



Knapton News

1st Quarter 2024

Welcome to the Knapton News and a belated Happy New Year to everyone, Please see the What's on section in the Knapton News for information about local events and Groups. As a taster try the Coffee Club on the 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, this group includes , families and the Gentlemen of the village, come and join the group for a chat over Coffee and Cake. Then there is the Knit- ters and Stitchers who meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month, to name just two of the local groups who will give you a warm welcome. The village website can be found at <https://knaptonvillage.org/>

If there is anyone out there who would like to be involved in the Knapton News please get in touch. The Editorial Team would like to thank 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:

knapton.news@knaptonvillage.org

Knapton Village Pond Project

Restoring, creating and managing ponds for wildlife

We are all privileged to live Knapton in many ways, but how many of us know about our secretive little neighbours that live in the **Village Pond** on the edge of **Wilds Way**.

Great Crested Newts are a protected species and the **Parish Council** are about to embark on a very special project to ensure their long term safety and to make sure that we all live happily ever after side by side. The PC has teamed up with **Norfolk Coast** and the **Norfolk Ponds Project** to create a learning environment where by helping to build it, children learn about the world around them, and they want all the children and parents in School Close and Wilds Way in particular to get involved. The project will;

- **make the pond as safe as we can** so that our younger residents can enjoy it
- **design info boards** to go onto the fence
- **make the path through the trees** (which forms part of the "Permissible Path" from Knapton to Knapton Green) as safe as possible
- **expand the "Bug Hotel"** that currently exists in a small clearing so that parents and children can get involved to learn more about the world around us
- **add seating** in the area
- **plant a small orchard area** so that the space is used positively

We'll let you know more as more details are released, but if you can't wait you can always contact our Parish Clerk



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Knapton Parish Council - Chairman's Report

2024 promises to be a year of fresh challenges sprinkled with a healthy dose of optimism.

The Parish Council has had a busy few months since our last meeting at the beginning of December, as you can see...

Jackie liaised with Highways to deal with the main drains because of excess water on The Street.

We negotiated with the school bus operators to add the bus shelter in Wilds Way as an additional stop to make drop off and pick up points safer for all our children, most of whom are on School Close/Wilds Way.

We also added a salt bin at the bus shelter to help to prevent anyone, particularly young children, slipping into the road, we're working with a mum in School Close to try and get permission from Victory Housing to put a new playground for the under 7s on the grass area at the junction of Wilds Way/School Close, and if we're successful our resident will establish a local group to choose the play units and we will source the funding we approached Victory Housing for a solution to resolve a damaged path in School Close that is used by elderly residents and maybe add some lighting.

Liz and Denise worked with Highways to replace the post outside the Village Hall that was knocked over, to prevent the Loke being used as a rat run. We started a conversation with a charity to render the pond next to Wilds Way safer for our local children and to encourage a wild-life area and small orchard, whilst at the same time preserve the habitat for a protected species we considered an unusual housing planning application.

We liaised with Anglian Water to establish the cause of unpleasant smells in The Street. We monitored the installation of the re-modelled village junction. We collected the latest vehicle speed figures on Hall Lane from our SAM2 camera and opened the next round of discussions with Highways to find a way of slowing down the traffic on Hall Lane.

Whilst we don't usually meet in January, we were unable to meet in February this year either due to Jackie and I not being able to attend and the resulting concerns over quorum (having the minimum number of councillors required to hold a meeting).

There are currently two vacant seats on the council and we want to recruit two Knapton residents to bring us back up to full strength, so if you would like to know more about what we do and how to get involved please get in touch with Denise, our clerk, or visit the "Why be a Parish Councillor" page in the PC section of our website. We'd love to hear from you.

Over the next few months, I hope to see the relationship between local committees, groups, residents and the new Trustees of the MADRA mix and merge into a positive relationship which will benefit everyone. Clearly there are views, feelings and opinions on all sides that will need to mellow for that to happen but I'm confident that we will **all** get there, smiling **together**. The Parish Council will do all it can, when it can, to help make that happen.

Bring on the Summer!

Peter



Church Warden’s Whispers

Happy 2024 to everyone. I know it’s a bit late however it’s the first Knapton News of 2024.

Spring does seem to be just around the corner with the snowdrops in bloom , crocuses also and the daffodils poking their heads above ground and we say a prayer of thanks this happens year on year. We are already in Lent so Easter will be upon us before we know it.

Knapton church, along with the other six churches in our group are still without a Rector. An advertisement for the job has gone out again and we pray that this time we get some applicants to come to this beautiful part of the world. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me as Churchwarden if you need any help even just a listening ear.

We have the never ending problem of how do we keep Knapton church open and there for all; whatever your needs. If any one is able to help with flower decoration, cleaning, gardening please do contact me. We have a regular service of Holy Communion on the third Sunday of the month at 10am. All are very welcome even if just for the coffee and cakes at 11am.

Paul and Lorraine have done a fabulous job keeping the graveyard tidy over the past couple of years, and we thank them for their support , however I now appeal to anybody who can help moving forward. A few hours a month would make all the difference.

Happy Easter to you all and I look forward to whatever 2024 brings.

With every blessing
Allison

Church Warden St Peter and St Paul’s Church Knapton.
Contact on 07769613399 or allisonjackson0756@hotmail .com

Charity Bin



The Charity Bin for Clothes and Shoes is in the Village Hall Carpark access from School Close. Donations support your local community.

20th April 2024 - 1.30 - 4pm

WHAT TO EXPECT at the 'BIG BASH'

- Lots of stalls showcasing the many things North Walsham has to offer
- A chance to chat and have your say about improving our local services
- To connect with people, groups & organisations that can improve our lives
- Activities for children
(in the library - under 8's must be accompanied by an adult)

★ Refreshments! ★ Tombola! ★ Prizes! ★

Transport, should you need it, will be provided by North Norfolk Community Transport (call 01692 500840)

The Big Bash is organised by North Walsham Community Network which aims to improve access to information and support for local people and groups.

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www.communitynetwork.northwalsham.org

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This letter was received from The East Anglian Air Ambulance in thanks for the donation received after the Village Carol Service Collection.



St Peter & St Paul's Church
c/o Mrs Elizabeth Winter

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Our ref: **ADN-305323**

19th January 2024

Dear Mrs Winter,

The lives of seriously injured and ill people across East Anglia are being saved today because of you and your fantastic fundraising. Thanks to donations from churches like yours, friends and family will receive the expert critical care they need in an emergency, support with their recovery and, as well as this, people in the community will be able to learn the life-saving skills of how to deliver CPR – St Peter & St Paul's Church Knapton really is making a difference.

Your kind donation of **£152.00** arrived in the office, and we thank you so much; East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) couldn't save lives without you. Please pass on our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to your fundraising in any way. Together you really will save lives.

Your donation will support patients like Jonathan, who suffered a catastrophic injury whilst working on a local farm. His wife Wendy said, "We know that without the enhanced skills of the air ambulance team that day Jonathan wouldn't have made it to hospital." Like you, Jonathan and Wendy also know how much work goes into fundraising for the air ambulance that saved his life, having organised their own charity ball event a year after the accident.

Or your donation could be put towards delivering free 1-hour bystander CPR and AED training sessions for local people to become confident in giving CPR and using a defibrillator (AED) on a loved one in cardiac arrest. Like Mark, who received CPR from his wife Melanie, after going into cardiac arrest whilst he slept. Mark said: "If you don't know how to do CPR, we would encourage you to learn as this really can happen to anyone, but you can survive, and you can help to save a life."

Thank you for choosing to give your support and donation to the patients of EAAA – we really appreciate you. We look forward to keeping you up to date about the patients your donations have helped.

Best wishes,

Alex Simpkins
Supporter Engagement Team

Together we save lives

www.eaaa.org.uk

Registered office: Helimed House, Hangar 14, Norwich Airport,
Gambling Close, Norwich, Norfolk NR6 6EG

Telephone: 03450 669 999



Registered charity in England
and Wales number 1083876

PositiviTea

Come along, chat & connect

Thursday 21st March from 2-6pm

North Walsham Community Centre, NR28 9DE

Have a cuppa, chat with people, join in with activities & find out about support services and community groups in your area!

Everyone is welcome!

There will be stand holders there to offer support on the following areas:

Debt & Advice
Skills & Employment
Maximising Income
Mental Health
Digital Inclusion

As well as staff and volunteers from various community activities & libraries



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OPENING TIMES

Friday: 7pm – 11pm

Saturday: Midday – 11pm

Sunday: Midday – 6pm

Opening times may vary on days with entertainment

Everyone welcome!

Upcoming Events

Sat 24th Feb: Coast

Music from Ed Sheeran, Oasis, Coldplay & much more. From 8.30pm

Sun 25th Feb: Childrens Bingo

Arrive from 2.30pm, eyes down at 3pm. £2 per book.

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Sat 9th March: 80's Night

Band tbc....come and get your 80's groove on.

Sat 23rd March: Headway

Classic Rock anthems. From 8pm.

Sun 31st March: Easter Egg Hunt & Moore Madness

Free Easter Egg Hunt 1-3pm,

followed by children's entertainer 3.30-5.30pm

Knapton Knitters and Stitchers

Knapton Knitters and Stitchers meet each month on the first Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 to 4pm in the Village Hall.

Why not come along to meet us. Bring your knitting, sewing, crochet or craft work, or just come along for a chat. You'll be sure of a warm welcome.

For further details see the village hall notice board or contact Jean Clarke 01263 720680



Coffee Club



Meets in the Village Hall twice a month on the second and fourth Friday from 10am - 12 midday. Come along for a chat, coffee and cake.

If you are at home with a little one, Mums, Dads and Grandparents please do join us with your baby/toddler. Our warm welcome means everyone!!!

Coffee/Tea and cake only **£2.50** .with **free top ups!!!**

TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP



Hello everyone,

Well, I wish people would stop doing the rain dance, whenever will it stop, I think it has to do with Global Warming, not all your dancing!! I grow in raised beds so the rain does not affect me too much. The allotments drain quite well in most places there are only a few boggy areas. It has been ploughed already on one of our rare dry days by our hardworking. There is a lot to do this time of year, buying your seeds, putting them in and waiting for them to germinate, the greens especially as they need a long growing season, we have just started picking and eating our broccoli and it does taste good.

Peppers and chilli seeds can be sown as they need an early start and need some heat. Tomatoes and cucumbers need to be sown later as they can get too drawn.

We are still eating our homemade Tomato soup and Pasta sauce, we had an amazing bumper crop of tomatoes and peppers last year. We are also still enjoying our carrots grown in pots, so it has been fresh sweet carrots all year round. Big tick for my husband !!

Our Peach tree and Apricot tree in the polytunnel are full of blossom. We had 11 peaches last year, it will be interesting to see how many we will have this year, and how many apricots we will have on our new tree, so we wait and see, very exciting because there is nothing as good as fruit picked straight from the tree or bush, like your first strawberry, now there is something to look forward to, it is making my mouth water !!

We have two new allotment holders this year so it will be interesting to see the new ideas they bring with them.

It is a very exciting time of the year all the spring flowers and all the things you forgot were under the ground just starting to pop up so much to look forward to. We are so lucky to live in Knapton.

Hope you all have a good growing year and enjoy all your produce.

All the Best and Good growing for
2024

Green Fingers

Knapton Women's Own

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 5th March** at 2.15pm, our speaker is – Bea Gatfield, who will talk about “Well Being”. We meet on the First Tuesday of each month, If you are new to the village and would like to join us, please do come along. On the 2nd July we will be holding the Annual Strawberry Tea, when everyone in the village is welcome to help the group raise money for our charity of the year which is Priscilla Bacon Hospice and the Jenny Lind Children's Hospital at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

Jill Emms. President.

KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL EVENTS AND BOOKING DETAILS

Saturday 23rd March, 2pm to 4pm, Plant Exchange/Spring Fayre: Bring along your excess plants and exchange with others. Refreshments will be available to buy, along with Raffle tickets and Tombola.

Thursday 30th May, Knapton's Got Talent: If you are interested in starring in this please register your interest at: villagehallknapton@gmail.com If enough interest is shown we will put on this fun event with some prior dates for the opportunity to rehearse.

Follow us on social media (Knapton Village-Hall) and look out for additional events on our notice boards.

REGULAR GROUPS

Monday's, (Weekly) 7pm to 8pm, Clubbercise: with Jemma Parker.

Tuesday's (First Tues of each month) 2.15pm, Woman's Own

Wednesday's, (First Wed of each month) 1.30pm, Knitters and Stitchers.

Friday's, (Weekly) 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Yoga with Bea Gatfield

Friday's, (Second and fourth Friday of each month), 10am to 12pm Coffee Club: Coffee/Tea and Cake only £2 .50p with free top ups.

VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES AND BOOKINGS

Book online at: <https://knaptonvillage.org/village-hall/booking-the-hall/> or call our dedicated Booking Mobile Phone on 07443 385171

Session	Resident of Knapton	Non-Resident
Hourly (Minimum 1 ½ Hrs)	TBC	TBC
9am to 1pm	TBC	TBC
1pm to 5pm	TBC	TBC
5pm to 9pm	TBC	TBC

Heating charged separately in addition to hire charge (this is calculated by individual metre readings taken for duration of hire)

GENERAL CONTACT DETAILS

Email: villagehallknapton@gmail.com Telephone: 07503 784293

You can also find us on: Whatsapp, Facebook (Knapton Village-Hall) and Nextdoor.

We are currently in the process of upgrading the Village Hall, thanks to a Grant from The National Lottery Community Fund.



What's On In Knapton March - May 2024

March

Friday 1st	2.30pm to 3.30pm,	Yoga with Bea Gatfield Village Hall also on 8th,15th,22nd.
Monday 4th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 11th , 18 & 25th
Tuesday 5th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - New members always welcome Village Hall - Well Being – Bea Gatfield
	7pm	Parish Council - Village Hall - Public welcome , questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Wednesday 6th`	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall Everyone
Friday 8th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall .
Friday 22nd	10am - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc Village Hall .

April

Monday 1st	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th
Tuesday 2nd	2.15pm	Knapton Women's Own - New members always welcome Village Hall - Priscilla Bacon Hospice – Clive Evans
	7pm	Parish Council Annual Meeting - Village Hall - Public welcome , questions when invited by the Chairman
Friday 5th	2.30pm to 3.30pm,	Yoga with Bea Gatfield Village Hall also on 12th,19th,26th
Friday 12th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall . Everyone welcome.
Friday 26th	10am - midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc. Village Hall . Everyone welcome.

MAY

Wednesday 1st	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall Everyone
Friday 3rd	2.30pm to 3.30pm,	Yoga with Bea Gatfield Village Hall also on 8th,15th,22nd
Monday 6th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st
Tuesday 7 th	2,15pm	Knapton Women's Own - New members always welcome Village Hall - Life with Nanny – Ruth Smith .
	7pm	Parish Council - Village Hall - Public welcome , questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Friday 10th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall . Everyone welcome
Friday 24th	10am - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc.

Useful Information

Doctors:

Emergency No: 111

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)

Tel: 01692 408 070 Yarmouth Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 9AP

North Norfolk District Council

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<http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/>

Norfolk County Council : 0344 800 8020 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk>

Water & Drainage: Anglian Water

Tel: (0845) 145 145 Freephone: (0800) 145 145

Power:

Electrical:

UK Power Networks - To report an electrical emergency or power cut:

Tel: 0800 783 8838

General Enquiries Tel: 0845 601 4516 - Customer Relations Tel: 0800 028 4587

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