



Church Warden's Whispers



A History Of The Old Hall



KNAPTON NEWS

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WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM

Knapton pays tribute to it's World War One Heroes



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Albert John Mace (1890-1918)

George Wild (1887-1918)

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Robert Christmas Yaxley (1881-1917)

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Under beautiful sunny skies at 11 am on November 11th, the village held a Two Minute silence for it's war heroes during it's annual Remembrance Service. Later on that evening to mark the centenary of the end of The Great War, beacons were lit across the country. The Knapton Beacon (built by Alan Young and Andrew Claydon) was lit at 7pm by Parish Councillor Pat Lee. Whilst residents watched on, in a moving tribute, Georgina Neatherway read the 'Ode Of Remembrance' from the poem, 'For The Fallen' by Laurence Binyon.

Knapton News remembers those seven young men of the village who gave their lives during World War 1...*their stories continue inside*



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Church Wardens Whispers

Over the last few weeks visitors to the church may have noticed that the War Memorial's inscriptions have been renewed, the work has been carried out by my husband Fred Winter we are very grateful for his hard work and thank him for it.

The monthly visits by the Community Service Team continued until the beginning of October when they gave the old side of the churchyard the second cut of the year, again 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 not be with us again this year as they have personal problems this means that the in-use side of the church yard still needs a cut in readiness for the Autumn and winter, I am hoping for a volunteer to come forward and help.

The Harvest Festival Service was held on Sunday 9th September at 0915, all donations were given as before to the Cromer Food Bank. Thank you to everyone for your support.

On the 11th November at 0915am Remembrance Sunday was celebrated at St Peter and St Paul's Knapton with a Holy Communion Service including an Act of Remembrance followed at the end of the service with the Laying of Poppy Wreaths on the War Memorial.

The Village Carol Service will be held on Sunday 16th December at 6.30pm it will be led by The Rev Andrew Jones our Rector. If you would like to contribute with a reading or the refreshments, please let us know. Donations of Wine to Church Farm please, and donations of Mince pies to the church.



Christmas Services St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Knapton

Sunday 16th December - 6.30pm - Village Carol Service by Candle Light with Revd. Andrew Jones

Sunday 23rd December 9.15am – Morning Prayer – Lay lead Service

Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day 10am - Holy Communion.

Sunday 30th December – No Service in Knapton – Group Service - 10am - All Saints Church Mundesley

With Best Wishes for the Festive Season.
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 Knapton please visit
www.Knaptonvillage.co.uk

KNAPTON CHARITY DOG WALK

On 10th November another dog walk in aid of the Brooke Hospital for Animals took place in Knapton. The Brooke was founded by Dorothy Brooke in 1934 to rescue the 5000 English horses sold in Egypt at the end of the first world war, and struggling to work in dreadful conditions. This English run charity now cares for working equines across Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, providing not only veterinary care, but much needed education of the owners. This years` walk, organised by Dee and Nick Holdroyd was especially poignant, being the hundredth year anniversary of the end of World War 1.



The 10th was a glorious day and we much enjoyed our hour and a half ramble around the footpaths of Knapton, followed by a superb lunch and raffle in the Village Hall. The event, which is held annually, raised £770 to help the Brooke continue to care for the 100 million equines working today in these countries.

A big thank you to the band of helpers, who each year make this event really special.

KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL

Remember that we have a village hall! We know its old and we know you still have to hang your coats on the old school pegs. But its ours and needs to be used. Community Service did a fantastic job in redecorating everything, we have a large supply of much more comfortable chairs, a fully equipped kitchen and shortly new blinds will be going up. And it is yours to hire!

Hire rates are presently very modest indeed and are £12.00 per session including heating, (a session being morning, afternoon or evening) for 'village use'. Other hiring comes in at a bit more which can be discussed with the individual concerned.

All enquiries should either come to Mary Renwick-Forster (01263 7209080) or me (01263 720356)

Nick Holroyd



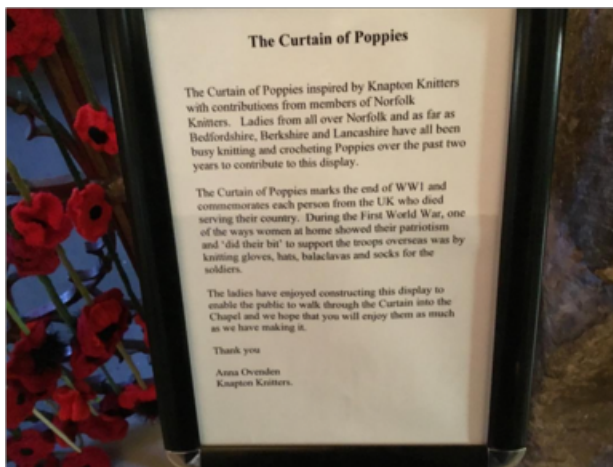
Good News! Knapton has its own Neighbourhood Watch group.

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

THE CURTAIN OF POPPIES IS NOW ON DISPLAY

In the Autumn Edition of The Knapton News we reported on the Knapton Knitters efforts in making a curtain of Poppies to commemorate those fallen in The Great War.

As part of a countryside initiative to commemorate those fallen and also remember how women at home showed their patriotism by knitting balaclavas and socks for the soldiers. Many people in Norfolk contributed to the curtain which is on display in St Saviour's War Memorial Chapel in Norwich Cathedral until December 2nd.



KNAPTON'S FOUR LEGGED RESIDENTS

Say Hello or rather Hola! to Izzy Stardust who arrived in Knapton after being rescued as a puppy from Southern Spain where she was found tied up without water and food for days, and taken to a shelter. She was bedraggled and dehydrated but recovered quickly. Unfortunately had to stay several more weeks when the kennels she was in had an outbreak of Kennel Cough.

Eventually at six months, after a long journey by van from Southern Spain to Dover she was picked up by her owners and driven back to Knapton. Although Izzy shook with fright for the first hour in the car she started licking the owners and then promptly fell asleep on their laps! On arrival at her new home she was none the worse for wear and settled in very quickly to her new environment by destroying a whole sofa in less than an hour! She is a Collie / Terrier/ Spanish hunting dog cross aka "a street mutt" ! which means she has a lot of energy) which is now alleviated with two long walks a day, lots of training and agility classes! She (mostly) gets on with her cat sister who gives her the odd smack with her paw when she gets out of line. Much to her owners' delight Izzy was awarded best rescue dog at the Swafeld Village Fete Last summer. (and The new sofa remains intact!)



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Festive Cheese and Wine Evening



Friday 7th December 7.30 pm

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Bring your own cheese and wine.

Enjoy a get together with friends

We will provide bread, biscuits, butter etc.

Tickets

Sarah 01263 720414

Nick Holroyd 01263 720356

Raffle Prizes needed please!

Knapton Village Hall



**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE
COULD LIVE IN PEACE**

KNAPTON WAR MEMORIAL WW1 NAMES

Percy William Swann Born in Knapton in 1891 - 1917



He was the son of George and Ann Swann. According to the 1911 Census Percy's occupation was Porter/Signalman on Railway.

Percy enlisted as a Private in the 1st Bn. Norfolk Regiment. He was killed in Action on 23 April 1917 aged 27. He is commemorated at the Arras Memorial, France.



Douglas Lambert Born Brompton, London in 1884

Douglas was the son of Ernest J & Elizabeth Lambert and was born 1884 in Brompton, London. Ernest was a member of the Lambert & Butler Cigarette Co. and moved to Knapton. On the 1901 Census Douglas was a student together with his twin brother Percy. Douglas enlisted in the Buffs (East Kent Regiment) and was killed in action on the 13th October 1915. Commemorated at the Loos Memorial, France.
NB: Douglas married Joyce Alismond May Didham 6th Dec. 1914 in Kensington, London. In 1915, his son was born in Kensington and was given his father's name.



Albert John Mace Born in Knapton 1890

Albert John Mace was born in Knapton in 1890. On the 1911 Census he was living with his Grandparents at Knapton Street, Knapton and occupation was given as Farm Labourer. He joined the Norfolk Regiment No. 23945 but later became a Private in the 7th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment No. 43247. He was killed in action on Friday 22 March 1918. Address at time of death was Paston Green. Commemorated at Hermies Hill British Cemetery



George Wild Born in Knapton in 1887

George Wild was born in Knapton to Henry and Ann Wild in 1887. He was one of 8 children and worked as an agricultural labourer.

In 1909 he married Anna Woodhouse and fathered six children. His youngest son, Victor, was born after George died during the First World War.

His wife Anna never remarried and brought the children up on her own.

He enlisted at Wroxham into the Royal Sussex Regiment 7th Battalion No. G/14284. Killed in Action 9th August 1918.

Awarded the Victory & British Medal.

Commemorated at the Vis-en-Artois Memorial



George Turner Born in Swafield 1881

Enlisted 30th November 1914 in Norwich. Was living in Knapton Street, Knapton when he enlisted at the age of 33yrs 9ths. 8th Batt. Norfolk Regiment No. 16988 Occupation: Farm Labourer. According to his records he was in hospital on the 23rd April 1916 suffering from influenza. He was 5ft 7 ins. Weighing 130lbs. Chest measurement 36ins. With good physical development. Killed in Action 19th July 1916

He married Agnes Ann Hedge and they had 2 boys and 3 girls. Pension awarded to the widow was £1. 6s 6d. On the 1911 Census he was living with his wife Agnes and 3 children at Hill Farm Cottages, Edingthorpe.

Awarded the Victory, British and 15-Star Medals and is Commemorated at the Thiepval Memorial, France.



Robert Christmas Yaxley Born in Knapton 1881



Robert Christmas Yaxley was the son of Edmund & Ann Yaxley and was born on Christmas Day 1881.

On the 1901 Census he was boarding at Briston. Occupation given was 'Railway Engine Cleaner'. By 1911 he was boarding in Gt. Yarmouth and occupation was 'Plate Layer'. He enlisted in the Royal Horse Artillery & Royal Field Artillery No. 82867 and died of his wounds on the 1st May 1917.

He was awarded the Victory, British & 15-Star Medals. Commemorated at Duisans British Cemetery, Etrun, France.



'Driver'

The Field Artillery Training Manual 1914 says that each driver was responsible for two horses. Also the number of gunners per battery was almost equal to the number of drivers.

Tom Colin Barcham Born in Knapton in 1888

Tom attended a boarding school in Bristol before returning home to The Old Hall in Knapton and assisting his father becoming an auctioneer & farmer. He enlisted in the 7th Batt. Norfolk Regiment No.15744 becoming a Sergeant before his death on the 12th October 1916 in France whilst taking part in the attack on Bayonet Trench. He is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

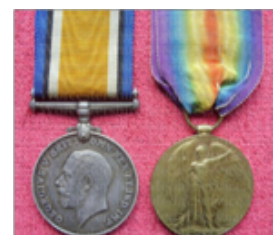


He married Constance Womald De Burgh Lawson on the 6th February 1916 in Kings Clere, Hampshire. He left £143. 16s. 7d. in his will.

Constance, was a member of the QMAAC. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later Queen Mary's Army Auxilliary Corps) (1917-1920) Regiment No.3088 - Forewoman (Sergeant) Constance W. Barcham, QMAAC. She survived the war.

"15744 Sergeant Tom Colin Barcham. British War Medal and Victory Medal, together with another pair to 3088 Forewoman Constance W. Barcham, QMAAC, believed to be his wife.

There is no Constance Barcham in the 1901 census, so it is assumed that this is her married name. Sergeant Barcham was born in Knapton and enlisted in Norwich. He was 1916 whilst serving with the 7th Battalion and is commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial. Barcham died in the attack on Bayonet Trench". (Medals found on an auction site Aug 2008)



A HISTORY OF KNAPTON OLD HALL

Knapton Old Hall is the oldest house in Knapton.

It stands on Hall Lane on the edge of the village in what is now a small country lane that leads to the church and village centre.

The story of the Hall and its land can be traced back to the Domesday Book of 1086 when an original dwelling stood on the site. The house was then re-built in or around 1530 on the previous building's foundations and included a beam made from the mast of a ship which is over 1000 years old).

The Hall began as a manor house serving the district- its location and architecture indicate it was always a home of a farmer or land owner. The first traceable owners are the De Plaiz Family who held the Manor shortly after the Norman Conquest. In the early 1400's it became the property of the Howard Family- the estate then passed to the De Vere Family through the female line when Elizabeth Howard married John De Vere Earl of Oxford in 1437. Despite being on "the wrong side" of the Wars of the Roses, the De Vere family continued to own the manor until it was subdivided and sold off. This is when this house as it currently stands was built.



The fireplace uncovered by the current owners

By the 1570's the house belonged to a Thomas

Greene and the area around it became known as "Knapton Greenes". The house was extended during his ownership and we know this because his will in 1593 refers to "new rooms in the house". His descendants sold the house to a Mr Bernard Hale, who was the master of Peterhouse College in Cambridge in 1637, and a second wing of the house mirroring the first was then built in 1640. It was noted in records when he



The back of the house, which was originally the front!



The original 17th Century staircase and handcrafted floor

died, that Bernard Hale was a kind man and used to feed the children in the village, many of whom were so poor that without his help they only fed on mice!

When Bernard Hale died, he left his estate to Cambridge University and the house was then rented for many years to the Reverend Stephen Cook who was the Rector over Oulton Church and the house was passed down to his descendants until 1861.



The Tennis hut, formerly a rotating hut for sufferers of TB to live in.

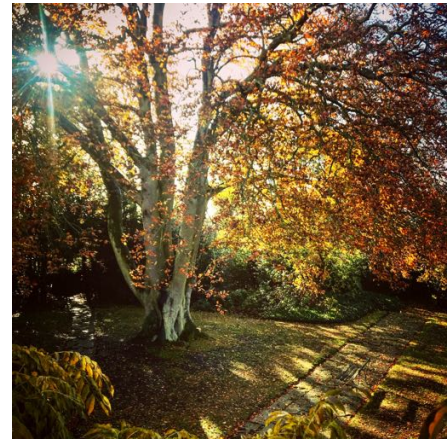
The next Tennant to the hall was an auctioneer called Samuel Barcham -by all accounts he was not an easy man! Sadly, his wife died while living there and his son Thomas, perished in World War 1. (Tom's death is commemorated on Knapton Church's War Memorial). Samuel Barcham further enlarged the house to include a pantry, a kitchen area and an outside toilet (which still exists today!) The house still retains many features from his era including, servant's bells, a nursery in the attic, a water pump, coal cellar and bread oven.

In 1921 William Kiernan and his wife bought the house and added many Arts and Crafts features to the rooms and exterior, including a wood- panelled dining room, and leaded glass windows which again still exist today. The

Kiernans used to host an annual theatrical play such as "Midsummers Night Dream" under the beech tree in the garden which is still stands there, and is now several hundred years old. They in turn sold The Hall to William Macmillan, of the Macmillan Publishing, family in 1947.

A local farmer David Cargill leased the farm land from the Macmillans and it was subsequently sold to Alan Cargill in 1980. He brought up his sons there before selling it (minus the surrounding farm land) to the current owners in 2013.

The house has undergone extensive renovation in the past few years with the new owners uncovering fabulous fireplaces behind walls (one of which is similar to that in the Yellow Room at Blickling Hall), and a beautiful hand crafted geometric wooden floor in the hallway.



The large beech tree which is 400 years old



The bread oven and servant's bells in what would have been the butler's pantry

What's On In Knapton?

November 2018 – March 2019

November

Wednesday 14 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 23 rd	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

December

Tuesday 4 th	2.15 pm	Women's Own Carol Service – St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church – All
Welcome		
	7.30 pm	Parish Council – Village Hall
Tuesday 11 th	12.00 midday	Knapton Women's Own Christmas Lunch - Sea
Marge		
Friday 14 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - Village Hall - All Welcome
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	Knapton Women's Own Christmas/New Year Party Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 11 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - ALL Welcome
Friday 25 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome

February

Tuesday 5 th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall
Friday 8 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 13 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 22 nd	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 27 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

March

Tuesday 5 th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 8 th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 13 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 22 nd	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 27 th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

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