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**THE VILLAGE HALL  
GETS A MAKEOVER**

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# KNAPTON NEWS

## Residents win “significant improvements” in Millennium Field Campaign

North Norfolk District Council has granted planning permission to develop Knapton's Millennium Field, but a campaign by local residents forced developer Victory Housing to make “significant improvements” to the plans.

In a controversial decision, planners approved the scheme despite refusing permission for a similar development in nearby Southrepps - a village specifically earmarked for new housing estates.

The Knapton residents' campaign forced a reduction in the number of houses from 16 to 14, and design changes to reduce the visual impact of the development and to reflect the traditional brick and flint heritage of the area.

An archeological survey was also undertaken, which reportedly uncovered some interesting artefacts. We hope to have more information for the next edition of The Knapton News.



Interconnector

### **Knapton Fete: Volunteers Wanted!**

Knapton Fete organisers are looking for helpers to man stalls, and for bric a brac items to sell. The fete takes place each September and raises money for the village. It is always a highlight on the village calendar. If you are interested in helping, or donating raffle prizes or bric a brac items, please contact Alan Young on 01263 721544 or Alison Glaze.



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## Knapton's Millennium Field Update

Knapton residents spoke at the North Norfolk District Council's Planning Committee in May, to voice their objections to the Victory housing Planning application for development of the Millennium Field.

Angus Roberts spoke about the villagers concerns with the extra traffic which would result from the development; Mark Herbert-Oakey spoke about the impact the development would have on parking for School Close; Michelle de Vries told Councillors that many villagers were unhappy with the design of the buildings and highlighted ambulance and fire engine accessibility concerns; and Parish Council Leader Alan Young, explained the many issues that had been raised in his village hall meetings with residents.

A representative of developer Victory Housing Trust spoke in favour of the scheme, and then the committee voted. The scheme was passed by 8 votes to 5, and residents have no right of appeal.

However, during the debate a number of changes to the plans were demanded by councillors in response to objections raised by residents.

Furthermore, a fresh consultation will now be launched on the design of the buildings.

Concessions won included:

1. The red brick wall surrounding the property proposed by Victory Housing Trust be replaced with a brick and flint wall on the Hall Lane side
2. The hedge surrounding the site will be kept rather than being removed as proposed by Victory.
3. The height of two key buildings will be substantially reduced so that impact on the village is lessened.
4. Brick and flint panels will be added to the buildings opposite Hall Lane
5. The trees planted in memory of loved ones will be kept
6. A further design consultation will be held before full consent is given.

The Parish Council will continue to work on villagers behalf and will be meeting with both Victory Housing Trust and the Architects to try to encourage further design changes and are also consulting with Highways and The Norfolk Fire Department regarding traffic, parking and safety issues.

Councillors also ordered that an archeological surgery be undertaken. This has now occurred and the results have been sent to NNDC for review....



*Archeological Survey begins on the site*

For the latest updates on The Millennium Field please visit  
[www.Knaptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.Knaptonvillage.co.uk)

...Residents spoke to the surveyors while they were on site, and apparently some interesting artefacts have been uncovered!

Parish Council leader Alan Young said,

“I’d like to thank all the residents of Knapton for their hard work during the Millennium Field campaign.

While the result isn’t the start-over we had hoped for, we have won some important concessions, which will mean significant improvements in the development.

We didn’t have it all our own way, but we now have a much better plan in place, with the possibility of further changes in the new consultation. As ever, we have reached a compromise, and I hope it is one that residents feel they can live with



## St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Knapton



# “ BROADBEAT CHOIR”

*Presents*

## “A TASTE OF SUMMER”

### Concert

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7:30 p.m.

Tickets £8.00

One glass of wine/soft drink included in the ticket price.  
Further glasses of wine, fruit juice & water available to purchase

Contact for tickets:  
**Liz 01263 722271**

Money raised will go to the Choir’s charity of the year Alzheimer’s,  
Trunch Benefice Dementia Friendly Café, &  
St Peter and St Paul’s Church Restoration Fund.







### **What is a Sea Fret ?**

*As residents will know Knapton has recently been shrouded in a rare and beautiful mist which locals call a Sea Fret!*

*Collins dictionary defines a sea fret simply as a wet mist or haze coming in from the sea.*

*It is usually found in North East England (where it is called a haar) , but can occasionally affect areas of East Anglia.*

*The fret occurs when a pocket of warm air passes over the colder sea, and the moisture in the air starts to condense forming a fog. A breath of wind can blow it inland and a beautiful mist then develops.*

*Morning sunshine will usually burn a fret away, but occasionally it can last all day causing a ghostly pea-souper like the one captured here!*

## CHURCH WARDENS WHISPERS

During the recent months we have celebrated Easter with firstly a group Maundy Thursday service in St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton then on Easter Sunday a Morning Prayer service.

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Everyone was welcome, just one member of the village joined us.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> May we had the very sad news that Derek Hawes had died suddenly, we are all in shock, Derek was a big part of the church family, he will be remembered with affection by all of us.

The Broadbeat Choir Concert "A Taste of Summer", is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the Choir's charity of the year is Alzheimer's, so the money raised will be divided between the Choir's Charity, the Dementia Friendly Café in Mundesley and the Church. Tickets are £8 which includes the first drink, there will be a bar as usual. See the advertisement for full information.

At the back of all churches in the Trunch Group are collecting boxes for the Cromer Food Bank, in the last few months across the Group the following has been donated. January 61.8kg, February 48.2kg and April 63.2kg, thank you to everyone for your donations, please continue to do so. The box at the back of Knapton Church is regularly emptied.



The 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of World War 1 it is proposed that around the country Church Bells will be rung and Village Beacons Lit

The church would like to be part of this tribute with St Peter and St Paul's bells rung, but we need more ringers so please come forward, have a go, Andy will always be pleased to hear from you. (Just bare in mind he does shift work so may not respond immediately). Thank you.

***The Bell Ringing Team in Trunch Group Need you! The Trunch Group of Ringers can be heard in Knapton, Gimingham and Paston as well as Southrepps and Northrepps. Knapton is the venue for practice on alternate Mondays just contact Andy Lubbock. Experienced or "Want to Be!" - Training Given - Contact Andrew Lubbock on 01263 722929 if he's at work just leave a message and he will get back to you or email [andyman1@live.co.uk](mailto:andyman1@live.co.uk).***

Your Church Wardens.

PS. Don't forget the church is host to the Knapton Bring and Share Library all we ask is a donation into the church box, come and see the selection of books on offer. Donations always well received.

## OUR VILLAGE HALL

Things are changing at our village hall. For years we have made do with what we had, and our income was barely sufficient to make ends meet. The Parish Council were lukewarm in their support for a hall at all and it was difficult to attract hirers

But this year I'm delighted to say, following successful events last year, saw the beginnings of real improvements.

We started by sealing the Northern wall, outside and in, and repainting it. We then enlisted the wonderful help of Community Service, now known as Community Payback, to do a complete internal paint job. For six days a team of six worked like beavers to clean down, prepare and then paint all the internal walls and woodwork and have produced a result which has transformed it. Not least it has also given us an opportunity to remove ageing curtains and clear the accumulated pictures and other material from the walls.

In June the Community Payback team will be returning in order to paint outside, the wc's and generally touch up bits that require further attention. The kitchen, which already benefits from new units, will be finished off. And the back yard has been cleared, thanks to a skip which we hired.

We have also disposed of all the plastic chairs that were forever getting in the way with their splayed legs. They are replaced with three sets of much more comfortable, solid, chairs thanks to the generosity of their earlier owners. And we have decided that it will no longer be necessary for hall users to stack everything back onto the stage after every session. Chairs may be left at the perimeters of the hall and at least three or four tables will stay 'up'

Of course all of this could not have been achieved without the enormous help of our committee who have scraped, cut, sealed, stuck, painted, humped, carried, fed, shopped with wonderful determination and humour. My thanks, on behalf of the village, go to all of them.

So, remember. This is your hall. Come and look round it. Use it or lose it! It can be hired for surprisingly little! Mary Renwick-Forster is our diary supremo. Call her and the hall can be yours. Just ring me on 01263 720356 and I can open it up for you so that you can see what it offers.

Nick Holroyd  
Chairman



Mal Lees and Allison Jackson busy clearing out the rubbish from the Village Hall Prior to the arrival of the Community Service Team.



Geoff Cooper and Angus Robertson Painting the Village Hall Stage Area Prior to the arrival of the Community Service Team who were painting the rest.



Many thanks to Mary Allen who stepped down from the Parish Council in May after serving for over 9 years. The village of Knapton would like to thank Mary for all her hard work and service to Knapton. We wish her all the best in her "retirement".

Mary is being replaced by long term Village resident, Steve Hammond who will join the Council in July.

Welcome Steve!!

Current council member are:

Chairman - Alan Young  
 Vice Chairman- Peter Kaye  
 Member - Pat Lee  
 Member- Peter Neatherway  
 Member- Andrew Claydon  
 Member- Michelle de Vries  
 Parish Clerk- Dee Holdroyd

## Parish Council News

The leader of Norfolk's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, Mr Peter Evans gave a presentation to Councillors at the June Parish Council Meeting. Residents and Councillors were told that Neighbourhood Watch is the largest voluntary movement in Great Britain and its aims are to bring communities together as well as keeping communities safe from crime.

Knapton Parish Council voted in favour to adopt the Scheme and there is no cost involved except for the purchase of Neighbourhood Watch signs at £15 each,. Knapton residents are now encouraged to join as individual members. There is no fee to join, and members receive numerous benefits, including free advice on security, a window sticker, and a 10% reduction in home insurance from the Co-Op.

For Further Information or to join the scheme please contact Georgina on 07824 359 068 or by email at [looseleads@icloud.com](mailto:looseleads@icloud.com).

Knapton recently received a £4000 grant from North Norfolk District Council to upgrade the children's playground area next to MADRA.

Knapton Parish Council continue to monitor the Millennium Field Proposed plans and will keep residents updated where possible.

For minutes of Parish Council Meetings please see [www.knaptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.knaptonvillage.co.uk)

**Editorial**

Summer is upon us and isn't Knapton looking beautiful! Liz and I constantly walk through Knapton marvelling at our lovely village and the wildlife we have here.

This summer there are some lovely events for villagers to enjoy including the well established Knapton Village Fete and the less established but no less wonderful Musical Garden Party at Knapton Hall. which debuted, and was a highlight of the village calendar last year. Other events to look forward to include "A Taste Of Summer Concert" at Knapton Church on Friday 22nd June and the Knapton Women's Own Strawberry Tea on July 3rd at The Village Hall.

We can't possibly let this edition go by without mentioning the Millennium Field. The vote by North Norfolk District councillors in May to approve the development of 14 homes may have a been a disappointment to many of us but we should be proud of the Campaign we ran. Letters received by the NNDC Councillors were read and listened to and without a doubt had an influence on the Planning Committee. The development's impact on the Village would have been far greater had villagers not submitted comments (Over 120 against and only 2 in favour) and contacted Councillors directly. This was always a "done deal" between Victory Housing Trust and NNDC with the land set aside for social housing since the 1950's. You can draw your own conclusions as to why Knapton was approved and Southrepps rejected, but major concessions were won which will improve the design enormously and will save the hedgerow and trees for future generations and wildlife to enjoy. We hope that Victory Housing Trust will stick to the Planning recommendations and build a development which will bring young people into the village and make a positive contribution to Knapton. **Michelle and Liz (Editors)**

## Knapton Village Fete

Sunday 2 September

from 2:00 p.m.

Church Farm, The Street

We would be grateful for the following items to help make this annual event a success:

Raffle and tombola prizes  
Cakes for the teas and cake stall  
Toys in good condition and bric-a-brac  
Not forgetting small prizes for the hoop-la stall!

If you can provide any of the above items or are willing to volunteer to help on the day please ring 01263 721544 or 01263 722323

Please deliver prizes etc to  
The Old School, Hall Lane  
(kindly leave items in the porch if no-one at home)  
Cakes can be brought on the day to Church Farm

*Thank You*



### **Four Legged Knapton Residents!**

Meadow arrived at Knapton Old Hall one day and lived feral in the garden for several months. Eventually she plucked up enough courage to sit on a lap and has never looked back! Michelle and David who own the Hall traced her owners, who lived in Mundeseley. They came to collect her, but Meadow decided there were too many mice to be had near the Hall, and she returned. Her owners then suggested she stay and she is now a much loved and very spoilt house cat, and Knapton Old Hall is Mouse Free - the puuuuurfect arrangement!



## Knapton Hall Musical Garden Party

Sunday 22nd July 18

2.30 - 9 pm

Five Live Bands

Tickets £10

Entry by Ticket only!

BURGERS AND HOTDOGS WILL BE PROVIDED & A VEGETARIAN  
OPTION WILL BE AVAILABLE

JUST BRING YOUR OWN:

CHAIRS, TIPPLE AND GLASSES.

Contact for tickets: Mal Lees 01263 720018

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

Money raised to go towards further repairs to the Village Hall.



### Win a bottle of champagne !

If you can answer these questions please email them to: [Michelledevries@mac.com](mailto:Michelledevries@mac.com) or drop through the letter box of Knapton Old Hall, before August 1st -All correct answers will be entered into a draw and the winner given a bottle of Moët & Chandon Champagne.

1. "I Love To Run Through The Bright Green Fields, I Love To Live On The Farm, I Love To Take A Stroll Where The Primroses Grow, For The Country Life's A Charm"  
These lyrics were written by a renowned English folk singer who was born in Knapton, can you name him ?

2. "Who was the headline act at the 2017 Truncheonbury Festival held In Knapton?"

3. How many bells are there in Knapton's St Peter and Paul Church ? 4, 6 or 8 ?

4. What band does Knapton Resident David Rowntree play in ?

5. David is not the only musician who lives in Knapton, can you name another resident who has played drums with The Three Degrees and Jet Harris from the Shadows ?

6. St Peter and Paul Church boasts a delightful organ built at the end of the 19th Century. Which company was it built by ?  
a. Thomas Casson b) Bishop & Sons c) Harrisson and Harrisson ?

### Knapton Village Walk – Spring Bank Holiday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018

The sum raised on the walk was £170 on the day and with further donations the total is now £190 for Macmillan nurses, thank you to all who took part, especially the ladies who made the delicious cakes and coffee that welcomed the walkers back at the Village Hall. The group shown walked the main walk which was 7.02 miles, a few sore muscles the following morning. Many thanks to Patrick Lee who organised us.

Walkers alongside the Dilham Canal before heading into Pigneys Wood and the Butterfly Walk back to Knapton.



## What's On In Knapton? June - November 2018

### June

Wednesday 13th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group
Friday 22nd	10 - 12 midday 7.30 pm	Coffee Club—All Welcome Summer Concert with The Broadbeat Choir St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton See Poster - Everyone welcome
Wednesday 27th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

### July

Tuesday 3rd	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Strawberry Tea – EVERYONE is WELCOME See Advertisement.
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Wednesday 11th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 13th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club – Village Hall All Welcome
Wednesday 25th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Sunday 22nd	2.30pm	Musical Garden Party – Knapton Hall - See Advert for details
Friday 27th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club – Village Hall All Welcome

### August

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Nibbling & Nattering – The Old School – Members only.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

### September

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 pm	The Knapton Village Fete - Church Farm, The Street, Knapton – See Advert
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Knapton Women's Own AGM - Village Hall Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Harvest Supper - Village Hall – TBC details to follow
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	09.15 am	Harvest Festival Service – St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome

### October

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Bring and Share – A favourite Photo, Poem, Piece of Writing. - Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome

### November

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Alistair Murphy, Cromer Museum "The Life of Olive Edis"
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	09.15 am	Remembrance Sunday Service – Knapton Parish Church
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome

## USEFUL NUMBERS

### **Emergency No: 111**

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Park Lane, North Walsham, Norfolk, NR28 0BQ

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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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#### **Water & Drainage: Anglian Water**

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

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