



Knapton News

2nd Edition 2023

Welcome to the Knapton News . 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 Knitters 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/>






Knapton Certainly enjoyed the Coronation of our New King Charles III, we had a great weekend, more is reported with photos later in Knapton News.

We are pleased to report that the companies at the Gas Site have again given their yearly donations which pays for the Knapton News to be printed. All other contributions are from volunteers. 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

Redesign of the Junction with B1145 - Public Meeting 11th July at 6.30pm Village Hall

A Public Meeting has been arranged for Steve White of Highways to attend an open meeting in the Village Hall on 11th July at 6.30 to discuss the proposed alterations to the junction of Hall Lane, The Street and the B1145. He stressed that this would be only to receive suggestions and no decision would be made until SW had reported back to Highways. The Chairman of the Parish Council will get large copies of the original plan showing bollards, a sign and alteration to the kerb as a starting point from which to work.

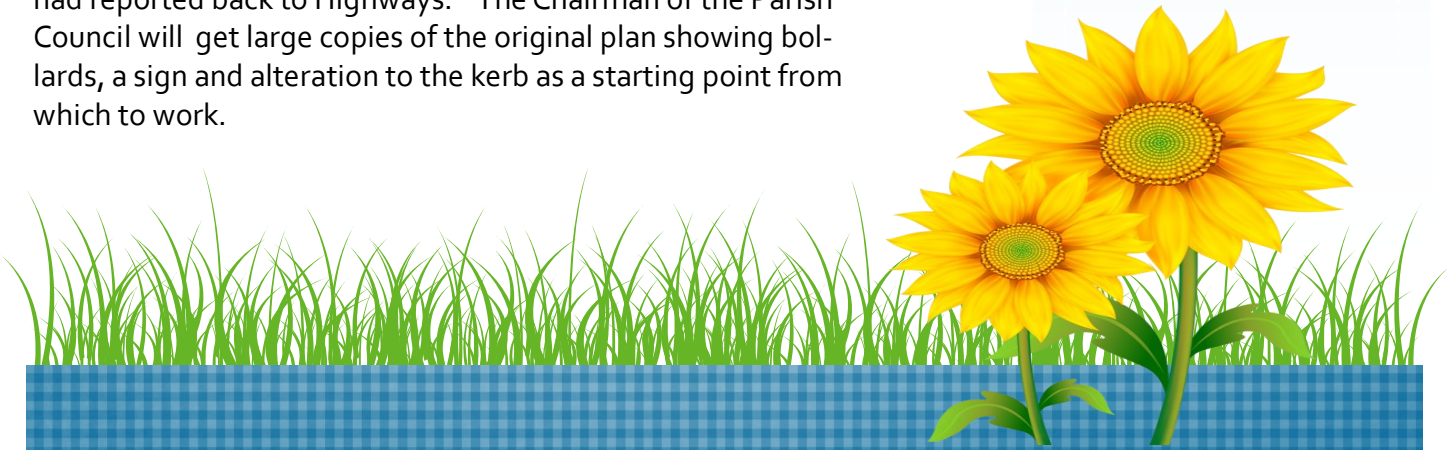







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Coronation Weekend

The Kings Coronation Weekend was a wonderful event despite the rain on Saturday, which inevitably resulted in less attendance than the Silver Jubilee, but we still managed a good turnout and plenty of dancing and fun was had ! Huge thanks to Mal Lees and her daughter Emily for the tireless work on the BBQ, another great success. Many of us danced to the wonderful Dynamite who supplied us with plenty of great music from the 60's, 70's and to current chart successes. It really was a great night, the Church is such a fantastic venue, and decorated to mark the occasion.

The lighting of the Beacon at 9pm was an occasion to be remembered. (Well done David for climbing a rather damp ladder to light the beacon). Rev Joanna Haywood read a prayer and followed by a congregational singing of the National Anthem... We ate, drank and were merry !!

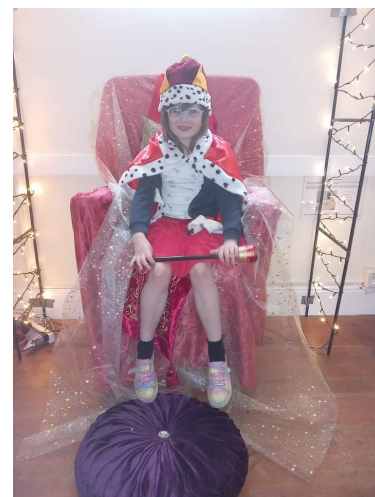
Sunday Morning's walk was met with great attendance, and plenty of dogs ! It was great to chat to faces old and new, and get to know our neighbours. Followed by Coffee and Cake at the Church Coffee Morning, thanks especially to those who held the fort in the church , coffee making was done by mostly the Knitters and Stitches , the History group for their displays and William and Kathleen for the music, again another great success.

In the afternoon, the children of the village were entertained by Stevie Spud, and much fun was had by children, parents and grandparents, with photograph opportunities on our very on throne !!

Its just great what can be achieved to create a community, and so nice to see everyone, meeting and chatting to new people, and hopefully forging great friendships for the future. A smile and a hello goes a long way to some of our residents

Huge thanks to all that attended, and to all that helped to co-ordinate another great event for Knapton !!

God save the King





As I write this it's 25 degrees, clear blue skies and a truly beautiful day. I'm sure that most of us hope it stays that way for a while, and I say that as an allotment holder! But - there's always a 'but' - there may be some amongst us, elderly or disabled neighbours perhaps, who may be struggling with the heat. If you know someone who may be, even if you don't know them well, please try to contact them each day just to make sure they're OK and to see if they need anything. And, if you're one of those struggling, please remember that you can call the Angels on **01263 363456** and we'll be there for you.

As I begin my fifth year of leading the Parish Council, I'm struck by the fact that I find it to be just as much a privilege now as I did five years ago. There's something very special about being part of a wonderful team of volunteers that give up their free time to try to make things better for everyone that shares our parish, and I'll do my level best over the next 12 months to do just that.

Talking of which, as I promised to do at the Annual Parish Meeting in May, I have arranged a parish-wide Public Meeting to discuss the possible design changes to the junction where The Street and Hall Lane meet the Knapton Road, to try and make it safer for pedestrians and road users alike. It's going to take place in the **Village Hall** on **11th July** starting at **6:30pm**, so if you have a point of view you'd like to share or would like to be part of the discussion put it in your calendar.

Steve White, Senior Engineer for County Highways, has agreed to come along and share his thoughts on how the traffic speeding issues can be dealt with effectively and to hear our thoughts and ideas. Obviously, Steve won't be able to make any decisions or commitments at the meeting since all considerations will have to be approved by the tech design guys at Highways, but he'll make a note of any views or suggestions made at the meeting and take them back to the designers at Highways so that they can put together a re-modelling design based on them, which they in turn will forward to us for our approval.

I'm expecting to see everyone that was at the APM there, and it would be great to see anyone else who lives close to the junction, or is in some way affected by it, there as well.

I intend to launch the new Parish Plan initiative in the Autumn, to be headed up by Cllr John Lawton. It's long overdue and plays a part in shaping our parish for many years to come. I hope everyone gets behind it because that way it will truly reflect the views of all our residents. I'll make more details available as to how we're going to approach it closer to the time.

We've already had one big bash this year in honour of our new King but we still have a few to go, including the **Picnic in the Garden** (a big thank you to Steve and Carol) and our Fête Committee's evergreen **Village Fête**, both of which just better and better every year, so I hope to see everyone there soaking up our wonderful village atmosphere.

Every year brings new challenges for us all, and the Parish Council is no different. We currently have three seats vacant on the council, one due to retirement and two due to councillors choosing not to remain on it. If you feel that you'd like to have more of a say about what happens in our parish, please consider joining us and getting involved. As always, you can find out more on the Parish Council page on our website, including a list of reasons not to join.... https://knaptonvillage.org/parish_council/why-be-a-parish-councillor

As I'm sure Dee has mentioned, she is trying to retire after 12 years of unswerving service to both the parish council and the village, so I would also welcome any interest from anyone who'd like to consider that role. Full training will be given together with a commensurate salary.

The benches that we have planned for several locations are still work in progress and we are still trying to decide what the best course of action is for a new bus stop(s) for our schoolchildren and our elderly residents, so please keep an eye out in the next month or two for news on those.

I believe that we all have good reason to look forward to this year and I look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings or one of the parish events.

Stay safe and have a great day

Peter

Knapton Parish Clerk`s Report: June 2023.

.I still seem to be here. Any takers for the position of clerk in Knapton? It is interesting and varied and it`s fun being part of `how the village works`. If anyone out there would like to contact me to find out more, please do. I have done it for twelve years, and I do feel that it is time to hang up my Parish Council hat.

Due to elections, District and Parish Councils, there has not been a great deal of action on the Parish Council. That said, it is the end of the financial year, so the audit has to be done and all the books balanced, policies updated and renewed. It is all there on the website for you to see.

Our tirelessly hard working chairman has succeeded in getting himself elected to the North Norfolk District Council. Well done him, but of course this will not decrease his workload. It does however guarantee that our District Councillor will be at all our meetings, unlike our last DC who was regularly conspicuous by his absence.

The Coronation celebrations were a great success. The PC succeeded in getting funding to cover all costs. (Thank you Nicky Page, it involved a lot of hard work by you). This enabled everyone to enjoy a free barbeque and to dance to the band in the church if so moved. I am sure the angels enjoy looking down on merry makers after days, and days of an empty church, which really does come alive when full.

Nicky Page and Monika Kemp put on a really good children`s tea with an entertainer. Very well done to them. So good to get children involved in and enjoying the village.

Jackie Southwell-Hall worked hard to arrange an excellent coffee morning, filling the church once more on the Sunday. The village walk was well attended, with better weather than for the actual Coronation. I remember it rained when our last queen was crowned, but it was certainly not an ill omen in her case.

Many residents will at some time or other have encountered a car leaving the B1145 for Hall Lane at speed at the junction at the top of The Street, ignoring any car trying to brave an exit onto the main road. This has given rise to a lot of discussion and planning between the Parish Council and Highways. Peter Neatherway has succeeded in bringing Steve White of Highways to a meeting in the village hall at 6.30 on Tuesday 11th July, where plans to resolve this problem can be seen and discussed. We hope as many of you as possible will be there.

Dee Holroyd

June 2023

Knapton Women's Own

Knapton Women's Own Strawberry Tea is an annual event to raise money for the chosen charity. This year's Charity is Mundesley First Responders, Mario came to our June meeting and provided an interesting session reminding the member of how important a simple knowledge of First Aid and how to carry out CPR as well as how to use the Village Defibrillator. Mario is the local First responder who many of us will meet when he comes to help, until the Ambulance gets to us when we call 999. For the last three years we have raised money for Cromer Hospital Friends and their fundraising appeal to equip the new Macmillan Cancer centre at Cromer Hospital, the total at the last count was £1400!

Everyone is welcome, ladies please do bring your husbands or partners, friends and the grandchildren too, so please come along and support this worthy cause.



Women's Own Strawberry Tea

Tuesday 4th July 2023 2.15pm

Village Hall, Knapton

Strawberries and Cream

Scones and Tea/Coffee

£5 on the door

Raffle

**Everyone is Welcome come and
support this years charity**

"Mundesley First Responders"



Picnic in the Garden

30th July 2023,

Knapton Hall

Music from: **Some Shades of Grey**

Ross Stewart

The Shunters

Hilly Billy Goats Gruff

Bring your own picnic, drinks and chairs...

then dance the day away.....

Doors open 2.30 - Music from 3pm.

£12.00 for the whole day.

Tickets available from

tel nos. Carol 07973713939.

or Alan 07733426537



Church Warden's Whispers.

Oh my goodness how fabulous does the churchyard and bank look? The daisies and poppies around the bank and the buttercups across the churchyard are absolutely beautiful. Let's hope our birds, bees and wildlife enjoys it too. A huge thank you for all of the hard work that goes into keeping it so.

The Kings Coronation was not only a triumph for King Charles 3rd but also a triumph for Knapton village. The celebrations across the weekend were varied and it was so wonderful to see all the different groups meeting, dancing, drinking, sharing stories, eating cake and genuinely enjoying themselves in the Church. It was a shame the weather was not better in the evening but for those of you who saw me watching Dave climb a wet slippery ladder to light the beacon will also know I was very proud of him and of all involved,(and just a little afraid). The Songs of Praise on Sunday afternoon were joyous and thanks to all who helped and suggested some really uplifting hymns.

We continue to hold a Holy Communion service on the third Sunday of the month at 10am.

We held a quiet reflective service led by Betty Taylor celebrating Julian of Norwich on June 4th. Great to have an hour of time to think and reflect and listen to music. What other services would we like in our church? I am always open to suggestions.

Thank you for the donations so far for the Parish Giving Scheme that I talked about in the last issue. I cannot express how much it is appreciated. The forms mentioned will be delivered in the next couple of weeks.

The Church is always open if your need quiet space at any time please visit.

Do please contact me with any thoughts or issues or suggestions re the church moving forward in these ever changing and challenging times on allisonjackson0756@hotmail.com or 01263720826 or 07769613399.

Allison Jackson Church Warden.

Coronation Mugs

Do you live in Knapton and have children who have not yet received their Coronation Commemoration Mug, please let the Parish Clerk Dee know. If there are any left they will be available for a donation of £5.



KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL

THE OLDE ORDER CHANGETH

AFTER over twenty years upon the village hall committee Mary Renwick Forster is retiring from it and we all give her our sincere thanks for all she has contributed to the village through the hall. She was always the one to raise a hand to volunteer for any task that came up and it was a delight to work with her. Well done, Mary.

And I'm off too. I've been chairman for far too long and it's time to move away.

We had an AGM on 8th June 2023 when officers were elected to various posts on the committee, and you might like to know who they are.

Chairman/woman vacant

Vice Chairman, Andy Gatfield 07940 030965

Treasurer Jenny Foster

Secretary vacant

Bookings secretary and compliance Joan Staniforth

Events coordinator Monika Kemp

Members Allison Jackson, Kathryn Herculson and Andy Weston

So you'll see that the committee is short of someone to chair it and someone to prepare agenda and minutes. It meets usually once every two months, at 7.00pm and generally takes about 90 minutes (depending on how much business there is, and how chilly in winter it can become). **If anyone in the village would like to discuss joining and possibly filling a vacant role, please telephone Andy Gatfield.**

Use it or lose it, is phrase often used, so please do your best to support the hall by hiring it, coming to one of our functions and hopefully playing a part in running it.

See you there

Nick Holroyd

Knapton Fete

The famous Knapton Fete happens on the first Sunday in September all the village is invited and helpers always needed fun for every age even older pepe like me...if you can help Ring Alan 07733416537.. Thanks to Steve and Sarah as ever..



TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP



Hello Growers,

Well summer has finally arrived. The plants and seeds have just sat in the ground and have not germinated, but with the warm weather the plants have started growing.

The Sweet Corn looks very good. We are looking forward to lovely sweet cobs also the runner beans are coming on too. All the polytunnel plants, tomatoes, cucumbers and melons also peppers. Although they are a bit slow and small they will soon romp away in this hot weather. No matter what the weather is, wet, cold or hot the weeds keep growing especially the grasses so weeding is always ongoing. Blu's rose garden looks amazing this year, and the bees are loving it, and one of our new members has followed and put a rose circle on his allotment, so more food for the bees. The strawberries have just started, so we are enjoying the early pickings, and do they taste good !!!

Hope you all have a good harvest whatever you are growing. Have a lovely Summer and don't work too hard.

All the best..

Green Fingers

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Bookable Sessions: Morning - 9am to 1pm :: Afternoon - 1pm to 5pm :: Evening 5pm to 9pm

Village Hall Hire Charges (without Heating)

Village Residents, Village Clubs & Groups £12 per session

Non Village Residents, Clubs & Groups £20 per session

Charges for All Day, Corporate, Commercial, Local Government or Public Sector Events available on request.

Heating

Heating is charged in addition to the Hall Hire it is charged by the hours used:

1 heater @1.5kw is £1.50 .

3 x 1 heater@1 kw is £3 ie £1 each.

To use all 4 heaters for 1 hour is £4.50

2 hours £9

3 hours £13.50

4 hours £18 .

All booking enquiries to Booking Secretary via the Knapton Village Website

Current Booking Form, Conditions of Hire and other booking information can be obtained from the Bookings Secretary. Information is also being updated on the village website:

[Booking The Hall - Knapton Parish Council \(knaptonvillage.org\)](http://knaptonvillage.org)

Knapton Knitters and Stitchers

Knapton Knitters and Stitchers meet at the village hall every month on the first Wednesday from 1.30 - 4pm.

You will be sure of a warm welcome so please bring along your knitting, sewing, crochet, craft work or just come along for a chat.

Next meetings are July 5th, Aug 2nd, Sept 6th.

For further details please contact **Jean Clarke 01263 720680.**



Knapton Women's Own

In July Knapton Women's Own host their annual Strawberry Tea raising funds for the chosen charity, which this year is Mundesley First Responders. In August the group meet for a mardle afternoon, then the 5th September meeting is the AGM, everyone is welcome.

Jill Emms
President

The Tea Dance Group

The tea dance group, presented the Village Hall Committee with a cheque of £300, grateful thanks to William Russall and Kathleen Hall who run the group, and the Dancers as they all contributed to the fundraiser throughout the time the hall has been used.



What's On In Knapton? July—October 2023

July

Monday 3rd	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st
Tuesday 4th	2.15pm	Women's Own Strawberry Tea - Village Hall Everyone is welcome - See Advert on page 5!
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall - Public Welcome and can ask questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Wednesday 5th	1.30pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group – Village Hall
Friday 14th	10am	Coffee Club - All Welcome - Village Hall
Friday 28th	10am	Coffee Club - All Welcome - Village Hall

August

Tuesday 1st	2.15	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall
Wednesday 2nd	1.30 pm	The Knitting an Stitching Group - Village Hall
Monday 7th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 14th, 21st, & 28th
Friday 11th	10am	Coffee Club - All Welcome - Village Hal
Friday 25th	10am	Coffee Club - All Welcome - Village Hal

September

Sunday 3rd	2 - 4pm	Village Fete - Church Farm, The Street, Knapton.
Monday 4th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 11th, 18th, & 25th
Tuesday 5th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own AGM and First Meeting - ALL new Members, welcome come and see what they do.! - Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall - Public Welcome and can ask questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Wednesday 6th	1.30 pm	The Knitting an Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 8th	10am	Coffee Club - All Welcome - Village Hall
Friday 22nd	10am	Coffee Club - All Welcome - Village Hall

October

Monday 2nd	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th
Tuesday 3rd	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own ALL new Members, welcome come and see what they do.! - Village Hall
	7.pm	Parish Council - Village Hall Public - Welcome and can ask questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting

Useful Information

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Mundesley Medical Centre

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

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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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