



# Knapton News

## Christmas Edition

### 3rd Quarter 2017



Welcome to the Knapton News covering the period up to Christmas and the New Year. The Editorial Team wish everyone a Very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

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: [knaptonnews@outlook.com](mailto:knaptonnews@outlook.com)

### SAVE Knapton NEWS!

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### St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Update

Since the last Knapton News we can report that the repairs funded by Heritage Lottery are complete. The Tower now has a new casement window in the ringing chamber and an emergency escape ladder to use from the window. A blocking post has also been installed in the Pond Lane entrance to stop any possible unauthorised access to the churchyard by vehicles.



### Church Warden's Whispers

The 5<sup>th</sup> August was the beginning of Open Churches week in Norwich Diocese. We latched on to this with a Heritage Week exhibition in church. By calling it "Knapton Heritage Days" we have had a banner made courtesy of the HLF grant. Alison Glaze with June & Richard Wild did a wonderful job setting up the photographic display of heritage photos showing occupations found in the village. Thank you to the ladies who decorated the church with flowers.

The Village Harvest Festival was celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. All the donations of food were taken to the Cromer Food Bank. We have received a thank you letter and are pleased to report we donated 11.5kgs of goods.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> November the Royal British Legion Mundesley and District will be holding the Annual Remembrance Sunday service at 10:30 for 10:45 start, at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Knapton. Everyone is welcome. There will be extra parking in the Paddock on Pond Lane. Our thanks to Steve Hammond whose paddock it is.

The Village Christmas Carol Service by Candle Light is the next highlight of the year, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 6.30 pm. The service will be lead jointly by our own Rev Ralph Webb, and another member of the clergy team. Come and sing your favourite Christmas Carols.



We are very grateful to Shell, Interconnector and Perenco for their kind sponsorship of this publication

Knapton Village Website

[www.knapton-village.co.uk](http://www.knapton-village.co.uk)

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## Church Warden's Whispers *(continued from previous page)*

If you would like to take part by reading please let me know by the 1<sup>st</sup> December when we have our planning meeting. Sarah and Steve Hammond have kindly agreed to provide the Christmas Tree and the Mulled wine following the Carol Service. They will be very pleased to receive donations of bottles of red wine, all contributions gratefully received, just leave them on the doorstep of Church Farm back door. We need donations of boxes of mince pies please, just bring them to church earlier in the day.

During Advent, Christmas and New Year, the following services will take place at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Knapton.

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 9.15am Morning prayer                      11th Dec 9.15am Holy Communion  
 17th Dec 6.30pm Village Carol Service  
 25th Dec - **10.00am** Holy Communion    Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December No Service

Elsewhere in the group over Christmas there are the following services:

24th Dec - 4.30pm            Christingle Service in Gimingham or Crib Service in Trunch  
 24th Dec - 11.30pm        Midnight Mass in Mundesley  
 31<sup>st</sup> Dec - 10.00am        Group Holy Communion in Mundesley



Liz, Church Warden



## Knapton Village Hall Cheese and Wine Evening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017

7.15 For 7.30 pm

Tickets £5

Bring and Share your favourite cheese

&

Bring your own tippie

Biscuits and bread for cheese, plus accompaniments, will be provided

Enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, and music

Money raised will go to refurbish the Village Hall

Contact for tickets and your cheese selection is Mal 01263 720018.

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



## Singing the Blues!



Sunday the 30th July saw the brilliantly successful MUSICAL GARDEN PARTY take place at Knapton Hall. Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of Steve and Carol, their immaculate walled garden was transformed into a festival venue for an afternoon and evening of live music. A special mention must also go to Geoff Cooper who not only brought the event into existence but drummed with both bands.

*3 Cornered Wheel* took to the stage with Simon Whitney on guitar, harp and vocals, Martin York on bass, and Geoff on drums. Under an unexpected blue sky, their 'fresh approach to classic blues' (2017 Dereham Blues Festival programme) brought the first of many wholehearted bursts of applause.



Geoff then changed shirts and changed bands to join *Chicago One Zero* with Richard "Buzz" Barsby on vocals and guitar, Johnboy Watcham on harp, Terry "the Professor" Bunting on guitar and "Steaming Stewart Aitken on bass. Also fresh from the Dereham Festival, they let rip with numbers inspired by the American Blues circuit of the 1940s and 50s. And all the while Mal Lees kept the crowd fed from her barbecue station.

With the performers playing for free – and generous contributions for the raffle – an exceptional £900 was raised in aid of the Knapton Village Hall.





## Easy access walks this autumn

The Norfolk Coast Partnership has produced a range of fourteen information sheets on accessible walks in the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The walk information has been developed in order to give everyone the confidence to get out and enjoy this special place. All the routes are short ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles), start and finish near car parks with accessible toilets, offer frequent seating opportunities and are well waymarked, they also offer the opportunity for everyone to discover special parts of the area. The information sheet also contains photos of things to look out for, the waymarkers to follow and the terrain of the route in order that you can judge for yourself if it is suitable for you. Suitable for everyone from wheelchair users to families with pushchairs and the elderly.

To find a route for you, visit: [norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk](http://norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk) and search 'Easy access walks'.



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### Thank you from Knapton Women's Own

Knapton Women's Own would like to thank everyone who supported them in the past year with their fundraising efforts for WaterAid. Thanks to all you of who joined us for the Strawberry Tea in July, those of you who made individual donations and especially our members, who have donated via the collection and raffle at our meetings each month. We are absolutely thrilled to say that we have been able to donate **£700** to this most worthwhile charity.



### Village Carol Service by Candlelight

St Peter & St Paul's Church

6:30 p.m.

Sunday 17 December

Everyone very welcome!

Carol Service by Candlelight

Followed by mulled wine

& mince pies

Donations of bottles of red wine for the mulled wine would be appreciated

Please deliver to Church Farm

Donations of mince pies to the Church



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**Annual  
Christmas Fair**

**November 25th  
10am - 1pm**

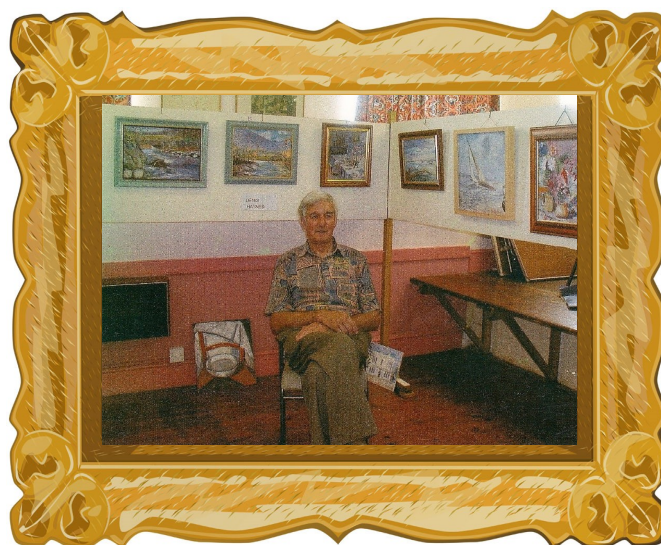
**Coronation Hall  
Mundesley NR11 8BE**

**All our usual  
Christmas stalls**



## Obituary - Denis Haynes

**Saying a  
fond farewell  
to two  
Knapton residents**



Denis was born in Walthamstow on 17 August 1927. He had three brothers and one sister. Educated at the local schools, Denis left at 14 in 1941.

A volunteer in the R.A.F. Regiment, he was sent to Aden and the middle- East where, as a member of the R.A.F. Regiment, he guarded British airfields.

Denis and Vi married on 6 October 1952 at the local registry office. They went on to have two daughters – Carol and Michelle- 4 grandchildren Carrie, Lauren, Donna and Michael – and 7 great grandchildren.

Denis was a member of Knapton Village Hall Management Committee, knew the building intimately, and painted the walls and exterior several times.

Denis began the Knapton Village Art Class in 1984. They met to work together and staged an exhibition each year until very recently. He also taught at the Bacton Art Group.

A month or so ago he spent time in the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, a day or more in Halvergate House in North Walsham and a few days supported at home by Vi, professional carers and neighbours until his death on 28 September. He died where he wished, just after his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and shortly before his 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

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## Knapton Fete

2017 saw the Knapton Village Fete take place in its traditional home Church Farm with good weather as usual. Thanks go to the Hammond family for the use of the farm.

The Committee wish to thank all those volunteers who manned the games, stalls, races and kitchen without which the event couldn't take place. On the day, Mary Renwick-Forster was presented with a bouquet for her sterling efforts organising the event.

The traditional games and the new Frog Game were enjoyed by all particularly the children. As usual the event ended with the children's races and tug of war and a good time was had by all.

## Obituary - Clyte Venvell

Last month we said goodbye to another long-standing village resident, Clyte Venvell. Clyte was born in Norwich and attended Blythe School in the city.

From the age of 15 she became Clyte from the Greek legends : Clytemnestra the wife of Agamemnon.

After leaving school, she studied at Homerton College Cambridge. Teaching was her life. She worked up to the age of 73, in Yorkshire, London (near Dulwich as Head of a large comprehensive school (1500 pupils) and Norfolk. She also wrote books on sex education.

Clyte and her husband Don moved back to Norfolk in the 1980s to be near Don's mother then later moving into the house built in the garden in Knapton. Her husband Don was significant in county, district and local council and they worked hard together. They encouraged a local candidate MP to stand again – who's still in post today. Clyte served on Knapton Parish Council and she supported Don as churchwarden & organist (sometimes literally when Don became too poorly to walk unaided).

However, her life was not all work. Clyte loved America, especially Martha's Vineyard and she had lots of friends. She was keen on amateur dramatics and was a member of Conisford Players. She enjoyed riding, hiking and sailing. One of her students told her 'everyone knows you're blinking mad' this being a reference to her doing extreme things! She could come across as stubborn, and she liked a good discussion/argument. She was strong and persistent, loving and passionate.

The last five years were difficult ones for Clyte, with Don's death and her failing health. More recently she required full time care, with her body failing but her mind as sharp as a pin.

### A TRIBUTE FROM CLYTE'S GREAT NIECE, GEORGIA

I'm very fortunate to have had such an amazing woman as my great aunt. She was, and always will be, an important role model in my life. Her attitude to many things may have been seen stubborn, but she was strong and persistent. Clyte has given me a view on life that anything is possible, even as a woman, if you set your mind to it.

I will always treasure the times we spent together, though few, and they will forever mean a great deal to me. My favourite things were her stories. Clyte had such a fulfilled life, she was always up to all sorts, even from a young age. I am reminded of a story she told me from when she was at school of the time she had her prefects badge unjustly (according to her) taken away for misbehaving. She triumphantly got her teachers back later, when she was needed for a duty, something which she technically no longer had to do as she was no longer a prefect, and so therefore she didn't do it. When asked about her absence after, she smugly reminded her teachers of her change in roles - much to her delight! Little did she know that, after all her misbehaving, she would be back there years later, teaching at the same school .....

Education was such a big part of her life and I am happy to have shared this with her. We both had an interest in Psychology, which we often discussed together, as well as looking through her vast collection of books in that area. It's a shame that she won't be present in the next step of my education, or my sister's, but I know that she'll be watching over all of us during these times.

We will all miss her so much but are happy that she is now reunited with others close to her.



# The Bells, The Bells!

We pass the church tower every day, we see the clock, and hear it every hour, and we hear the bells. But what makes it work and who gets them to ring? I set out to investigate and expected to encounter pallid, spectral, figures given to flitting about the graveyard in the half light, before creeping back to their lair somewhere up the tower. It wasn't quite like that. Enter Andrew Lubbock.

Andrew has lived in Knapton all his life and has been Tower Captain since 1992 when he took over from his uncle Gordon Lubbock who had been captain since the 1960's. Andrew is responsible for the clock and the bells and bellringing.

The clock is electrical and dates back to about 1946. Its face is about six feet across and it chimes each hour. There was a long gap during the recent protracted period of restoration to the tower when it was out of commission, but after a great deal of work by Andrew it is running again, and it's very accurate indeed. Compare the first chime with the pips on the radio and you will see.

But the bells take up most of his time. There are six of them in a scale from 'doe' to 'fa'. They date variously from 1565, to three bells from 1932 which replaced three from 1800. The final sixth bell was installed in 1992 and was a gift from a former Knapton Villager called Dorothy Margetts. Uncle Gordon taught many local residents to ring, including Andrew and no less than twelve other members of his family.

Presently there are seven regular ringers in Knapton and they are all members of the Diocesan Association of Ringers. As such they muck in (Andrew's words) with other local churches, notably Paston, Gimingham and Southrepps. Not Trunch, for sadly Trunch's bells are unringable. They ring for services where possible, weddings, special events and sometimes, if asked, for funerals. For funerals one side of the clapper is muffled. This gives one open row of changes followed by a quieter, more solemn, sounding row. This is also done on Remembrance Sunday.

Is it easy to be a bell ringer, I wondered? Well, up in the tower he made it look easy. But it takes a lot of instruction and practice. Which is why we hear bell practice on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of each month, between 7.30 and 9.00pm. It's not just about playing scales up and down. There are 720 permutations on six bells but these can be rung in hundreds of different ways, called 'methods'. Methods all have different names, frequently place names.

The clapper strikes the bell about one and a half seconds after the rope is pulled. Andrew explains that in Knapton's case all six bells sound, in turn, about 30 changes a minute. This means that the ringers have to strike their bell in a gap of two thirds of a second. And to be and sound accurate they have to strike the bell within a twelfth of a second each time. Skillful or what?

The bell itself can weigh up to four tons (Liverpool Cathedral) Most Norfolk 'sixes' have tenor bells weighing half a ton. The biggest at Knapton weighs 5.5cwt. The bell is fixed to and hangs from a shaft known as a headstock.. Beside the bell on the headstock is fixed what looks like a small cartwheel. A rope is tied to one of the spokes of the wheel and drops down to where the ringers are. Pull the rope, the wheel and the bell rotate one way and the clapper hits the bell. Gravity causes the bell and the wheel to drop back and go up the other side, with a little further pull on the rope. Bong, again. There is a cunning piece of wood extending at 180 degrees from the top of the bell which, by a crafty buffer known as the stay/slider, prevents the bell going over the top and down the other side. Using this the ringer can halt the bell when it is just past being upside down. Otherwise, during ringing, the ringer can pause the bell by gently holding the rope when the bell is literally upside down. But if the ringer gets it wrong and allows the bell to rotate beyond the vertical with too much force, the stay/slider snaps and the bell rotates through 360 degrees leading to the bell rope flying upwards. Taking the ringer with it if he has decided not to let go!



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## The Bells, The Bells *(continued from previous page)*

What was very clear was that the ringers seem to have a lot of fun, not only in Knapton but at all the churches they visit. Ringers are welcomed in every church and Andrew tells me that any ringer passing any church where the bells are ringing is always a welcome guest and invited to have a go. He says it is by no means as daunting as it may sound.

Knapton would welcome more ringers. Andrew is keen to help and teach. And like so many people I have talked to about these little articles, his enthusiasm is infectious. There is no age limit, although he says children are quicker learners than their parents! But there is a pretty steep wooden stairway to the belfry which requires some agility.

So why not give it a try? Either just turn up at the tower and go up the stair while the bells are ringing on a Monday or call Andrew on 01263 722929

Finally, a little quiz.

*'And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee'. (John Donne)*

What was he trying to say? Answers on a postcard to the editor

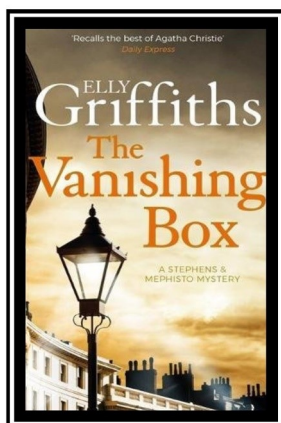
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## MESSAGE FROM KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

If anyone in the village would like to receive news from the Parish Council of anything which may be affecting the village, please send your email address to the Parish Clerk, Dee Holroyd: [deeholroyd@btinternet.com](mailto:deeholroyd@btinternet.com)

## Novelist Elly Griffiths

Popular crime novelist is coming  
to Mundesley Library



Thursday  
23 November  
2 - 3.30pm

*To talk about her  
work including her  
new book*

*The Vanishing Box*

**Booking essential. Please contact Mundesley  
Library on 01263 720702. £3 per person**

## Libraries Week

9-14  
OCTOBER  
2017

discovery.

Find out more:  
[librariesweek.org.uk](http://librariesweek.org.uk)  
#librariesweek

### Discover what your library can offer!

Staff and Mundesley Library Friends will be on hand to show you how to access Which Reports and Find my Past free of charge online and much more.

Monday 9 October 10-12pm, Tuesday  
10 October 2-4pm Saturday 14 October  
10-12pm

**Drop in and see us**



Royal British  
Legion  
Mundesley and District

# Remembrance Sunday Service

12 November 2017  
10:30 for 10:45 a.m. start  
St Peter & St Paul's  
Parish Church  
Knapton

*All proceeds to the Poppy Appeal*



# 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

Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer NR27 9EN 01263 513811

<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

New Connections Tel: 0845 234 0040

### Gas Emergencies: National Gas Emergency Number Tel: 0800 111 999

# What's on in Knapton?



## October

Wednesday 25th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 27th	10 - 12	Coffee Club -- ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 31st	7.30 pm	<b>November Parish Council Meeting—Village Hall</b>

## November

Tuesday 7th	2.15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Ringing those Bells! - Betty Taylor
Wednesday 8th	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 10th	10 - 12	Coffee Club -- ALL WELCOME
Saturday 11th		Norfolk Bell Ringers AGM + Service
Sunday 12th	1030 for 1045	Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service St Peter & St Paul's Church Knapton ALL WELCOME
Friday 17th	7.15 for 7.30pm	Cheese & Wine Evening—Village Hall (see Advert)
Wednesday 22nd	1.30 p.m.	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall <b>Final Meeting for 2017 next meeting Feb 2018</b>
Friday 24th	10 - 12	Coffee Club - ALL WELCOME

## December

Tuesday 5th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own Carol Service - St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
Wednesday 6th	12 for 12:30 p.m.	Knapton Friends Christmas Lunch. Sea Marge Hotel, Overstrand
Friday 8th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club ALL WELCOME
Wednesday 13th	12 for 12:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Christmas Lunch - Sea Marge Hotel, Overstrand
Sunday 17th	6.30pm	Village Carol Service by Candle Light - St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church
Monday 25th	10am	Christmas Morning Communion Service - St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church

## January 2018

Tuesday 2nd	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Tuesday 9th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own Christmas/New Year Party Village Hall
Friday 13th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Friday 27th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome

## February

Tuesday 6th	2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Friday 9th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 14th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 23rd	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 28th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

## March

Tuesday 6th	2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 9th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 14th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 23rd	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 28th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

**FOR COFFEE CLUB SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR LOCATION EACH TIME**