



Knapton News

4th Edition 2023



Welcome to the Knapton News . You may be newly arrived in the village so welcome, we hope you will be happy here. The "What's On" section for Knapton is at the back of the News. You will find a warm welcome at all events.

The village website can be found at <https://knaptonvillage.org/> where you can find lots of information about the village and it's history, plus Parish Council reports and other activities happening.

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 long may they continue. Please send all articles, events or items to our dedicated email address: knapton.news@knaptonvillage.org

Many of you may have noticed that the Village Sign has disappeared from its stand on the corner of The Street and Mundesley Road. Sadly the weather took its toll and when the decorations for the Kings Coronation were being removed it fell to the ground narrowly missing Alan Young. Since then Fred (my husband) has spent many hours repairing it, the wood was rotten especially behind the gold letters, sheaf and angel. Thanks also to Pat Lee and Bob Brown who have helped with the project too. The sign will be going back up shortly. Over the winter a New Sign is being made. Watch this space for further updates.



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So much has happened in the last three months in our quiet little parish that space limitation here means I can't include it all.

As the sun shines through the blinds, Storm Babet already seems like a distant memory. That is, unless you live in The Street or Pond Lane where only a few days ago the water was halfway up our Vice-Chair's wellies, and the memory is not so distant for residents as yet again they had to clear up the mess that nature - and our failing highway drainage system - left behind. I believed that I was getting somewhere with Highways on this, but clearly not. Jackie walked the route in the pouring rain, noting the location of, and taking photos and videos of, streaming water, blocked drains and filled-up drainage ditches so we can have another attempt to get Highways to resolve our road drainage issues. I'll let you know how we get on!

It was always going to be a challenge for anyone taking over the reins from the wonderful Dee, but in her first couple of weeks Denise, our new Parish Clerk, has worked hard to get to grips with all the idiosyncrasies of our delightful little parish. As a qualified Playground Inspector, Denise has already inspected our playground (*and made suggestions for it going forward*), our land assets (*and found a WW2 Spiggot and registered it with Norfolk County Council so that it can be added to the Historic Environment Record*), the Bus Stop at the Green (*and identified remedial work required*) and organised a new flagpole to replace the one on the Wilds Way green. Great start Denise, thank you.

Another monumental change that's taken place since my last statement is that the MADRA is now under new management. Bacton Football Club (renamed MADRA FC) now have the keys and are working hard to build a friendly relationship with those who live around them. They are keen to integrate themselves within the village and I would encourage everyone to pop up there and see the friendly, welcoming atmosphere they have created, as I have done. There have been a few issues, some have been resolved and some are in the process of being resolved, but the willingness to find a happy resolution seems to be there, and the Parish Council will work hard to make MADRA an integral part of our village once again. A place for events, recreation and sport for everyone in the parish to enjoy.

Talking about closer ties, I welcome the closer working relationship that appears to be developing between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. In such a small village, that has to be a good thing, especially with the Parish Plan revision soon to be launched.

The tragic death of young Alfie in Swafeld just a few weeks ago and the near misses recently experienced by one of our village mums taking her children to meet the school bus, have once again highlighted our need to persevere with making our roads safer. The re-modelled design of the Hall Lane / Knapton Road junction was agreed by our parishioners over two Public Meetings and Highways have confirmed that the work will commence on 27th November.

With the Knapton Road and Pond Lane speed limit reductions already approved by Highways and due to go live next year, our focus will now be on slowing down the speeding drivers in Hall Lane! By the time you read this we will have had a third Public Meeting on 30th October as the council continues to seek a safe solution for all those who use our roads, particularly our children!

Helping us to do that will be our new Councillor, Zillah Austin. I believe that our youth are our future, and you may have read in the local papers that at 18yrs old, Zillah is officially the youngest councillor in North Norfolk and quite possibly the country. With Jackie as her mentor, we hope that Zillah will be able to help the council reach out to the young and the vulnerable amongst us so that we can work to help everyone in the parish.

As we help Zillah to get to grips with her new role within the parish, we are also now looking to add another member to our team, so if you are a Knapton parishioner, love where you live and want to help us make a difference, please feel free to contact any one of us for a chat, or visit our webpage at: https://knaptonvillage.org/parish_council/why-be-a-parish-councillor/

It seems to be a time for repair around the village, with the church clock being overhauled and the Village Sign having to be repaired. The Knapton History Club will be putting on a display about them both in the church to celebrate their place in our village's rich history and creating a dedicated page on our website in the near future. Well worth a look.

And finally, I'd like to offer a special note of thanks to Mr Graham Robson of Stratton Strawless. He and his family have attended the Knapton Fete every year (apart from Covid) for the last 25 years! I'm reliably informed that Graham feels it's the best fête around... and who would argue with him! As always, I and my colleagues on the Parish Council are easy to contact if you have any questions, comments or if you feel there's something I or we should know, and I look forward to seeing you at any one of the events planned over the coming festive period.

Peter

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ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK WEEKEND

Thank you very much indeed to everybody who helped, donated, danced and enjoyed our Rock around the Clock weekend.

The Motives were fantastic with great music that we could all sing-a-long to and dance. The time and huge amount of work and knowledge given by the History Society on Saturday and Sunday, also providing the tea, coffee and cake on Saturday morning was fabulous. The information they provided with pictures, booklets etc and just chatting to them was enjoyed by all. On Sunday morning we were so blessed with the weather that the people brave enough to climb the tower could see Norwich Cathedral. Thank you Andrew for climbing the tower many times and sharing all your local knowledge, everybody who came down had some fantastic pictures and were exhilarated.

We raised £703.68 over the weekend, with some expenses to be taken from this, however it will help get the clock working again which will cost £4694.40. Any further donations would be very gratefully received as work at putting the clock back together has indeed started.

Once again a huge thank you to all.

Allison Jackson

Church Warden. allisonjackson0756@hotmail.com or 07769613399



The History Group photo of former Knapton School pupils!

Lovely to see Baroness Shephard supporting our event.



Church Warden's Whispers

How quickly time flies it only seems like yesterday we were looking forward to summer and now hear we are in Autumn / Winter.

The conservation side of the churchyard has been cut by About with Friends and is all ready for winter. A huge thank you to Lorraine and Paul who have looked after the rest of the churchyard again this year but sadly are unable to continue. We so appreciate all they have done. Anyone able to help next year please let me know.

The harvest supper was very well attended, a great night had by all and a select few came to the harvest songs of praise. Thank you to all those that help make both events so special.

On a sad note the funeral was held for Leo Osborn who has been a regular resident in Knapton for many years. It was a joy to see the church full and hear the singing to celebrate Leo's life within the Methodist Church and the local community.

On writing this we are looking forward to our Clock weekend of activities. The clock repair has started with Simon, from Michlmayr clock repairer's abseiling to paint the clock face and we look forward to it fully working and chiming once again around the village.

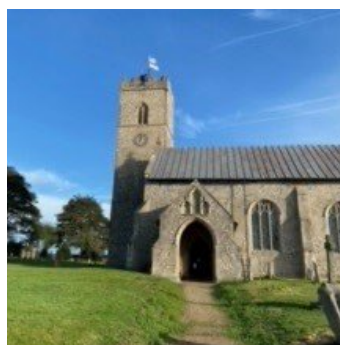
Dare I say Christmas will soon be here and please do come and join us for our Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 18.30 followed by mince pies and mulled wine and also our Holy Communion Service 10am 24th December.

I have no news who our new Rector will be but thanks again to all who have supported the church especially Rev Joanna.

Wishing Everybody a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful 2024

Allison

Church Warden



Photos show the Clock repairers abseiling down the tower to paint the clock face.

KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL

EVENTS AND BOOKING DETAILS

Saturday 11th November, 10am to 1pm, Christmas Craft Fayre: If you wish to have a table, please contact us to book on the details below.

Thursday 7th December, 6.45pm, Santa's Sleigh, courtesy of North Walsham and District Round Table. More information to follow.

Saturday 16th December, 10am to 1pm, Christmas Fayre: festivities for all with a visit from Father Christmas. Mulled Wine, Mince Pies will be available to buy alongside our normal refreshments.

Saturday 17th February, 2pm to 4pm, Jumble Sale: All jumble and bric a brac donations welcome. Refreshments will be available to buy, along with Raffle tickets and Tombola.

Saturday 23rd March, 2pm to 4pm, Plant Exchange/Spring Fayre: Bring along your excess plants and exchange with others. Refreshments will be available to buy, along with Raffle tickets and Tombola.

REGULAR GROUPS

Monday's, 7pm to 8pm, Clubbercise: with Jemma Parker.

Tuesday's (First Tues of each month) 2.15pm, Woman's Own

Wednesday's, (First Wed of each month) 1.30pm, Knitters and Stitchers.

Friday's, (Second and fourth Friday of each month), 10am to 12pm Coffee Club: Coffee/Tea and Cake only £2 with free top ups.

VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES AND BOOKINGS

Book online at: <https://knaptonvillage.org/village-hall/booking-the-hall/>

Session	Resident of Knapton	Non-Resident
9am to 1pm	£12.00	£20.00
1pm to 5pm	£12.00	£20.00
5pm to 9pm	£12.00	£20.00

Current Heating Charge is £4.50 per hour.

CONTACT DETAILS

Email: villagehallknapton@gmail.com Telephone: 07503 784293

You can also find us on: Whatsapp, Facebook and Nextdoor.

TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP



Hello Everyone,

Another year nearly gone, we have started cleaning up our plots ready for next year and are recycling all our plants back on the compost heap to make compost for next year.

What good crops we have had, plenty of Sweet Corn and did they taste good and the new chickens have had the leftovers We had lots of courgettes too, I tried a new receipt this year, I grated courgette , carrot, apple, onion and a bit of cabbage add some garlic and a knob of butter and cook slowly, it is very nice, and your 5 a day plus 1!!!

We all have had a good crop of tomatoes, I am still picking mine. I have made my first batch of fresh pasta sauce ,with our own peppers too. I had the best crop of peppers I have ever grown.

I tried something new this year, with my own compost and a small amount of horse manure, I added some dried seaweed, I have never used dried seaweed before but it seems to be a good growing formula .I have always fed with liquid seaweed but the dried is a new thing for me. Highly recommended. You can buy it from the garden centre.

Everyone's runner beans were a winner too. It is not a very long season but what we do grow we really enjoy. My apples were not a great crop, a lot of the trees had a rest this year, and there were a lot of bugs that liked them too.

We have had a couple of allotment holders have had to leave us this year but hopefully some new budding gardeners will come along soon.

Have a very good Christmas and enjoy all your produce you have grown and good growing for 2024, you know it is good for us!!

.Best wishes to you all

Green Fingers



**St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
Knapton Village
Carols by Candlelight
Service
Sunday
17th December 2023
6.30 pm**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**MULLED WINE (Non-alcoholic alternative)
AND MINCEPIES
After the service.**

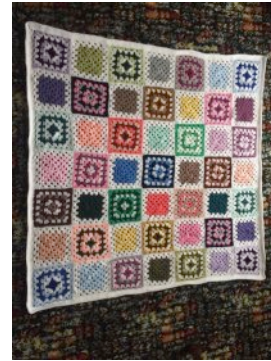


Knapton Knitters and Stitches

A Happy Christmas to you from Knapton Knitters and Stitches. We meet the first wednesday of each month in the Village hall from 1.30 to 4pm. Come along and meet us- you'll be sure of a warm welcome. Why not come along and join us in the New Year. We meet in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month, 1.30 to 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

FUTURE DATES: all Wednesday afternoons - 6th December, 3rd January, 7th February and 6th March.

For further details please see the Village Hall Notice Board, the Village website or contact Jean Clarke on 01263 720680



Knapton Women's Own

Our next meeting is on **Tuesday 5th December** at 2.15pm, this is our Annual Carol Service in Knapton Parish Church, followed by Tea and Mince Pies. If you are new to the village and would like to join us, please do come along. Every year we have a chosen charity which is usually local, this year we are supporting "The Pricilla Bacon Hospice in Norwich" Previously local charities have been the Local First Responders, and Cromer Macmillan Unit. Our regular meetings are in the village hall on the first Tuesday of the month, except for the January meeting which is our annual New Year party which is on the 9th January 2024. You will always get a warm welcome from our members.

Jill Emms. President.



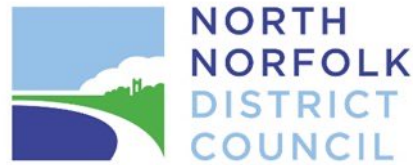
Coffee Club

Meets in the Village Hall twice a month on the second and fourth Friday from 10am - 12 midday. If you are at home with a little one, Mums and Dads including Grandparents please do join us with your baby/toddler.

Come along for a chat, coffee and cake. Coffee/Tea and cake only £2.50 with **free top ups!!!**

There will be only one get together in December which is on Friday 8th, the next one after that is in 2023 on Friday 12th January.

Our warm welcome means everyone!!!



We are North Norfolk District Councils' team of Community Connectors. We consist of 7 passionate people covering the key market towns of North Norfolk and the surrounding villages. Part of our aim is to tell individuals about voluntary groups and statutory organisations where you can seek support and/or information. We're about raising the profile of the help available which people are often unaware of. For example, we signpost people to:

Groups such as Men's Shed, Pitstop and Mind for support with their mental health

Food banks, hubs, fridges and larders for food support (we can issue food bank vouchers)

Support groups for many medical conditions

Wellbeing walks and community lunches to combat social isolation and many more.

Often when we are at our most vulnerable and need help the most, finding the right support can seem utterly overwhelming. That's where the Community Connectors come in as we are there - present in the community, on the radio, at events and shining a light on the fantastic work of voluntary groups and statutory organisations – to connect people with the support available. We regularly refer individuals to our Social Prescribing, Financial Inclusion, Housing and IHAT teams for help and support from these specialist services.

The majority of our week is spent out and about – maybe at the library, a community lunch, the foodbank or a wellbeing walk. These groups are mapped: <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/ccmap> (details are updated twice weekly). We can meet you at any of these groups and introduce you to the other members, helping to alleviate any anxiety about attending a group for the first time.

We also specialise in promoting and supporting the groups and organisations across our local community. We strive to build links between services and people, connecting them to improve health, wellbeing and community spirit for the residents of North Norfolk. The Community Connectors work closely with community groups, hubs and centres to ensure their sustainability by suggesting funding streams, ideas on how to recruit volunteers and promotion of the great work they do.

To support the work we do in the community, we also have a weekly radio show: <https://www.poppylandradio.co.uk/shows/community-connectors>. Each show is themed and once aired is uploaded as a podcast for listen on demand: <https://www.mixcloud.com/discover/community-connectors-poppyland/>. So far we've covered topics such as support for bereavement, dementia, young people, transport, veterans, domestic abuse and much more.

You can contact your local community connectors on the details below, alternatively you can contact us via our webpage: www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/communityconnectors or by calling 01263 513811

Your local community connector is Coralie Martin, you can contact her on: 01263 516131 or 07989 730268. Alternatively you can email Coralie on: coralie.martin@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Knapton Fete 2023

A grand turnout for the Knapton Fete again this year. Lovely weather made the Fete good fun for all.

A big THANK YOU to the helpers, cake makers, stall workers, supporters, and to those who attended. Special thanks to Steve and Sarah Hammond who provide equipment and give over their House and gardens for the weekend- a great venue. Special thanks also to Mark and Lawrence from Swafield, who worked exceptionally hard to produce those spectacular cakes.

I am always amazed at how the Fete works, everybody chips in, does their bit with a happy smile and by magic it happens. Monika and her team of tea makers and "Washerer Uppers" worked tirelessly all afternoon. The cakes were so good, I did notice some people didn't bother with the stalls, just ate cake, and drank tea- a wonderful way to spend an afternoon.

The Fete Committee receives **crucial support** from various business organisations- Shell Bacton, Inter Bacton, SR Print, Trevor Charles Van Hire, Country Pickings (Mundesley), Mundesley Butchers, Sarah Hammond, Andrew Claydon, Trunch Village Hall, Knapton Village Hall, The Church, and Sheringham Little Theatre. The whole event was a great success with volunteers mucking in together. The net Profit this year was **£871**. (Including donations).

Once again, this year has seen some great independent village events supporting each other. The Garden Party (Carol, Steve & Geoff) raising funds for the Fete Coffers. The Fete Committee purchased new mugs and Gazebos/ Event Shelters which were used at the Fete. These and the Fete Games are available for use at village events. The Fete donated £50 to the Village Hall in appreciation for the use of equipment.

Next year's Fete will hopefully continue to be based on tradition.

Ethos: To bring the village together. Traditional games at 20p a go. To at least break even financially. Profits to go towards Village needs. Support other events as appropriate.

Date: Usually planned for the first Sunday in September, which will be the 1st of September 2024.

Thanks again to all.

The Fete Committee: Alan Young (Chairman), Carol Maloney (Treasurer), Sue Wilkins, Monika Kemp, Keith Lawrence.



What's On In Knapton? November 23 - March 24

November

.Monday 6th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 13th, 20th, 27th.
Tuesday 7th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - New members always welcome Village Hall
the	7.30pm	Parish Council - Village Hall - Public welcome , questions when invited by Chairman.
Wednesday 8th	1.30—4pm	Knapton Knitters and Stitchers - first wednesday of each month in the Village hall
Friday 10th	10am - 12	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall .
		Also on the 24th November.

DECEMBER

Monday 4th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on the 11th - 18th
Tuesday 5th	2.15pm	Women's Own Carol Service - St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church
	7pm	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - open to the public
Wednesday 6th	1.30pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall - everyone welcome
Friday 8th	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake
Sunday 17th	6.30pm	Village Carol Service by Candlelight - St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church, everyone welcome
Sunday 24th	10am	Holy Communion Service - St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church - everyone welcome

JANUARY 2024

Monday 8th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 15th - 22nd - 29th
Tuesday 9th	2.15pm	Knapton Women's Own Christmas Party - Village Hall - all new members welcome, come and see what we do
Wednesday 10th	1.30pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall - everyone welcome
Friday 12th	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake
Friday 26th	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake

FEBRUARY

Monday 5th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also 12th , 19th, 26th
Tuesday 6th	2.15pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall - new members always welcome
	7.pm	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - open to the public
Wednesday 7th	1.30pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall - everyone welcome
Friday 9th	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake
Friday 23rd	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake

MARCH

Monday 4^h	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also 11th, 18th, 25th
Tuesday 5th	2.15pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall - new members always welcome
	7pm	Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - open to the public
Wednesday 6th	1.30pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall - everyone welcome
Friday 8th	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake
Friday 22nd	10am - 12noon	Coffee Club - Village Hall - all welcome for a chat over coffee and cake

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:

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<http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/>

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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