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Knapton
Village
Website

www.knapton-village.co.uk

Knapton Women's Own Celebrate the New Year!



Having enjoyed a delicious Christmas Lunch at the Beechwood Hotel, North Walsham and our annual Carol Service the following day, Knapton Women's Own followed this with a delightful New Year Party in early January (who says we ladies don't know how to have fun!!).

Our meetings take place on the first Tuesday afternoon of every month, commencing at 2:15 p.m., and new members are always welcome. We have a variety of speakers and events, plus our summer outing.



One of the highlights of our year is our Strawberry Tea, where we raise funds for local charities. This year the Strawberry Tea will take place in Knapton Village Hall on Tuesday 2 July, and everyone in the village is welcome - do bring your friends along too!

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Pigneys Wood

“In The Beginning”



It is now nearly 20 years since the first plantings took place in Pigneys Wood and much more progress has been made in the intervening period.

In October 1993 the North Norfolk Community Woodland Trust took possession of the 58 acre (23.5 hectare) site, purchased from a local landowner, and the planting of trees and shrubs commenced almost immediately the following month, November. It was carried out by scores of individuals drawn from the local community and followed a three year fundraising campaign by a group of people whose vision was to create a - “new community woodland in areas where woodland access is difficult”- for the benefit of the local populace. The site was bought for £85,000 and the funds raised came from a variety of sources which included, amongst many others, North Norfolk District Council, Norfolk County Council, the Countryside Trust, local businesses and private donations.



Since then some 20,000 trees of differing varieties have been planted and many infrastructural projects have been undertaken to facilitate access by the public and to benefit and encourage wildlife. These projects have, in the main, been funded by the National Lottery and carried out by local contractors, managed by trustees and volunteers. They have included the renovation of the ‘Old Barn’ and, recently, the upgrading of ‘easy access’ footpaths, building a new ‘track’ from the car park to the ‘Old Barn’, provision of a new scrape for migratory and wading birds, the installation of a dipping platform, improvements to the car park and picnic areas and restoring the wetland area adjacent to the North Walsham & Dil-

ham Canal. This latter project was completed in 2011/12 and is already proving popular with migratory and wading birds and is proving a very attractive feature of the wood for wildlife and public alike.

In addition we have created three signed walks for those interested in exploring the wood and its diversity, all are easy paced. Some of the trees on these routes have been tagged with a numbered disc which when used in conjunction with our ‘Tree Identification Guide’ will identify its species. These guides can be found in our leaflet dispensers in the wood or downloaded from our website. Dog walking is a very popular pastime and someone can be found exercising their pet at almost any time throughout the day. We frequently host special interest groups who enjoy using our facilities in the pursuit of their hobby.



These include local schools, scout groups, The Norfolk Bat Group, the Norfolk Fungus Study Group, the Norfolk Ramblers Group a Geocaching Group and a Moth Trapping Group (using non-lethal light traps) amongst others. Those interested in any of these activities and wishing to participate should refer to our 'Events Diary' or contact us for details. Those interested in using our facilities for an event of their own please make contact via our website. Schools and groups involving the young, in particular, are encouraged to do so but all groups, commercial and public, are welcome.



The aim of the Trust has been to create a recreational and educational facility for the community whilst, at the same time, preserving, protecting and encouraging the proliferation of wildlife and plants. These two objectives are not always easy to reconcile and at times conflicts can arise. There are very few areas where the public cannot go, indeed they are encouraged to roam at will, but the 'Reserve' is one area where access is restricted and entry is by authorisation only. The 'Reserve' can be found to the West of the 'Old Barn' and the 'Kingfisher Bank' and is secured by a fence and gates. There is a 'viewing point' for use by the public located to the south of the bank which overlooks this area. Dog walkers are also re-

quested to keep their pets on a lead in clearly signposted areas between March 1st and July 31st to avoid disturbing wildlife during the breeding season. These are the only restrictions in force and the public are requested to abide by them in the interests of nature conservation. We are a designated LNR (Local Nature Reserve) and are obliged to protect wildlife in the interests of, and benefit to, the whole community.

Major project work is, for the present, over but the facilities in place require continuous upkeep and for this we depend on volunteers to carry out routine maintenance on a regular basis. We cannot underestimate the value of volunteers and their importance to the continued success of this project and are always pleased to see new helpers. If you would like to join our group, please contact me on 01263 721 304 or go to our website, for further information. We usually work in the wood every alternate Saturday for 2/3 hours starting at 9.30 am. You will find the company enjoyable and entertaining and the work interesting and educational in delightful surroundings. All are welcome, including children, provided they are accompanied by a responsible adult.



We estimate the annual cost of maintaining Pigneys Wood is in the region of £3000 and we are dependent on grants, sponsorship and donations for this amount. If you would like to join our list of donors or sponsors please go to our website for further information on how your money will be spent and how you can make a donation. All contributions are gratefully received. We estimate that if every regular user of the wood donated just £5 per annum to its upkeep this would more than cover the annual cost for maintenance.

*Peter Kaye (Trustee/Director)
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Knapton, February 2013

Parish Council News

Knapton Parish Council: (and their roles)

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Village Hall Representative

Bea Gatfield
01263 722458
Allotments Liaison
Schools Liaison

Millennium Field Meeting

Victory Housing, who will be building affordable housing on the Millennium Field, have agreed to meet with the residents of Knapton.

The purpose of the meeting will be to show outline plans of the proposed housing, to listen to any concerns and to answer questions on the proposed plan.

This meeting will take place on:

Monday 22 April
6:00 p.m.
Knapton Village Hall

All residents will be very welcome

NB Some newer residents may not be familiar with the location of the Millennium Field. It is the area of land bordered by School Close and Knapton Road, and adjacent to the Village Hall car park on Hall Lane.

Knapton Parish Council are pleased to receive emails from residents if relevant to Knapton and the Parish Council

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Planning

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Getting Involved

The Norfolk Coast Partnership has made some exciting changes to its website on how you can be involved in helping to shape the special character of the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Loved by many, the Norfolk Coast AONB is protected nationally and internationally for its precious landscapes. It has something important to offer all of us local and visitor, expert and beginner, young and old. In return we have something to offer the coast. By our actions, no matter how big or small, we are part of this living landscape.

The new web pages offer information and guidance for communities to use when making decisions on their local area as well as providing opportunities to get involved; from volunteering for one of the Norfolk Coast Partnership's range of organisations, joining the Norfolk Coast Friends network, or taking part in a locally run beach clean. Whether you can offer a little or a lot of time, there are numerous ways in which you can help look after the coast for further generations to enjoy.

To find out more visit www.norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk and go to 'Getting Involved'.



NORFOLK COAST
PARTNERSHIP

PROTECTING AN AREA OF
OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Power to the People!

The Big Switch and Save - cheaper energy bills supplied by people power



North Norfolk residents could save money on their energy bills thanks to a new scheme being introduced by the District Council. A website (www.bigswitchandsave.co.uk) has been set up where residents can submit their details to be included in a 'reverse auction' to find the cheapest energy tariff for those householders. By grouping hundreds or even thousands of households together, it is possible to negotiate much lower energy tariffs than if an individual was changing supplier on their own. Schemes elsewhere in the country have seen residents save an average of £171 per year on their bills!

The scheme opened on 1 March. After it closes for online applications on 8 April, energy suppliers compete in the auction to make the best offer to those customers who applied. The best deal is then offered back to those who signed up, who will then see how much they could save compared to their existing tariff, and be able to make a decision on whether to change to the new tariff. If the householder opts to change to the new tariff, the switch of supplier will be carried out automatically.

The more households who join, the stronger the bargaining power to drive down individual energy bills, and so NNDC has teamed up with five other Norfolk councils under the banner of '**The Norfolk Big Switch and Save**'. You can help by spreading the word among your friends and family, but it is also possible to register up to five households on the same email address, which means neighbours and family members could help each other sign up too.

If you want to benefit from the scheme sign-up online before 8 April via www.bigswitchandsave.co.uk. Registering is quick and easy - all you need is a recent energy bill (one year's worth of bills for best results). For residents with no access to the internet, it is possible to apply over the phone or arrange an appointment at the council offices to get help to register, up to the end of March. Call **01263 516044** for more details.

Chris Brown

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (PLANNING POLICY)
North Norfolk District Council



MADRA
Pavillion Bar
Hall Lane, Knapton
9 March



A Night of Motown and Soul Music
with the Soul Man himself

Mr Al Sharpe

Let's wind back the years!
Open 7:30 p.m.
Music 8:45 p.m.
until Midnight



STOP PRESS

Knapton Village Fete
will this year be held on
Sunday 8 September
at Knapton Hall

*(Thanks to Carol & Steve
for kindly inviting us)*



Parking Arabian Style!

Knapton Church Services



Mothering Sunday

10th March
St Peter and St Paul's Church
9.30 am Joint Family Service

Palm Sunday

24th March
Methodist Church
10.00 am Palm Sunday Service
Rev Seung-Wook Jung

HOLY WEEK

Monday 25th March

St Peter and St Paul's Church
9.15 am Holy Communion

Methodist Church
7.30 pm Night Prayer with Reflection

Maundy Thursday

St Peter and St Paul's Church
7.30 pm Holy Communion

Good Friday

St Peter and St Paul's Church
11.30 am Prayer Pilgrimage

Easter Sunday

St Peter and St Paul's Church
9.30 am Holy Communion

Methodist Church
9.00 am Easter Day Holy Communion
Service followed by Breakfast



KNAPTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM

The PCC Annual General Meeting will take place in Knapton Village Hall at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday 9 April.

All Knapton village residents will be most welcome.



Invite you to their super

EASTER FAYRE

**Saturday 16th March
10am – 1 pm**

**Coronation Hall
Mundesley**

**Raffle, Tombola, Cakes,
Easter Gifts, Books, Plants,
Refreshments and Much More**

Christian Aid Book Sale



**Methodist Church
Mundesley**

**Saturday 27 May - Saturday 1 June
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Light refreshments
and
Plowman's Lunches

*The Methodist Church would be grateful for any books
you no longer require*

*Please deliver to Jill and Ralph Webb
'Langdale', The Street, Knapton*

What's on in Knapton?

MARCH

Tuesday 5	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church) The Cromer Food Bank
Tuesday 5	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 8	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Saturday 9	7:30 p.m.	Motown and Soul Night, MADRA
Saturday 16	10 a.m./1 p.m.	Royal British Legion Easter Fayre Coronation Hall, Mundesley
Monday 18	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Friday 22	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church) Comic Relief Fundraiser

APRIL

Tuesday 2	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 2	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Tuesday 9	2:00 p.m.	Knapton PCC Annual General Meeting Village Hall (everyone welcome)
Friday 12	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Monday 15	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Monday 22	6:00 p.m.	Meeting re Millennium Field Development (Village Hall)
Friday 26	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

MAY

Tuesday 7	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 7	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 10	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Friday 24	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays	1.45 p.m.	Pilates (Village Hall)
Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Art Class (Village Hall)

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