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CHURCH WARDEN'S WHISPERS



WHAT'S ON IN Knapton



THE ENQUIRER

KNAPTON NEWS

Under sunny skies, Sunday 22nd July saw the second brilliantly successful MUSICAL GARDEN PARTY to be held in the walled garden of Knapton Hall, courtesy of Steve and Carol. As with last year, Geoff Cooper not only played drums but brought together the bands for a non-stop show that ran from 2.30 to 9 p.m., with everyone donating their services in aid of our Village Hall.

With the accent on Blues we heard sets from *Gin City*, *Lou's Connections*, *3 Cornered Wheel* and *Chicago One Zero*, while bringing a touch of folk – and some lively dancing from the crowd – was *5 Shades of Grey* featuring our own Mr Alan Young.

The event was catered by Mal, compered by Angus, with the exceptionally well-supported raffle in the hands of the two Marys. All in all, a thoroughly fabulous day with the prospect of a repeat performance next year. *(Photos continue on page 10)*



Photos by Angus Robertson



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Church Wardens Whispers

The Broadbeat Choir gave us a wonderful evening on the 22nd June, the money raised was split three ways. From the profits we have presented the choir with a cheque for £200 for their charity Alzheimer's Norfolk, The Dementia Friendly Café in Mundesley £150 and the remaining has gone into the Church's repair fund account.

We have welcomed two groups from Ace Cultural Tours from Cambridge who include Knapton into their Norfolk Church Tours each party of nearly 30 with their guide and organiser, they give the church a small donation each, visit as well as encouraging their customers to purchase our guide books.

The monthly visits by the Community Service Team is working out well, in June they spent an extra day clearing the church bank, we were grateful to Patrick Lee for providing his trailer to remove the dried grass and then to Andrew Claydon who is happy to dispose of it for us. The team will be with us again in August then in September we have asked them for a complete week as they will then cut the old side of the church yard in readiness for the Autumn and winter.

The Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 9th September at 0915, all donations will be given as before to the Cromer Food Bank. During July 48.65kg of food was donated by the Trunch Group which includes Knapton – Thank you. In August we would be pleased to receive any items but particularly: Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Tomatoes, Long Life Milk – Semi skimmed or full fat, Pasta Sauce, Fruit Juice, Squash, Instant Pasta Snacks, Cuppa Soup, Sponge Puddings, Jam, Chocolate, Biscuits, Deodorant, Toilet Rolls. There is a box at the back of the church where donations can be placed throughout the year.



You may have seen the reports on the Television of the commemoration services held on in France and Belgium on the 8th of August the main events for the United Kingdom will be held on the 11th November 2018, with the lighting of village beacons and the ringing of church bells. To this aim please read the following as our Bell Ringing Team are in desperate need of new members.

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.

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.

For the latest updates on The Millennium Field please visit
www.Knaptonvillage.co.uk



Ride+Stride in Norfolk will once again take place on Saturday 8th September 2018. This is a unique event which should appeal to anybody who would like to take a bit of exercise, who appreciates the importance of our churches to the Norfolk landscape and wants an opportunity to raise money for their local church and the Norfolk Churches Trust.

In Norfolk, Ride+Stride has raised around £2,600,000 over the last 30 years. Half of that money was given back to the participants' chosen churches and the remainder has been used by the Trust to give grants to hundreds of churches to be used for repairs, renovation and the conservation of their buildings. Over 600 church buildings will open for one day in the year for everyone to explore.

Making a difference to churches

Please take part and walk, ride or drive around Norfolk's churches to raise money for the church or chapel of your choice and for the Norfolk Churches Trust. Even if you are not a cyclist or even a walker then you can still take part by either being sponsored to drive around churches or even act as a steward on the day.

Your efforts last year raised more than £110,000 and were made up of lots of donations, some large, but mostly small, which collectively make a huge difference and add up to a very significant sum to help preserve our Norfolk Churches.

To register as a participant, for further information on what's happening in Norfolk, or to request a sponsorship form from your Ride+Stride Organiser .

Thank-you.

St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton will be supporting the event and sponsorship forms are available



Good News! Knapton has its own Neighbourhood Watch group.

**For a membership form or more details
Please ring Georgina on 07824359068**

You could save on your house insurance.

THE POLICE AND NORTH WALSHAM POLICE STATION

(or, the lights are on but is anyone at home?)

I used to go to the Magistrates' Court which was housed within the North Walsham police station. I saw prisoners in the cells there after navigating past large uniformed policemen on the front desk. It was all pretty Victorian, but I grew rather fond of the place. Police Constables majestically patrolled on foot from there, armed only with a whistle, gloves and a small truncheon tucked down their trousers. Thinking back to all this I remember it was often said that two or three pennies stuffed down each of the glove fingers turned it into a useful weapon to be used to give juvenile delinquents a sharp reminder of their lack of human rights, and as a speedy alternative to a visit to the juvenile court. Was that really true, I wonder? But I digress.

A little while ago, all of a sudden construction work began at the station, and although the frontage was spared, the rest of it, cells, courtrooms and all, were flattened. Imperceptibly building work began, was completed and the lights came on. But the front door was resolutely shut. I wondered what was going on, so I made enquiries.

I was happily directed to PC Peter Davison, a Community Engagement officer whose area of responsibility covers the whole of North Norfolk from Fakenham, through Wells to Potter Heigham. He is based at North Walsham and his job is to foster and maintain an harmonious relationship between the police and their community. Fabian of The Yard, PC 49, Dixon of Dock Green, Fancy Smith and Inspector Lestrade might not have envied PC Davison's hugely wide brief which includes responsibility for Community Speedwatches, Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, Cadet and Special Constable Training. From Fakenham to Potter Heigham!

He reminded me that the North Norfolk Police Newsletter routinely goes to each parish for parish councillors to pass around their village. He told me that there are regular meetings, called SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) meetings, so that public issues relating to safe neighbourhoods can be raised and considered for adoption as a Police Priority by a panel of volunteers from the local community. Anyone can attend these meetings to raise problems.

The new police station opened for business in September 2017. It is a 'Response and Deployment Base' and houses some fifty officers working five shifts operating twenty four hours a day. But it is not available for routine public access. The front door is firmly locked and callers are directed to an outside telephone attached to a wall around a corner. When I called I couldn't get the hang of it, but I gather that it connects to police HQ in Wymondham.

At first blush this seemed a backward step, for there is something reassuring about actually being able to go into to a local station. However it was found that 'front desks' in police stations are so rarely used by the public that it simply wasn't cost effective to establish one in North Walsham. A weekly 'Engagement Surgery' (who dreams up these names?) takes place at the North Walsham

...police station every Wednesday between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. No appointment is necessary and anyone can speak to local officers for help/support.

There are now no cells at North Walsham. All persons who have been arrested are taken to the cells at Aylsham.

So what about the police presence in Knapton? Diaa Fathalla was a well liked Police Community Support Officer who attended Knapton PC meetings at intervals. Support Officers have now been disbanded as a police element and so he is in training to become a Police Constable. However Knapton is covered by The Neighbourhood Policing Team at North Walsham and our beat bobbies (now known as Beat Managers) are PC's Paul Gwynn and Emma Drew who also take in Antingham, Bacton, Dilham, Felmingham, Gimingham, Happisburgh, Honing, Mundesley, North Walsham, Paston, Skeyton, Suffield, Swafield, Swanton Abbott, Trunch, Walcott, Westwick, Witton, and Worstead.

I asked about the Bacton gas site, for we see patrol vehicles every day. They are not in fact Norfolk Police. They are MoD police. Having said which, there is inevitably close cooperation between the two. (I'm sure I'm not the only one to find it a bit strange to be standing in a queue to pay for petrol at Sainsbury's with an armed policemen standing in the same queue patiently awaiting his turn. Does it ever cross his mind to draw his weapon with the words, "A Mars Bar or your life"! I wonder)

PC Davison explained how the face of crime is changing and why we now see so few, if any, officers on the beat, on foot and wearing a helmet. Instead officers are in cars and are able, in most cases, rapidly to respond to incidents as and when they arise. Or at least as rapidly as possible given that they must wear and carry with them a heavy stab proof vest, radio/telephone, handcuffs, pepper spray, an extendable baton and probably a live video camera. Gone are the days of the little truncheon that was so rarely drawn, and hello to the days of the baton and the compendious instructions that dictate how it may be used. When I asked an officer some ten years ago about the various uses of a baton I learned that, even then, there were twenty eight different types of named actions!

So many crimes now are computer crimes rather than, say, burglary that plain clothes officers (CID) are much less visible than the days when video recorders and televisions pinched from dwelling houses were the burglars' stock in trade. But now, of course, the remit of police is wider than ever. Domestic violence and an increasing number of neighbour disputes that have got out of hand are a major part of police work. There is much public 'Saturday night' type disorder, emergencies to attend, missing persons to be found, and on and on ad infinitum.

For, when all said and done, it is to the police that we refer when we are, or we see someone else to be, in trouble. And we must not ever forget that they need all the support **we** can give **them**.

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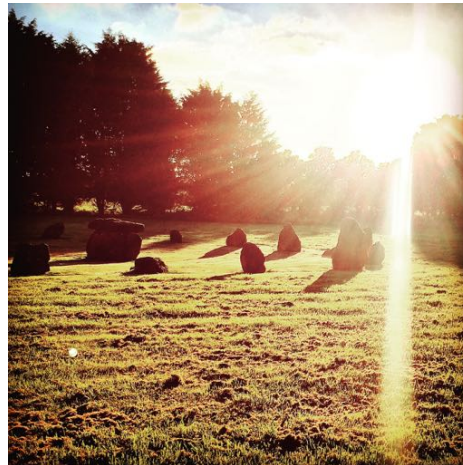
Knapton's Four Legged Residents! The Knapton Henge

If you take a stroll down the Street and wander past the church, you will see a field on your right and might do a double take at its residents. The three alpacas who live there belong to Dee and Nick Holdroyd who acquired them after retiring from their hobby of horse riding and finding their field empty. The Alpacas go by the names of Petali, Juno and Calypso and by all accounts have very individual personalities, with Calypso being the most curious, Juno being the most friendly and Petali being the most bossy!. All three love to know what's going on, and will come up to you if you go near them, but they don't particularly like being stroked unless it's on their own terms.

They are quite easy to keep apparently living off grass and haylage with favourite treats being carrots and apples. They require shearing once a year, but sadly their wool, being English alpacas isn't quite good enough quality to make a fine wool coat for their owners!



Calypso, Petali and Juno



Many visitors to the village often ask about the Stone Henge which can be seen in a field down Hall Lane in the grounds of Knapton Old Hall. Although it is made from ancient carstone and aligned correctly to cast a shadow at noon on the solstice, the henge itself is a fairly modern creation being designed in the 1990's by former resident,, Alan Cargill. Druids have occasionally been spotted worshipping in the field ! and have had to be told that sadly the henge is not "genuine" although it is now a permanent fixture and enjoyed as a picnic and "firework display area" for the current owners of the Old Hall.

Knapton Village Hall Makeover continues....

In the June edition of the Knapton News we reported that the village hall received a much needed makeover. We are delighted to also announce that during the summer, Knapton resident Angus Robertson, finished the job off by painting the roof of the hall too.

Many thanks to Angus for doing this - your hard work hasn't gone unnoticed!



Angus lending a hand to the Village Hall

Harvest Supper Knapton Village Hall

Friday 7th September 2018

7.15-7.30

£5 a ticket

Bring and share supper

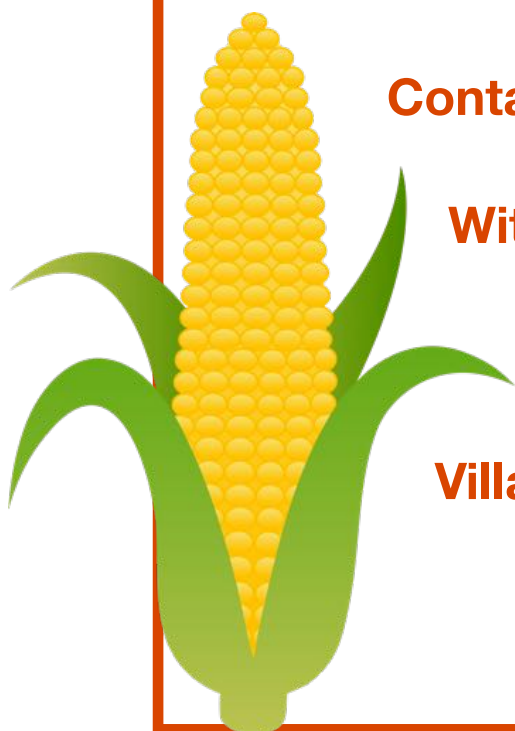
**Contact Mal Lees for tickets
01263 720018**

**With your choice of supper
dish**

Bring your own tippie

**Monies raised for
Village Hall refurbishments**

ALL WELCOME



HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Sunday 9th September 2018

09.15 am

St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church

All Donations of food will go to the Cromer Food Bank

Suggested Donations: UHT Long-Life Milk, Long Life Fruit Juice, Savoury Snacks, Fruit Squash, Tins Vegetables including Potatoes. Tins or Packets Custard Powder, Pasta Sauce, Tins Meat/

The Curtain Of Poppies

The Curtain of Poppies” is nearing its completion for display in the Cathedral for the month of November to Commemorate the WW1 Celebrations.

Over the past year, most members of Norfolk Knitters have knitted, crocheted Poppies and strings to help make this project a success. I would like to say a big “Thank You” to everyone who has helped in one way or another, in particular the ladies from Halleston Knitting group who contributed over 1000 poppies towards this project. Most of all the members of Knapton Knitters for their hard work and especially Gill Hawkes who have worked tirelessly over the past months stitching them onto the knitted strings to complete the construction with the help of some members. The display will look stunning at the entrance to St Xavious Chapel in Norwich Cathedral. I hope that those who are able to, will visit the Cathedral to see the effort the Knapton Knitters have made towards this celebration.



Over this period, the Forum Library is hoping to display 15,500 Poppies which is a good approximation from the War Graves, (dates to be confirmed) and “The Curtain “ will be included in this number) before all the poppies are distributed throughout Norfolk by the Armistice period. Ours will of course be in the Cathedral for the month of November.



Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Royal British Legion can send their donations to: “PAO Tim (Taff) Lloyd. Haig Club, 10 Cromer Rd, Mundesley, Norwich, NR11 8BE Cheques made payable to: “Poppy Appeal RBL”.

Anna Ovenden
(Knapton Knitters)

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



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What's On In Knapton? September 2018-January 2019

September

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

October

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

November

Tuesday 6 th	2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Alistair Murphy, Cromer Museum "The Life of Olive Edis" Parish Council - Village Hall
Sunday 11 th	09.15 am	Remembrance Sunday Service – Knapton Parish Church
Wednesday 14 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 16 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome
Wednesday 28 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall Final Meeting for 2018 next meeting Feb 2019
Friday 30 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome

December

Tuesday 4 th	2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Women's Own Carol Service – St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church – All Welcome Parish Council – Village Hall
Friday 14 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome
TBC	1230pm	Knapton Women's Own Christmas Lunch -
Sunday 16 th	6.30pm	Village Carol Service by Candle Light - Everyone Welcome St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church
Monday 25 th	10.00 am	Christmas Morning Communion Service - St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church – All Welcome

January 2019

Tuesday 8 th	2.15 pm 7.30 pm	Knapton Women's Own Christmas/New Year Party Village Hall Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 11 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - ALL Welcome
Friday 25 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
