judo:

- 1. FF Judo teaches children from complete beginners all the way through to National Champions.
- 2. FF Judo create further opportunities to take part in Judo by offering Club Classes, Holiday Camps, Squad Classes, British Judo Approved Gradings and Competitions (club, national and international).
- 3. Head Coach Vince Skillcorn is one of three coaches who have attained the BJA level 5 coaching award and MSc in Advanced Sports Coaching Practice.



- 4. Samantha Skillcorn (nee Lowe) was Commonwealth Games Champion in 2002, European u20 & u23 Bronze medallist.
- 5. We have a Facebook page which we regularly update with the latest information and YouTube Channel where head coach Vince regularly post Judo videos. You can like and subscribe both via their links.

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LESTA

LESTA is an award winning Dance and Theatre School that offers classes for all ages to enjoy. Our empowering classes in Bisley bring the magic of dance to you whether you are just toddling or enjoying years of training.

We offer a specialist, safe environment which nurtures local talent and provides opportunities for everyone to come and have a go. So why not check out our timetable of classes. We can't wait to welcome you to our family.

The aim of the school is to provide high quality tuition in performing arts in a caring family atmosphere in which all students are encouraged to develop individual talents to achieve high standards in their chosen genre.

For most children performing arts is a hobby and will build their confidence, keep them fit and most importantly allow them to have fun! We pride ourselves in maintaining discipline

but keeping the emphasis on a fun class.

The school regularly achieves high exam results in the Ballet, Modern & Tap genre's and performs in local fetes, shows and festivals, where we have qualified through to the All England Dance Festival Regional Finals.

Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts has its studio now based at Lansbury Estate, Woking.

Following the ISTD syllabus, the school offers tuition in Ballet, Modern, Tap, Jazz, Musical Theatre (Drama & Singing), Contemporary and Acro for pupils aged 2½ to 18.

https://lesta.org.uk/

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https://lesta.org.uk/who-we-are/

Established in 2005, the Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts is based in Bisley and offers a friendly, family oriented environment for children aged 2½ to 18 years to learn dance and musical theatre skills. The school offers lessons in ballet, modern, tap, limbering, street jazz, Boys classes, singing and drama.

Pupils are encouraged to take the nationally recognised ISTD exams in all dance disciplines. All teachers are fully qualified and many of them have performed professionally which allows them to transfer their experiences and knowledge.

The school regularly enters local dance festivals and is the resident performing group for two local summer fairs. It also holds a biannual variety dance show in a local theatre where the pupils are able to show case their talents. This show is preceded by a choreographic competition where the pupils are encouraged to develop their own dances from which the winning entries are included



in the main variety show. The school also produce regular theatrical plays and popular musical theatre shows at the Village Hall and local Theatres.

The school is located at the Bisley Village Hall and has exclusive use of this friendly facility during lesson times.

https://lesta.org.uk/what-we-do/

We spend most of our lives in the studio; it is our home away from home and we welcome you to make it your home too. We know that learning to dance, while fun and rewarding, can also be intimidating and challenging. We want that intimidation to be lost the moment you walk through our doors and the challenge to be an exciting, creative, and safe one.

Dance is our passion and we want to share its benefits. We aim to teach our students to express themselves and their individuality through the movement of dance and build confidence.

Leanne Edwards School of Theatre Arts takes great pride in offering high quality tuition to pupils from age $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 18.

Mix Pixie

Do you remember how brilliant it felt to receive a mix tape from a friend or admirer? Well, **www.MixPixie.com** is the No. 1 personalised music gifts retailer in the UK, ranging from professionally diamond-cut vinyl records, personalised CDs, 3D printed sound waves of your favourite song, personalised Spotify playlist products and so much more. Choose one of our personalised products, add your own text, upload a photo and even add music from our catalogue of over 35 million songs (where applicable) to create your own, truly bespoke gift.

To celebrate MixPixie moving onto the Lansbury Estate, all locals are eligible to 10% off all orders. Simply go to **www.mixpixie.com** to place your order and enter the discount code: PIXIE10 at the checkout.

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Music is magic.

We all have that special song, maybe we share it with a special person, that can transport us to a point in time or evoke a vivid memory. At MixPixie, we turn those moments into gifts

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personalised CDs, vinyl clocks, keyrings and best-selling sound wave prints.

All our products are individually made by the Pixies at our studios in Richmond and we have for instance over 1,000 CD designs for personalisation and with over 32 million tracks to choose from, across a huge range of different products, so you won't be disappointed.

Fans of vintage design will love the way we approach creating new products, with our

latest range using recycled vinyl records to make personalised clocks.

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NEW Knaphill Eateries!

A good number of our readers will certainly have seen, and possibly visited Bar Trillo's at 42 High Street (T: 01483 475 660) which opened a couple of months ago, but for those of you who maybe don't otherwise pass that way, it's worth a little detour.

Bar Trillo's is owned and run by Toni Petrillo and Tainya Wainwright. Toni has always lived in the Woking area; he was involved with Deli Class in Woking and Horsell, and was a friend of Nino and Jo from Bella Amalfi. After they both sadly passed away last year, Toni decided to take on the lease, separating the premises into a bar/deli and restaurant. Hence he is now running Trillo's Bar (the adjoining restaurant, La Zingara, being under separate management).

Trillo's offers authentic Italian coffees as well as teas and soft and alcoholic drinks; treats available from the deli include Italian salamis. cheeses, meatballs, olives, biscuits, etc., as well as paninis and sandwiches and a selection of typical Italian grocery goods. Pizza and pasta dishes are also available to take away.

Trillo's Bar is open all day 7 days a week, so why not pop in and say hello to Toni over a coffee and let yourself be tempted by some of the specialities on offer!

La Zingara at 44 High Street, Knaphill is an Italian ristorante with a difference! Having been in the restaurant industry all his life, Rosario and family now look forward to inviting lucky Knaphillians to enjoy their authentic Italian cuisine in a totally revamped and welcoming décor. As well as a selection of dishes for all tastes, including chicken and traditional Italian veal, fish and seafood, La Zingara's menu offers a selection of exquisitely tender steaks with mouthwatering sauces, not forgetting tempting favourite pizzas and pasta dishes. Have a closer look at their full menu with-a- twist on their website, including a traditional Sunday roast, as well as a take-away service for pizzas – even a DIY pizza kit! - and a selection of other dishes.

La Zingara is open Monday to Saturday 5.30pm to 10.30pm and 12pm to 4pm on Sundays, T: 01483 958046.



PRESS RELEASE

WOKING LIONS' PROJECT WENCESLAS GENERATES

FUNDS FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

Once again Woking Lions, in conjunction with Citizens Advice offices, are renewing their winter appeal.

DO YOU NEED YOUR GOVERNMENT WINTER FUEL ALLOWANCE FOR 2020?

IF NOT WE CAN USE IT TO HELP THOSE IN FUEL POVERTY.

This year in particular many local people will not qualify to get help and struggle to keep warm and meet fuel bills. Woking Lions Club is therefore promoting the project as part of its service to the Woking and district communities. We hope you will support Project Wenceslas, all donations being managed by Citizens Advice Woking or Citizens Advice Runnymede.

If you do not need this money, a donation of your Winter Fuel Payment or perhaps some of it would be much appreciated. Please submit on-line at virginmoneygiving.com/ fund/Wenceslas2020.

Alternatively cheques made payable to Woking Lions Club Cio can be posted or hand delivered to Citizens Advice Woking, Provincial House, 26 Commercial Way, Woking GU21 6EN. Please write "Project Wenceslas" on the reverse side. Gift Aid would add a further 25%, if you are eligible and need a form, please ask.

The photograph below shows cheques from collections earlier this year presented to Manager Lorraine Buchanan of Citizens' Advice Woking by President Paul Robinson. Our sincere thanks to all who donated to our winter fund last winter, as well as to those who we hope will be able to help us again.





Property

LOCAL MARKET UPDATE from Seymours

It has been quite a year, not only for the local market but also further afield with some quite major influences which have created a huge impact with the number of both buyers and sellers coming to the market in large numbers. This seemed almost inconceivable post-lockdown with many predicting significant price drops. This upturn, although surprising, was partly due to the pent-up demand created by Brexit in previous years but additionally by the announcement of a stamp duty holiday in the summer. As the saying goes, 'never look a gift horse in the mouth' and many most certainly did not. It has been perhaps the busiest I have ever seen it in 32 years of being an estate agent. The result has seen a surge in new houses coming to the market as well as perhaps three times as many buyers enquiring through the various portals we use. Prices have remained strong with the return of multiple bids on some properties. The question as we move into the winter months is, will it continue? With the current Covid-19 environment so unpredictable, it is hard to say. My own opinion is that the stamp duty holiday will play the biggest role in demand in the short term, and there is still time to benefit. Buyers are still there in numbers, and if you are contemplating a move it is important to get good local advice. As the area's leading local estate agent, Seymours are best placed to help you. For a free no obligation valuation please call us on 01483 798969, and one of our team will be happy to help.

■ Latest on Planning Applications in Knaphill

PLANNING APPLICATION 1-3 HIGH STREET

Woking Council Plan ref - PLAN/2020/086

This application calls for the demolition of the current building to be replaced by a four storey building including accommodation in the roof space. The new building would have 9 x self contained flats,3 of which are two bedroom, plus two commercial units on the ground floor. There will be parking for 10 vehicles.

Please refer to the Woking Council planning website for more information and to comment on the application

FORMER AMBULANCE STATION, BAGSHOT ROAD

Woking Council Plan ref - PLAN/2020/0313

Erection of 7x two storey dwellings (Use Class C3) with accommodation in the roof space and associated parking, landscaping, bin and cycle storage and modified vehicular access following demolition of existing vacant Ambulance Station buildings

A decision is awaited

THE MEADOWS BAGSHOT ROAD

Woking Council Plan ref - PLAN/2020/0492

Erection of a building of up to four storeys comprising 54x one and two bedroom extra care apartments (Use Class C2) with ancillary and communal facilities and provision of landscaping, bin and cycle storage, parking, highway works, access and associated works following demolition of existing buildings

Pending Consideration

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Saving Christmas?

At the time of writing, the Prime Minister is still hoping to 'save Christmas' with his 'moonshot' of mass testing for COVID-19 with fast results.

Many families are wondering too how they can 'save Christmas' by being together, despite the restrictions. Maybe you too saw the meme on Facebook where someone tries to thwart the 'Rule of Six' by saying, 'I know what we'll do: we'll kill a turkey and invite thirty to the funeral.'

And like many such people, I would be deeply upset if I were separated from my wife or children at Christmas.

Plenty of others are also talking about where to find hope at this time. So we invest a lot of hope in the search for a vaccine.

And I too long for the scientists to find an effective vaccine. I do not believe science and

religion are opposed: I leave such talk for fundamentalists like Richard Dawkins.

As I reflect on these deep yearnings in our world, I notice how people are drawing on religious terminology, such as being saved, or hope.

So—do we need to save Christmas? Or does Christmas save us? It's there in the name Jesus. Joseph, who was to marry Mary and raise her baby as if his own, was told to name the child Jesus because he would save (that word again) his people from their sins. For the name Jesus means 'God saves.'

Sure enough when Jesus began his public work, then as people were forgiven, as wrongdoers made restitution for exploiting people, as those whose illnesses had isolated them from society were healed, so little colonies of saved people grew up.

Likewise today, Jesus who saves us from our sins calls us to healed relationships as well as healed bodies. He calls us both to pray and to work for these things. They transform society. Jesus came to call us precisely to such an adventure.

But what about hope? Surely a lesson of the pandemic is that the things our culture encourages us to hope in have shaky foundations. Who can realistically put their hope in health, wealth, and comfort when this virus undermines all of these things?

The Bible contains the story of a man called Job who loses his health, wealth, and many family members in a series of disasters. He expresses his grief in raw ways. He won't accept the clichés of his friends as any kind of comfort.

But in the midst of his great lament, he says this: 'I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.'

Job's longing came true in the Christmas story. The redeemer stands on the earth. He comes to heal but also to suffer with his people, and suffer for his people. One day he will stand again on the earth and make all things new.

Christmas offers us that hope in God. The redeemer has stood on the earth and offered salvation. Our possessions and property, our well-being and our relationships may be good things, but they are all shown to be inadequate as sources of hope. For that we need Jesus.

So in these dark and difficult days I commend to you the thought that it's not for us to save Christmas, but for Christmas to save us. For here we find solid and lasting hope.

If you'd like to explore that more, please contact one of the village churches. Our websites and phone numbers are on the reverse of this page.

May you find hope in Jesus this Christmas.

May The Glory of God be your Hope this Christmas

The Churches

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St Hugh of Lincoln

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St Hugh of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church

Parish Office: 01483 472404

Holy Trinity and St Saviour's

www.htandstschurch.org Tel: 01483 473489

Knaphill Baptist

www.knaphillbaptist.org.uk



Knaphill Baptist Church

Tel: 01483474083

Knaphill Methodist

www.knaphill-methodist-church.org

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The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.