



KNAPTON NEWS

Welcome to the Knapton News. This is the final edition of 2020; may we be the first to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

To those who have recently moved to Knapton, we hope you will be happy here in our peaceful village. The back pages of this paper contain useful Emergency telephone numbers.. The Editorial Team thank everyone who has supported their efforts, and hope they continue, please send all articles, events or items to the dedicated email address which is: knaptonnews@outlook.com. or via the Village Website We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in helping compile the Knapton News especially if you have computer skills. Our thanks also go to those who distribute the Knapton News we cannot manage to get this around the village without your help.

For those new to the village with your Knapton News you will also be receiving a Free Calendar supplied every year by the Gas Site, that is on our village boundary. It is also grateful thanks to the companies of the Gas site namely, Shell, Interconnector, Perenco, and National Grid that we are able to produce the quarterly Knapton News, they provide the funding to cover the printing costs.

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**





Christmas Day Dinner



Ceri and Graham who run and manage MADRA, have kindly offered to provide a Christmas Dinner on Christmas day to anyone in Knapton who is unlikely to cook one for themselves

This continues to be a difficult year for most, and exceptionally difficult for some. Ceri and the Parish Council strongly feel that as a village, we must help and support each other at these times, especially those on their own.

It may be that most are already supported, and catered for by relatives, neighbours, or friends. However, some may not.

Therefore:

- *Would you and/or your partner accept the gesture of a Christmas Dinner on Christmas day?*
- *Do you know of anyone who may appreciate the offer of a Christmas Dinner on Christmas day?*

Ceri needs the final numbers by the 12th of December which is 2 weeks before Christmas day. Confirmation of times and arrangements will be notified then.

Please contact the Parish Council on 01263 363456, me, or any other Parish Councillor, or the Angels on angels@knaptonvillage.org .

Keith Lawrence 07551 470178.



Knapton Parish Council
WORKING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Chairman's Statement
November 2020

We are very fortunate.... we don't just live perched 43m above sea level with views of the sea, bordered by farm fields and long established woodland, criss-crossed by "Quiet Lanes" and well-trodden footpaths, basking in the fresh sea air from the North Norfolk coast, in a designated area of outstanding beauty... we live in a village community which genuinely cares and has an abundance of goodwill. For proof you need look no further than our very own Knapton Angels, which we setup earlier this year in response to the Covid19 pandemic. Every day, the Angels are providing a fantastic service and much needed help and support for those residents in our community who are elderly and vulnerable during the present health crisis. Their efforts have been rightly applauded as an example of how best a community can respond to an emergency situation in the EDP and they have received written recognition from Lady Philippa Dannatt MBE, Her Majesties Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, which can be viewed on the village website at:

<https://knaptonvillage.org/knaptonangels/>

At the Parish Council's October meeting, Tracy Smith was co-opted onto the council and has made an immediate impact, hitting the ground running by working with MADRA to organise Christmas dinners for all those spending Christmas Day alone this year, supported, as always, by the rest of the council.

In May last year our amazing team of parish councillors embarked on an ambitious programme of dealing with all the issues that have been talked about and debated for years. They are totally focused on getting them done and you only have to look at what they have achieved in the last eighteen months to see that each member of the team is 100% dedicated to making our village a better and safer place to live for every single one of us.

- the children's playground has been expanded and fully refurbished

- two additional benches have been installed in the village
- the Knapton Green village sign has been replaced
- the SAM2 Speed Awareness camera is now live and working
- the extension to the 30mph speed limit on Hall Lane is at the final planning stage
- the re-design of the Hall Lane/Knapton Road junction is at the design consultation stage
- we have agreed a new seven-year lease for the land with MADRA
- we setup the fantastic Knapton Angels, who have responded to around 500 calls for help so far
- we have invested in PPE for the Angels who are giving their time freely to help others less fortunate
- we replaced the old council website with a village website that includes and reflects the whole parish
- we have increased the number of dog bins and related contracts in Knapton and Knapton Green
- we have installed signage and CCTV security on the allotments
- we have overseen the Wilds Way development and supported the School Close residents on issues that arose
- we have negotiated improvements to School Close which should be completed in the next few months
- we have negotiated safe access to the bus stop and ensured it was made safer for people to use
- we secured ownership of the new lockable village car park
- we have acquired land on the Wilds Way site for the village
- we are working with MADRA to re-locate the Millennium Beacon

All of this costs money and the total project spend so far is over £30,000. We have negotiated funds from various sources, including a contribution from Victory Housing, various grants and the Fête Committee which generously contributed several thousand pounds. Whilst this is all manageable, it has highlighted the fact that the council simply doesn't have enough income to continue to deal with the issues that still need to be addressed, like the footpaths to Knapton Green & Mundesley, the issues caused by HGV traffic using The Street as a rat run to the gas terminal and various others.

Which brings me nicely on to the question of the Parish Council's income.

The Precept

I should point out at this stage that whilst the Parish Clerk receives a small remuneration, every member of the council gives their time freely and receives no reward, financial or otherwise.

The Parish Council does not receive funds direct from central government as the other tiers of government do. Instead, we have to calculate how much we will need in order to;

- fund our planned capital spend on projects, allowing consideration for unforeseen costs
- fund our service contracts, for example the emptying of bins, hedge and grass cutting, footpath clearance, playground maintenance, Wilds Way maintenance etc
- have funds set aside for unforeseen circumstances
- and elections

Once we have arrived at a figure, we then have to make a mandatory demand - **The Precept** - on the District Council for those funds and they convert it to an amount based on Band D properties. To calculate the amount for the other bands, simply multiply the amount shown for band D as follows:

Band A = Band D Charge $\times 6 \div 9$ **Band B** = Band D Charge $\times 7 \div 9$ **Band C** = Band D Charge $\times 8 \div 9$
Band E = Band D Charge $\times 11 \div 9$ **Band F** = Band D Charge $\times 13 \div 9$ **Band G** = Band D Charge $\times 15 \div 9$
Band H = Band D Charge $\times 18 \div 9$

The Precept is then raised through the council tax from all the dwellings within the parish area and collected by NNDC on our behalf as part of your Council Tax bill. It is then paid to the Parish Council in two six-monthly instalments.

For comparison purposes and to keep figures in proportion, it's interesting to note the current Precepts of villages around us, although these are expected to increase next year as well.

Knapton £4,250	Bacton £16,500	Gimingham £8,300	Mundesley £53,000
North Walsham £417,036	Northrepps £16,787	Paston £6,464	Southrepps £16,500
Swafield £5,500	Trimingham £9,526	Trunch £20,157	

At the Parish Council's November meeting, councillors agreed by a majority of 6:1 to increase the annual Precept by £2,000, which I've been advised is the first increase in Knapton's Precept for around thirteen years. The cost of this increase to each Knapton dwelling is an additional £12.48 per year for a Band D property or around 24p per week.

Many villagers have expressed their concern for their safety on our roads both as drivers and pedestrians and whilst any increase in cost is unwelcome in these uncertain times, those that I have spoken to told me that the road safety and pedestrian benefits alone that the council is now achieving outweighs the additional few pennies a

week. I do hope that everyone shares this view but please feel free to contact me if you'd like to discuss it.

peter.neatherway@knaptonvillage.org

Currently the team is;

- working closely with MADRA to ensure that everyone who is spending Christmas alone this year enjoys a freshly cooked dinner on Christmas Day together with a small gift
- trying to identify the children within our community so that we can provide them with a Christmas Advent calendar
- arranging for two Christmas Trees to be put up, one by the village sign and one on Knapton Green (*permission from Highways already secured*)
- talking with Anglian Water to clarify the details of the Sewerage project, including work to be done and anticipated timescale and dates
- Negotiating with Victory Housing about the installation of a safety gate on the path at the exit of the estate next to the pond
- establishing the need for further rubbish bins around the parish

And finally,

Identifying those who we can help over Christmas and who to advise about the Sewerage project is proving to be a challenge and it has been suggested that we create a village register of contact details for every household in the parish. I see the sense of this as it would.

- help the Angels to identify more clearly those who may be in need of assistance during these horrible times
- make it possible for the Village Hall Committee to publicise village clubs and events throughout the year
- benefit the delivery of the Knapton News
- allow the Parish Council to reach out to every household in the parish to provide important and relevant information or to seek opinion on thoughts and plans

I'd like to know whether or not you think this is a good idea and something that you could support. Of course, all contact details would be provided voluntarily, and we would ensure that all GDPR privacy and data security requirements are fully met and implemented before launching it.

You can speak to any councillor, contact me on my email above or use our on-line Contact Form on the website to share your thoughts at: <https://knaptonvillage.org/contact-form/> choosing [Parish Register](#) from the drop-down subject list.

As always, the council will respect the opinion of the majority and publish the results (anonymously) in January. It's all part of the council's attempt to bring the village closer together, that way we can all be aware of what's going on and have our say in the matters that directly affect us. You now have a parish council that you can be proud of and the more feedback you share with us the more effective it will be.

I hope that everyone stays safe and enjoys a Happy Christmas.

Peter

Chairman

Parish Clerk`s Report November 2020

Our very hard-working Chairman, Peter Neatherway, has done a report to which I have little to add.

What I can say is that we are very lucky to have a first-class team of Parish Councillors. As you will see from our Chairman`s report, the Parish Council has achieved a great deal and a lot of help has been forthcoming from the Councillors, who all have different skills and are willing to get out there, put up flags, keep an eye on the playground, order the materials and get stuck in with repairs, meet with people and generally do a so much to help the village run smoothly and happily.

As we all know, lockdown has not made life any easier. We now hold our meetings on Zoom, which works surprisingly well. We had a couple in the carefully prepared church, but the acoustics made it hard to hear what was going on, especially to a `socially distanced` ear.

The PC will do all it can towards making Christmas a happy time for Knapton residents. We have been pleased to welcome the new families in Wild`s Way and look forward to getting to know them once lockdown eases and they can join in village activities (when these can resume).

In the meantime, we hope you all have a very happy Christmas and that we are able to mingle normally with our families and generally enjoy a season of good cheer, as it is meant to be.

Best wishes
Dee Holroyd
Parish Clerk

Church Warden's Whispers

The annual Bike, Walk, Drive for Norfolk Churches Trust took place on the 12th September, the church could not be manned as usual so a table with refreshment was left in the porch for visitors. I cycled as usual, visiting 15 churches between Knapton, Mundesley, Gimingham, Trunch then by car to Swafeld and North Walsham where I walked around visiting all the churches there, then Edingthorpe, Bacton and Paston, I was sponsored for £56, half of this will be returned to the church the remainder will be for Norfolk Churches Trust.

Services over the last few months have both been in church and on Zoom the Trunch Group had been alternating around the churches each week one-week Trunch, then Knapton and Mundesley. As Remembrance Sunday fell just after the present lockdown. It was decided to hold the service over Zoom but recorded the British Legion element and the wreath laying before the event, in fact it was the day before the lockdown commenced. Tim who organises the Zoom services then slotted the recorded elements into the Zoom service for participants to see on the day, which worked very well. Advent Sunday is being broadcast from St Peter and St Paul's Knapton without a congregation unfortunately. The Rector and those taking part in the service are the only people allowed in church, the rest of the congregation can view the service from home on Zoom or by connecting on designated phone numbers.

The future pattern of live and screened services can be found on the church notice board and gate or at <https://trunchgroup.org/>

For Zoom services Join Zoom Meetings from the link provided on the Trunch Group website Events page. Or phone in on one of these numbers:

0131 460 1196

0203 481 5237

0203 481 5240

0208 080 6591

0208 080 6592

0330 088 5830

At the time of writing this piece for the Knapton News we still don't know where we stand regarding having a Village Carol Service. But Allison and I have agreed that the church will be dressed for Christmas and those who wish to come in for a quiet time are most welcome. This year the Christmas Day Holy Communion Service is being held at St Botolph's Trunch at 10 am, those wishing to attend will need to register their intention to participate by calling or email to Tim on (timpayne@mac.com or telephone 01692402624.

Christmas Day Holy Communion

<https://zoom.us/j/91894057881?pwd=d29LdzUyWG52MUx3Z0dkTkNpRmMwUT09>

Meeting ID: 918 9405 7881

Passcode: 580

In the New Year once services return to some normality, whenever that may be, Allison and I have been discussing having a Family Service on a monthly basis, the form that it will take has to be decided but we want to encourage the children and their families to come and enjoy a time together. All suggestions gratefully received.

With Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.
Your Church Wardens.



Norfolk launches winter support package to help feed those in need this Christmas²⁰

Norfolk County Council is developing a package of support to help give families peace of mind in the run up to Christmas and over the winter months by helping those who need it to have food on the table and other essentials, so every child will be warm and well-fed this winter.

A key part of this support package is about food and the council is working with food voucher company Edenred to provide support for all those eligible for free school meals, children in the early years who receive pupil premium and all of the council's care leavers during the Christmas holidays. The voucher scheme will form part of a wider package of support for families experiencing hardship this winter, details of which will be announced next week.

Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader of Norfolk County Council, said: "We know that this is going to be a tough winter for many people in Norfolk, with the impact of Covid hitting many in the pocket. "There are people in our county who have never needed help before but who have been left experiencing hardship because of the virus.

"The voucher scheme is important, but we know hardship right now is being faced by a wide range of vulnerable households across the county worrying about paying the next utility bill or the next food shop due to the pandemic. Therefore, we will also be launching a wider package of support for winter over the coming weeks.

"I would encourage anyone not to wait if they need support now. Information on how to access support is available at www.norfolk.gov.uk/coronavirus or by calling 0344 800 8020."

The council and Norfolk schools are encouraging more families to register and apply for free school meals, so that they begin to receive support in time for the school holidays."

To find out if you are eligible and to register for free school meals visit our [School meals and milk page](#).

As part of the wider package of support for families this winter, the council will be further extending the Norfolk Assistance Scheme, which already provides support for food, fuel, clothes and other essential household items to Norfolk's residents experiencing hardship.

The easiest way to get in touch is to visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/NAS. Those who cannot access the internet, can call 01603 223392 (option 5). If the line is busy, they can leave a message and the team will call back.

Funding for winter support schemes has come from a range of sources:

- A £1m grant from Defra. £200k of this has been allocated to Norfolk Community Foundation and the remainder has been used to supplement the Norfolk Assistance Scheme (NAS)
- £500k of additional government Covid grant
- £2.7m of Covid Winter Grant, which will be used to fund the Edenred scheme and extend the reach of NAS
- £1.15m of the council's core budgets - including funding for NAS **November 2020**

Regular Users updates.

Knapton Knitters and Stitchers

"Knapton Knitters will not be returning till 2021 at the earliest. Members will be contacted as soon as we feel it is safe to do so. Stay Safe everyone": "Contact Anna on 722825 or Jean Clarke on 72068"

Zumba At Knapton

Hope everyone in Knapton is keeping safe & well.

Here's what's happening with Knapton Zumba®Classes. Unfortunately, sessions can still not go ahead as the size of the hall prevents social distancing. However, if you are missing that Zumba®Fix come & join me on zoom. Online classes are available most weekdays for more information do contact me on 01263 722534

Or email me at westonfront5@gmail.com

Never tried Zumba ®? Now is your chance!! I have standing classes, seating classes & a wonderful swing & stretch for you to try.

Wishing you all the very best
Julie Weston

TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

Hello everyone, I do hope you are all keeping well.

My freezers are full, peppers, tomatoes, aubergines, and courgettes. They have all gone into tomato soup, pasta sauce and ratatouille. We have had a fantastic tomato crop this year, but my greens have been a disaster, brussels are non-existent, the white flies have attacked them so no Christmas brussels. Some people would be pleased, but we love them, and they are very good for you. The leeks are looking good and they will take the place of the absent sprouts. While I am writing this there are three lasagnes in the oven cooking. It is nice to have some readymade meals in the freezer.

There is loads of tidying up to do, making the ground ready for the spring sowing. We have some new allotment holders this year too. It is nice to have new people and new ideas contributing to our small community. You are never too old to learn new things.

I do hope you all have a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS, and we all look forward to a better 2021 as this has been a very unusual year.

BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL.

Green Fingers

THE VILLAGE HALL

Good news at last! The village hall is being prepared for re-opening and first events are taking place at the beginning of December. Sarah Hammond is holding her classes for making wreaths (The Wreath Lectures you might say) and she with help from Liz Winter and Andy Weston has dived deep into the complex areas of sanitisation and very detailed guidelines to prepare for this. So, by 2nd December the hall should be finally set up as a compliant Covid19 safe environment complete with all equipment, signage, records and so forth. Let us only hope that the Government's present restrictions which end on 2nd December will not be followed by other local measures of a similar nature.

Anyway, other things being equal, the hall should shortly be available for hire. And I would simply ask anyone who is interested to talk to me and not be too put off by the new terms of hire involving Covid19 measures that we all have to observe!

Of course, the hall committee realise that things can not presently be anything like as they were. Big gatherings are impossible, and aren't they the ones that are most fun? But small groups can, I believe, soon be allowed to meet under the same roof. Use it or lose it is often said. So, let us use it as soon as we can. It is in very good order. The committee have taken it in turns each week to check it over and run the taps etc., we have in the last few days had a successful electrical inspection, it is dry and warm. What more can we say?? Or do?? Tell me if you can think of anything.

Here's to 2021 when hopefully the extraordinary events of 2020 will start to seem like a bad dream, and we can dump our masks.

Nick Holroyd
Chairman of Village Hall Committee - 01263 720356

PS I dislike my masks with fierce intensity. Perhaps the village hall can hold a bonfire party, the bonfire of the masks, as soon as possible. Using the village beacon might be fun. Just a thought

Hire Charges for when we can open:

Sessions : Morning 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Afternoon 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Evening 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Village Hire: (i.e. Clubs) £12.00 per session without heating - Heating at cost.

Private Hire: - Functions etc £30.00 without heating - Heating at cost.

Organisations outside village: (morning or afternoon)

£20.00 without heating - Heating at cost Table Hire only: £20.00 (All) Hire of Chairs £1 per chair.

All booking enquiries to Mrs Mary Renwick-Forster (Booking Secretary) on 01263 720 908

USEFUL NUMBERS

DOCTORS

MEDICAL 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



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Interconnector



National Gas Emergency Number Tel: 0800 111

