

# *Knapton News*

Welcome to the Knapton News covering the period to early December. The Editorial Team always needs your input this is your paper and we are always in need of new members. So whether you would like to join the Editorial Team or just send an article, event or item the dedicated email address is: [knaptonnews@outlook.com](mailto:knaptonnews@outlook.com)



4th Quarter 2014

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2014  
Night of a Million Candles  
in Commemoration of the  
Beginning of World War I**



In Villages, Towns and Cities around the Country, millions of candles were lit in commemoration of the beginning of World War I.

Knapton News kindly sponsored by the Shell Rejuvenation Project

The response was overwhelming and no more so than in Knapton. We certainly played our part, and a big thank you to all who came along. Sixty people attended the short service, many bringing candles.



(Photographs courtesy of June Wild)



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### MUNSESLEY AND DISTRICT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

From Sandringham to Bury St Edmunds; Mundesley and District Royal British Legion Women's Section has come a long way.....

Every November you will probably see ladies out and about selling poppies for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Did you know that these ladies do much more? Maybe you came to our Christmas Fayre and won a singing Santa, or perhaps you were served tea and cake by our "Nippies" at the Summer Afternoon Tea. These fun events have a serious side. In the last four years, with the tremendous support of Mundesley & District residents, the branch has raised over £18,500.

The British Legion Women's Section was formed in 1921 to safeguard the interest of widows, dependents and the families of men and women who are serving, or have served in the armed forces. This work carries on today through the British Legion's Benevolent Fund. In 1932 the Christmas Bazaar was proud of its takings of £29 5s 6d, whilst in 2013, the magnificent sum of £2379.28 was collected.

The £18,500 raised by Mundesley & District Branch has, through the RBLWS welfare schemes and bursaries, helped orphaned children, those with disabilities, and widowed servicemen coping with young families as well as provide grants so individuals may follow their dreams of education or sporting success. This welfare support extends to local branch members who might need some financial support, so if you are aware of any individual who might benefit, please contact us.

Mundesley and District Branch was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1927 and still serves Gimingham, Trunch, Knapton, Paston and Mundesley. In 1927 the membership was 108 members. Since then the number of members has fluctuated, but this year we are proudly celebrating having over 100 once more – and we'd love to surpass the 1927 figure so come join us.

RBLWS is not just a fundraising organisation. There is a social side and meetings are held every month where there is time to share a giggle, chat over tea and biscuits and enjoy one of a variety of interesting speakers. Day trips, parties and quiz nights are organised for members to enjoy. In 1930 the Branch visited Sandringham and this year it was Bury St Edmunds, with Cambridge, London, Suffolk and Lincolnshire having been visited in the years between.

Meetings are in the Coronation Hall, Cromer Rd, Mundesley, on the third Wednesday of each month at 1:45pm.

**Interested in knowing more? Come to a meeting or contact us. You don't need to have any association with the Armed Forces. Membership is £6.10 per annum.**

To contact our Secretary, Denise Tarry, by email: [denisetarry@hotmail.com](mailto:denisetarry@hotmail.com)

The ladies enjoying a wonderful Celebration Tea on achieving a membership of over 100 members



# St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Rock Concert and Heritage Weekend

Both events were very successful. The church was packed for the Rock Concert with the Ukes of Hazard and our very own Bea Gatfield, followed by Bishop Jonathan Meyrick, who was a great hit.



This was followed by the Heritage weekend commemorating World War I. The Church looked lovely festooned with floral exhibits, each remembering something different. No one floral display was the same, each one remembered a different aspect of the conflict - the Forgotten Heroes, with the Blue Cross Charity which supported the horses, and the Roadside Altar remembering the work of the Chaplains, to name but two. The pictorial exhibits were very interesting and informative, covering many different subjects in addition to documenting what was happening on the front line. Comments made by visitors, who spent hours just reading, show they were very impressed. There was a lot of hard work by so many to make this a wonderful success, and thanks must go to Alison, June and Richard for all the pictorial displays. Vi you did a great job organising the flower arrangements with all the ladies, whose imagination made the displays so perfect.

Whilst all this was going on in the village there was the garage sale and a craft, cake and book sale in the village hall. It is hoped that all those who took part enjoyed themselves and found it profitable. Thank you to the guys with their Vintage Tractors on display on the Millennium Field. Then, most importantly, the Methodist Church team and their refreshments that again went down a storm.

A very big thank you to all those who have worked so hard to make these events such a success, you know who you are!!! We are a great team in Knapton and work well together.



## Knapton Village Fete 7<sup>th</sup> September 2014

A warm sunny afternoon was spent at Church Farm on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

Sarah and Steve Hammond welcomed everyone to the Village Fete.

David Rowntree, a new village resident, presented Sarah with a bouquet.

There was something for the whole family to enjoy. The Fete Group would like to thank everyone who gave their time to help make this popular event a success. Not only on the day all who helped set up on the Saturday and clear away afterwards.

Many thanks also to those who made such lovely cakes.

Our thanks once again.



Knapton Fete Group.

## Knapton Parish Council & their responsibilities

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The next meeting of  
Knapton Parish Council will be  
held on  
Tuesday 4 November  
in the Village Hall.  
All residents are  
welcome to attend

Don't forget to visit our  
village website  
[www.knaptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.knaptonvillage.co.uk)

## News around the Village

### Church Warden's Whispers

What a busy summer it has been! We kicked off with the incredible Rock Concert followed by the Heritage Weekend. The two events raised a fantastic £1,962.65. We then had a quiet couple of weeks, until the sad day when we had to say goodbye to Rod and Sue Key who have now left for Chippenham. It was a lovely service in Mundesley followed by lunch. September started with the lovely wedding of Emily and Benjamin. The second weekend of the month saw rather a lot of cyclists visiting the church for the Cycling for Norfolk Churches annual event, raising money for the Norfolk Churches Trust. We were represented by Jeanie, Nigel and me. The money we raised in sponsorship is split, half returning to St Peter and St Paul's. Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> was the village Harvest Festival Service; all the wonderful contributions were taken to the Food Bank in Cromer, a big thank you to those who donated items. A thank you letter has been received from Cromer Food Bank. Our donation weighed in at 38.8kg. On Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> October the Children from Mundesley Junior School came to Knapton Church for their Harvest Festival. It was standing room only (Derek Hawes and Jill Webb kindly looked after proceedings as I was away). The services in church are every Sunday at 0930 am. (unless advertised), 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays Morning Prayer; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays Holy Communion.

Items for your Diary.

9<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 1030 am The Royal British Legion Remembrance Service for the District will this year be held at St Peter & St Paul's Knapton. Everyone is welcome

30<sup>th</sup> November 10 am Advent Sunday Service, All Saints Church Gillingham.

Liz Winter

### Methodist Matters

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| 4 November  | Women's Own 2.15 p.m.<br>The work of the Norwich Street Pastors                               |
| 9 November  | Remembrance Sunday at Parish Church<br>1030 a.m. for 1045 Revd S Willimott                    |
| 2 December  | Women's Own 2.15 p.m. Carol Service   |
| 24 December | Christmas Communion at 6 p.m. Revd Ralph Webb   |
| 4 January   | United Covenant Service<br>[with Holy Communion] 10.00 a.m.<br>Revds G. Webster and R. McPhee |

The members of the Methodist Church wish everyone in the village a warm welcome to each of our services. Don't forget we are a collecting point for the Cromer Food Bank serving those in need.

Jill Webb

We hose down the dogs with it. We put it in a bucket and give it to a horse. We boil cabbage in it. We even drink it. I refer to our safe and clean water, and I wondered how it got to my tap, and yours, in Knapton. I made enquiries.

In January 1956 the water tower was built in Knapton by Herbert Bateman Ltd. The tower, which holds 77,000 gallons of water, was commissioned by Smallburgh District Council which was then responsible for our water supply. Before then it is believed that water was pumped from a water works in Mundesley and if any reader has any information about this please drop a line to the Editor. And, of course, there were wells a plenty. The tower received its supply of water from bore holes in East Ruston via a pipe network through Happisburgh and Bacton. Then, in 1968 and 1971 two new bore holes were drilled about 400 yards short of Roston Bridge as you approach it from Hall Lane. Royston Bridge itself, which we all pass over on the way to North Walsham goes over the old canal. The adjoining house used to be a pub with a cellar beside the canal. The boreholes were 137 and 90 metres deep and reached well into the chalk aquifer which is an underground natural reservoir fed by rainfall seeping into it by a multitude of routes.

In 1972 the City of Norwich Water Department built the present water works which are known as Royston Bridge and which, may I be forgiven, I rather thought were little used.

These water works incorporate the original bore holes that in due course were reduced in depth to 85 metres where the water is of better quality. Up to 594,000 gallons are pumped up each day, by the pumps in the station that I thought was idle! This is what's needed to keep filled the tower at Knapton and the reservoir at Witton which is on the left just short of Witton woods.

But there's more. The water that comes up from the ground is high in soluble iron, and this must be removed by the Royston Bridge water works. It is pumped up to the top of the building, is aerated and then flows down, under gravity, via 3 sand filters in which the iron is trapped and clean water emerges at the bottom. The oxidised iron has turned into particles ('particulate') and it is trapped in the sand. It has to be removed from time to time by reversing the flow so to speak, and washing it upwards and out, which sounds rather fun.

Still more. Before it leaves the water works the clean water then has to be disinfected to remove any risk of pathogens, bugs to you and me, that may harm us. So a small amount of chlorine is added. I have seen the colossal list of microbiological and chemical parameters that are set by the water company to ensure water safety, so there's more to it than just chucking in a dessert spoonful of chlorine if someone happens to be passing. A Royston Bridge operation again.

And finally, more Royston Bridge pumps come into play and can pump 16,000 gallons an hour, up and into Knapton water tower which it must try to keep topped up.

The rest is easy. Down comes the water from the tower through the 6" and 3" mains and into every house that is on the mains, relying simply on the pressure caused by gravity. And what comes out of the cold tap arrives directly from the tower. And if it tastes a bit odd first thing in the morning I'm assured it's the result of lying in our pipes overnight rather than anything being added at Royston Bridge. So let the tap run a bit to clear it.

All this is operated by Anglian Water a major water company that is profit making and owned effectively by pension funds and other long term investors who demand a stable rather than high return for its investors. It is one of the rare companies that do almost everything. In other words with some 4000 staff they bore the holes, provide and maintain the buildings, pump the water, purify and distribute it to every household and finally bill each householder for it. It also provides sewage systems (but I won't go into this, firstly for reasons of taste and secondly that as we are not 'on' mains drainage save for the top of the village its not really of much interest. Maybe a future edition of The Knapton Newsletter might contain an article entitled 'Septic Tanks and how I love them', but I digress).

So enjoy your water. It comes from under our doorstep near enough. Unlike some other parts of the country it hasn't been drunk before or recycled. And my Aunt Constance put down her long and healthy life to drinking large quantities of it, albeit with the addition of a drop of Angostura and a larger drop of gin.

Cheers.  
Nick Holroyd

### ENQUIRER

*I asked Anglian Water if they could help me with this article. From beginning to end they were unfailingly helpful and a pleasure to talk to. My particular thanks go to Paul Naylor the Regional Supply Manager with a huge area of responsibility and who very kindly visited Knapton to meet me and explain how it all works and then to vet this article for accuracy. Paul would have preferred me to refer to volumes of water in litres and cubic metres, for we live in the 21st century do we not. Hopefully he will forgive me when I say I prefer to stick with the good old gallon.*

### Pigneys Wood – 2014

Since the completion of major project work from which the wood has almost fully recovered and apart from the usual user groups utilising the enhanced facilities on offer, two other charitable groups have now registered their presence, having assessed the site as being eminently suitable for their activities. They are the **Mathew Project** and the **Eastern Lifelong Forest School** more commonly referred to as the **ELF School**. Both of these charities have undertaken projects within the wood in support of their respective groups during the year.

Below, is the report of the activities undertaken by the Eastern Lifelong Forest School provided by their leader, Mandy Rainbow. We hope to be able to report on the activities of the Mathew Project at a later date.

Those wishing to know more about the ELFS should contact Mandy using the details following her report.

Peter Kaye.  
Knapton, October 2014

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### Pigney's Wood Eastern Lifelong Forest School Summer Report



ELFSchool has been running two free Forest School groups this year in Pigney's wood supported by the Big Lottery Fund; Big ELFS and Little ELFS. What is a Forest School I hear you shout! Ahh, well, it is, 'An inspirational process that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve, develop confidence and self-esteem, through hands on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees, fostering; resilient, confident, independent and creative learners'.

Here at ELFSchool, just like other FSA supporting forest schools, we facilitate self discovered learning, scaffolding the learner with just the right amount of support to challenge, as it is well documented that, the most valuable learning happens just outside the comfort zone.



The big ELFS group has met regularly on Saturdays. We have enjoyed activities like, walking, nature observations, whittling, campfire cooking and bush crafting as well as mindfulness and meditation. One of our group suffers from an ALS type disease. He had not been out in nature for some time, he struggled to get to our camp, but once there he could enjoy the day's activities. Coffee and lunch around the fire, a bit of whittling and a lot of chat every time we are there, we always leave the woods smiling. Staff and service users alike.



Our little ELFS group included children from across Norfolk. We have observed the beautiful flora and fauna onsite, the frogs and toads and lizards. (see photos) and several deer have crept through our camp while I sat quietly and the children were busy with their playing and making.

"We played games like Eagle Eye and Sneaking Academy and climbed trees with bare feet, made wooden name medals all by ourselves with bow saws, hand drills and permanent markers."

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*"The frogs and toads were my favourite creature in Pigney's Wood. Rainbow and Obie showed us how to use tools safely. We had cocoa and biscuits and on the last summer school we toasted some marshmallows on sticks." Shelby aged 8 Great Yarmouth.*



*"One day it poured down. We put up a big tarpaulin and we sheltered under it and dried off round the fire. The rain gushed through our camp and the mud was thick. The children dug little channels like rivers and diverted the rain from our fire pit area and round our seats."*

*"I liked the mud, mud pies, mud monsters and carving"  
'what did you learn about knives Elisha?'*

*"I learned not to wave them around and if it gets stuck you should never yank it as it may fly out of your hand and in someone's face." Elisha and the other children were inducted in the tools use and carved some artefacts. "I carved a tent peg and a wooden spoon." – Elisha Aged 8 Belton*

*We shared our procedures on how to safely manage our fire pit area and have been trusted to light our fire with steel strikers, cotton wool and Petroleum Jelly. The children have remembered and modelled to others in our group the correct forest school way. The little ELFS cooked sausages mash and beans for all the group, peeling the potatoes, frying the sausages and heating the beans all on the campfire.*

*One little girl age 7 from Great Yarmouth particularly enjoyed the cooking. She was very nervous of leaving her mummy. She has been very anxious at home and in school and really didn't like to leave her for long. After the second week, she was happy leaving Mummy at the fire pit and joined the forest school games and activities with staff and children. A big improvement and a big smile which I will never forget. Even her mummy got the whittling bug and carved herself a wooden butter knife.*



*We had so many adventures walking and climbing playing and exploring. The children enjoyed making their own dens. One of the children read the adults, 'Eco Wolf and the Three Pigs' story book inside of one. The very last session included a walk around the site, we picked some bright red apples and had them as a snack back at camp. A wonderful summer in the wild wood.*

*Thank you Pigney's wood committee for allowing our group's access. Rainbow Rowan, Obie Octopus and the big and Little ELFS. Any one interested in joining our ELFS groups, children or adults. Please contact Rainbow Rowan on 01493 302682 or email [elfschool@hotmail.com](mailto:elfschool@hotmail.com)  
<http://www.forestschoollassociation.org/full-principles-and-criteria-for-good-practice/>*

## Women's Royal British Legion Annual Christmas Fayre

Saturday 29 November  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Coronation Hall and Church Rooms, Mundesley

Everything you could want for  
Christmas and more!



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### OCTOBER

Friday 24                      10/12 noon              Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4                      2:15 p.m.              Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church)  
Tuesday 4                      7:30 p.m.              Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)  
Sunday 9                      10:30 a.m.              Royal British Legion Remembrance Service  
St Peter & St Paul's Church  
Tuesday 11                      10:45 a.m.              Armistice Service (All Saints Church, Mundesley)  
Friday 14                      10/12 noon              Coffee Club (Methodist Church)  
Monday 17                      7:30                      Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)  
Friday 28                      10/12 noon              Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

### WEEKLY EVENTS

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

### USEFUL INFORMATION:

#### Doctors:

##### **Mundesley Medical Centre**

Appointments & Enquiries Tel: (01263) 724 500 - Repeat Prescriptions Tel: (01263) 724 506  
Munhaven Close, Mundesley, Norwich, NR11 8AR

##### **Birchwood Medical Practice**

Appointments and Enquiries Tel: (01692) 402 035 - Repeat Prescriptions Tel: (01692) 406 885  
Park Lane, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 0BQ

##### **Paston Surgery**

Appointments, Enquiries & Prescriptions Tel: (01692) 403 015 - 9-11 Park Lane, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 0BQ

#### Hospitals:

##### **Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital (NNUH)**

Tel: 01603 286 286 Colney Lane, Norwich, NR4 7UY

##### **Cromer & District Hospital (Minor Injuries Clinic only 8am to 8pm)**

Tel: 01263 513 571 Mill Road, Cromer, NR27 0BQ

##### **North Walsham & District War Memorial Hospital (No A & E)**

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