



Knapton News

1st Quarter 2017

Welcome to the first edition of Knapton News for 2017. Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts and may they long continue. Please send all articles, events or items to the dedicated email address which is:

knaptonnews@outlook.com

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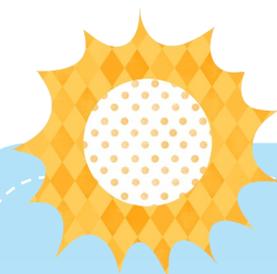
St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Update

The church repairs are nearly finished. There are just a few minor items outstanding which are being completed in the next few weeks. The community items which are required by Heritage Lottery Fund's compliance rules are also nearing completion, the new guide book is at the printers and the children's trail is nearing nearly complete. In celebration of all the major repairs on the church we are holding a Thanksgiving Service on Saturday 18th March at 3pm. We are pleased to say the Bishop of Lynn, The Rt Revd. Jonathan Merrick, will be with us. Many will remember the great evening we had at the Fundraising concert with the "Rocking Bishop" three years ago.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL KNAPTON RESIDENTS

We would be most grateful if you could please complete the questionnaire on page 7 of this newsletter and return it to the box in the Church porch by no later than Sunday 2 April 2017.



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St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church Knapton Thanksgiving Service

With the Bishop of Lynn

The Right Revd. Jonathan Meyrick

Saturday 18 March at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone welcome

Followed by tea and refreshments

(we would be most grateful for donations of cakes)



Church Warden's Whispers

The Advent Carol Service this year was at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church, Knapton. This was a Group Service lead by the Archdeacon of Lynn, The Revd John Ashe, and during the service the new facilities were blessed. On the 18th December, we held the Village Carol Service by Candlelight; the church looked wonderful, and because of the lighting we could hold the whole service by candlelight which added to the atmosphere. Our thanks go to Allison and Vi who decorated the church, all members who contributed mince pies and Alan and Diana Young who prepared the Mulled Wine. The service was very well attended, The Revd Ralph Webb conducted the service, really keeping it as a village service across the denominations.

On Christmas Day, the Communion Service was well supported. Half the collection from this and the Carol Service was donated to charity. There were so many mince pies left that Harry Hicks, who preached at the service, took the remainder to the Mundesley Community Lunch!

Baby and Toddler Café

We are a friendly church led group open on Friday mornings fortnightly during term time in All Saints Community Rooms Mundesley (The Church Rooms). We offer families with pre-school children including tiny babies an opportunity to meet up over a good coffee (in lidded mugs!) and catch up while the little ones are having fun. Each session includes play, craft activities, games, stories and songs! Everyone is welcome and it is a great place to meet new friends. Why not pop along anytime

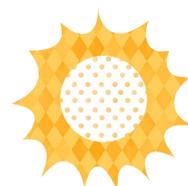
between 9.30am and 11.30am for FREE drinks, snacks, playtime and lots of *smiles*.

9.30 am - 11.30 am

All Saints Community Rooms, Mundesley

2nd & 4th Fridays (in term time)

Please contact Eleanor Jones on 01263 722218 for further details or just turn up!



Knapton Village Hall Repair Fund

Quiz and Chilli Evening

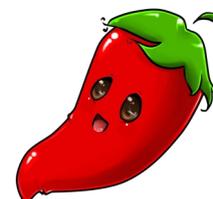
QUIZ

Friday 21st April 2017

7.15 For 7.30 pm

Knapton Village Hall

Tickets £6



Food included, just bring your own tipple

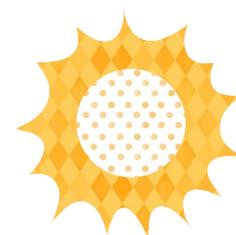
Enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, and music

Contact for tickets: Mal 01263 720018

Raffle Prizes needed, tell Mal if you have one you can bring



Knapton Village Hall Spring Sale



Saturday 25 March 2017

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Books, cakes, bric-a-brac and more

Refreshments

Contacts:

Books, bric-a-brac etc. Sarah 01263 720414

Cake donations Mal 01263 720018 (or bring on morning at 9:30 a.m.)



The Mundesley Hospital

"How often have you noticed Mundesley Hospital in the distance and wondered about it?"

Over the years it has appeared busy, derelict, busy, deserted and busy again. So I thought I'd find out a bit more, for it's a lovely (in the main) colonial style building, facing South, sheltered from the North and a long way from any busy road.

It was in the 1820's that Tuberculosis was identified as a single disease and in due course open air treatment was recognised in England as being effective. So one thing led to another and in 1898 Boulton and Paul of Norwich built Mundesley Sanatorium which was then established by one Dr F. W. Burton-Fanning as a TB sanatorium for Norwich. Being private it was only affordable to the wealthy. It was built as it now stands, in timber prefabricated sections and was the first large centre in England for the open air treatment of the disease.

It had fifteen bedrooms facing South, rounded corners to prevent dust accumulation, linoleum floors and special wall covering to allow for easy wiping. Water came from a well and it had electricity even to the long outside verandahs so patients could spend maximum time in the fresh air.

The legendary golfer Harry Vardon got TB when he was 33 and was fast tracked into Mundesley in 1903 and spent several months there. His time was not wasted for he made at least some recovery and helped design the Mundesley Golf Course.

During WW2 the hospital was relocated to Cheshire, returning after the war. TB treatment then continued until 1957 by which time convalescent treatment was overtaken by therapeutic drugs as the answer. So the

NHS took over the hospital and turned it into a convalescent and rehabilitation unit. In 1973 an additional block was built for remedial treatment and a physiotherapy block was built in 1975. It provided physiotherapy, speech and occupational therapy and 'remedial gymnastics', whatever that was.

How many times have you heard someone say, 'My dad was in Mundesley for a while after his operation'.

In 1992 it closed. It gradually fell into disrepair, and that is how it was when I came to live here and saw the sorry state into which it had undeservedly fallen. It was then put up for sale.

Along came Adapt Ltd. a charitable company who spent a great deal of money on converting the hospital into a rehab centre for people suffering from drink and drug problems. It opened as such in 1997 and called itself The Diana Princess of Wales Treatment Centre for Drug and Alcohol Problems. I remember hearing scare stories then. How would such a place affect property prices? Who would be at loose in our midst? And so on. But by all accounts it carried out excellent and unobtrusive work.

Sadly Administrators were called in during 2008 and it ceased its business in 2009 when 19 patients had to be transferred elsewhere. It had run out of funding. And that was the end of that. Once again it was deserted and sad. It was then briefly acquired by a homeopathic practitioner who never opened it and put it back on the market in 2010 at a guide price of £1.3m.

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Mundesley Hospital *(continued from previous page)*

Then in 2014 along came Leigh Allison the owner of Newall Civil Engineering Ltd and Newall Construction Ltd of Norfolk and Elijah Adeyemi the owner of Norvic Healthcare (Anglia) Ltd. Together they formed Hope Community Healthcare Ltd and bought the site.

Over the period of two years and opening in February 2016 Hope have now transformed the hospital. For it is now a fully functioning privately owned mental health hospital with 27 beds for residential patients. Six more 'beds' are due to be completed soon. It employs about 60 clinical staff and 5 doctors.

In practice it currently caters in the main for NHS patients as a form of overspill from local hospital foundation trusts as well as other psychiatric hospitals elsewhere. It has been set up as a hospital with the emphasis on tailor made provision of care. They tell me that it seeks to focus on holistic opportunities as well as conventional medication whilst it supports and treats patients whose conditions include chronic depression, schizophrenia and paranoia. Patients, who are probably in the acute stage, would normally stay for three to five weeks before a managed discharge home.

Privately paying patients can of course be accommodated, and a referral by a GP acting in concert with a person's medical insurance would be the conventional access outside the NHS.

The hospital is managed by Sue Howlett, to whom I'm greatly indebted, for she and Catherine Wedge-Clarke, who is the communications manager, were kind enough to meet me at the hospital and tell me of all the hard work that has clearly been done to create the strikingly impressive and cheerful environment.

The hospital needs volunteer help. This will include gardening, running the tuck shop, befriending a patient for a short period. It is important work. I'm sure many of us might find it worthwhile to help, so do call the hospital.

So good luck to the enterprise. Let us all hope that the hospital will never again become a rather unhappy, empty and crumbling shell. Who knows, perhaps one day another patient like Harry Vardon might come along and design nine more holes for the golf course!

ENQUIRER

'Knapton Friends'

The final meeting of Knapton Ladies Club took place in late 2016. We have made a few changes and have now reformed as The Knapton Friends, a sort of luncheon club.

Our first get together for 2017 is a lunch on Monday 20 March (venue yet to be decided). On June 19th we will meet in the Village Hall for our always popular Summer Supper and at that time we will discuss where we will go for our next lunch on 18 September. In September we will decide on a venue for our Christmas Lunch.

If this sounds like fun, you are most welcome to join us. Please contact Mary Renwick-Forster on 01263 720908 for further information.

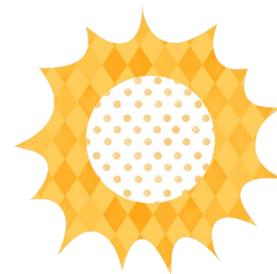


Knapton Women's Own

The members of Knapton Women's Own enjoyed a super New Year Afternoon Tea Party in January. The venue was The Old School and we thank Alison and David Glaze for their kind hospitality.

We meet in Knapton Village Hall on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month (please see 'What's On' for more information). New members are always welcome so please do come along and give us a try.





What's On In Knapton?

MARCH

Tuesday 7	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Speaker Peter Brice Local Historian
	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting— Village Hall
Wednesday 8th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 10th	10- 12	Coffee Club - Venue to be announced - ALL WELCOME
Sunday 18th	3p.m.	St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church Thanksgiving Service, with the Bishop of Lynn The Rt Revd. Jonathan Merrick.
Monday 20th	Lunchtime	First get together of the 'Knapton Friends' Venue to be decided
Wednesday 22nd	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group—Village Hall
Friday 24th	10– 12	Coffee Club - The Old School - ALL WELCOME
Saturday 25th	10 - 1p.m.	Spring Sale - Village Hall
Sunday 26th	9.15 a.m.	Mothering Sunday Service St Peter & St Paul's Church

APRIL

Tuesday 4th	2.15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Speaker Roger Burford
	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Thursday 6th	7 p.m.	Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting - Village Hall - Open to Public
Wednesday 12th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group—Village Hall
Friday 14th	10 - 12	Coffee Club - Village Hall - Charity Event Supporting Keeping Abreast with a Booby Cupcake event - Raffle and Cakes. ALL WELCOME
Sunday 16th	9.15 a.m.	Easter Sunday Service St Peter & St Paul's Church
Friday 21st	7.15 - 7.30 p.m.	Chilli and Quiz Evening - Village Hall
Wednesday 26th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group—Village Hall
Friday 28th	10 - 12	The Coffee Club - Village Hall - ALL WELCOME

MAY

Monday 1st	10.30 am	Parish Walk - Village Hall to Mundesley & Return followed by Coffee & Tea in the Hall
Tuesday 2nd	2.15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Speaker "Water Aid" 2017 group charity
	7.00 p.m.	Annual Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Thursday 4th	7 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Local Elections - Polling Station - Village Hall
Wednesday 10th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 12th	10 - 12	Coffee Club - Village Hall—ALL WELCOME
Wednesday 24th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 26th	10 - 12	Coffee Club - Village Hall - ALL WELCOME

JUNE

Tuesday 6th	2.15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Talk about Cromer Community & Hospital Friends
	7.30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Friday 9th	10 - 12	Coffee Club - Village Hall - ALL WELCOME

KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

The village hall is becoming dilapidated, particularly in the areas of the entrance, wc's and kitchen. It needs a six-figure sum to restore it, and to obtain such a large sum will require a great deal of hard work, together with a commitment by the village to help run it and use it.

The Parish Council needs to know how important a village hall is to Knapton residents, before it can decide whether to support the project at all.

This Newsletter is being delivered to every household in Knapton. The Parish Council would be extremely grateful if every household, so far as is humanly possible, could complete and tear off the questionnaire below and take it to the box which will be in the Church Porch until Sunday 2nd April 2017. The results can then be discussed at the Parish Council Meeting on the 4th April.

Dee Holroyd, Parish Clerk - February 2017

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Knapton Village Hall Questionnaire

(Please circle your answers below)

I think a Village Hall in Knapton is Important / Fairly important / Not important

If Knapton had a Hall with more modern facilities I would be: -

Willing to help run it Yes / No / Undecided

More likely to use it Yes / No / Undecided

I have the following suggestions about how it might be used:

Name Address

Please return to the box in the Church Porch by Sunday 2 April

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