

Knapton News

DECEMBER 2013/
JANUARY 2014

May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas, which is peace;
The heart of Christmas, which is love.
(Ada V Hendricks)

Here we are again saying "Merry Christmas" and sending to press the final edition of Knapton News for 2013.

Time to say a big "thank you" to everyone involved in bringing Knapton News to your door:

- * Thanks to Shell for their most generous funding
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*A very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to you all*

Tricia Doidge (Editor)



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*A very Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year to all of our neighbours
from the Bacton Gas Terminals*



2014 Calendar

A free copy of the new calendar produced by the Bacton Gas Terminals has been delivered with this edition of Knapton News.

Over 60's Lunches

The Sutton Staithe Hotel will once again be the venue for the lunches hosted by Eni Hewett, Interconnector, Perenco, Shell and BBL. The dates in January 2014 are Tuesday 21 for Walcott residents, Wednesday 22 for Bacton and **Thursday 23** for Edingthorpe, **Knapton**, Paston, Ridlington and Witton. Invitations will be sent out in late December.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

Sarah Hammond and her family have very kindly volunteered to yet again provide and decorate a Christmas tree for St Peter and Paul's Church, despite the fact they are moving into Church Farm just before Christmas!



They would love more decorations, either bought or home made. They would particularly like any decorations made by the children and grandchildren from the Village. Please leave your contributions in the box in the church porch before Wednesday 11th December.

Sarah and her family would be very grateful for lots of help to decorate the tree this year because, as you can imagine, they are going to have an extremely busy few weeks, so PLEASE do volunteer to lend a hand. As yet a date has not been set for the tree decoration - if you can help please will you contact Tricia (01263 579198 or patricia.doidge@btinternet.com) so we can arrange a suitable date and time.



**KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL
VACANCY FOR A TREASURER**

The Knapton Village Hall Committee has a
vacancy for a Treasurer

The Committee only meets four times a year
In addition the Treasurer will be responsible for processing
a small number of monthly receipts and payments

If you can help we would be very pleased to hear from you

Please contact any one of these

Committee members:

Roger McPhee 01263 720045

Jill Kemp 01263 721371

Mary Renwick-Forster on 01263 720908

**Don't forget to visit our
new village website
www.knaptonvillage.co.uk**

*Knapton Parish Council are pleased to receive emails
from residents if relevant to Knapton and the Parish Council*

*The next meeting of Knapton Parish Council
will be held on Tuesday 3 December in the Village Hall
All residents are very welcome to attend*

Knapton Parish Council (and
their roles)

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An Afternoon with Ross Kemp



The afternoon of Saturday 9 November was a very special one for St Peter & St Paul's Church, and the 'Raise the Roof' Appeal, created to preserve the stunning medieval double hammer-beamed roof, unique in Europe, which is decorated with more than 180 carved angels.

Ross Kemp, whose parents Jean and John most of you will know as they live in the village, had very kindly volunteered to give a talk to boost our fundraising. This

rapidly became a sell-out event. Volunteers, led by our Church Warden Liz (Winter) had been working hard to prepare the Church ready for this prestigious afternoon. Urns had been collected ready for the hot drinks and water carried to fill them (the Church does not currently have running water), and a fantastic selection of home baked cakes were on display. The PA system was ready and waiting for Ross's arrival. But then disaster struck

The Church's electricity supply is not used to coping with two urns and a PA system as well as heating and lighting and chose this afternoon to rebel - suddenly out went the lights and off went the heating. Were we going to sit in the cold and dim light with no hope of a warm drink to sustain us? Of course not! This is Knapton - we can handle anything!! Andrew Lubuck and Andy Gatfield came to the rescue and with lots of skill and hard work they saved the day. Many thanks to both of you for so swiftly resolving the problem.

After this, the only way was up, and what a wonderful afternoon we had as we were enthralled by a fascinating and informative talk. Ross, an actor and journalist who many of you may remember from Eastenders and Ultimate Force, now travels the world making hard-hitting documentaries. He shared with us some of his many hair-raising experiences in places the majority of us would never dare to visit, from his many visits to Afghanistan where he lived with the troops and shared their experiences to time spent with drug barons, child-sex slavers and neo-Nazis to name but a few. He insisted that he is not brave, but I doubt very much that anyone in the Church that afternoon would agree with him!



Ross's mention of our troops brought to my mind this quotation:

"We sleep safe in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm."

(G. Orwell)

Ross is a regular visitor to Knapton. The following comments from him are with thanks to the EDP:

“My dad’s from Norwich and my mum’s from North Walsham and my family, as far as I know, goes back to Rackheath in the 15th century. I was born in Essex but Norfolk is my spiritual home. I’ve been coming here at Christmas for the past 20-odd years. I love it. Here I’m not Ross Kemp TV celebrity. I’m welcomed as Jean and John’s son. I love to walk on the beach with my son because I get left alone. Knapton Church is very important to me. I have come here to say a prayer before going to Afghanistan and thanked the Lord when I’ve come back. The roof is one of the most fantastic examples of its kind in a parish church anywhere. So many churches are falling into disrepair in this fantastic county and I think churches like this, which are used, should be supported.”

Ross’s talk was followed by a question and answer session. There were so many questions (an indication of just how much the audience were enjoying the afternoon) that eventually the session had to be brought to a close. Delicious cakes and a cup of tea or coffee were enjoyed by all, although Ross had little time for a break as he very patiently spent ages signing the photos we had been selling at the back of the Church!

Very many thanks to everyone who helped with this most successful event, which raised £1702.32 for the ‘Raise the Roof’ appeal and a very **MASSIVE THANKS TO ROSS** for finding time in his extremely busy schedule to help us in this way.

.... AND NOW ANOTHER SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Many people have been involved in the ‘Raise the Roof’ fundraising events and I know Liz Winter will say that everyone should be praised equally for all their hard work. However, to raise the amount of money needed to repair the Church roof is a huge undertaking. It takes someone with vision, determination and courage to drive forward fundraising projects. Liz has worked incredibly hard this year to get the ‘Raise the Roof’ appeal ‘off the ground’ and has been extremely successful. We have had two superb events in the Church - Ross’s fascinating talk and the ‘Raise the Roof’ weekend, with the lovely flowers in the Church, the super refreshments in the Methodist Church Hall, the craft fair in the Village Hall and the car boot sale, all followed by the wonderful Nigel King Band who had us dancing in the aisles.



Liz has also been the driving force behind the Heritage Lottery Fund application. Anyone who has been involved in applying for a lottery fund grant will know just how much work this entails.

I know you will all join me in a round of applause for Liz. Very, very well done!

So Liz, please can we have more of these super events next year?!?

Tricia Doidge (Editor)



First of all a very big thank you to those who have given us items for TWAM – Tools with a Mission. There is a group of retired men in Ipswich just waiting to repair, sharpen, clean and generally restore the tools you no longer need. These will then be sent out to help people learn a trade and become more self-sufficient in Africa. Please continue to pass any items to Ralph and Jill at Langdale, The Street 01263 721762.

Your donations towards the work of the Cromer and District Foodbank are greatly appreciated. Please continue the good work. At present they particularly request festive items e.g., treats for children, Christmas puddings and cakes, tinned ham or turkey. Many of the people needing help are sad to be in this position – let's help to bring some happiness into their trying situations. There is a box in the Methodist Chapel to deposit items or they may be left with us at Langdale.

Please join us for our Carol Service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday 22 December and also the Christmas Eve Communion at 6:00 p.m. – a time that seems to suit those of us who find it difficult to stay up until midnight!

The Women's Own meets in the New Year on the first Tuesday afternoon of every month at 2.15 p.m. New members are always very welcome.

The members at the Methodist Church wish all readers a Happy Christmas and God's blessing for 2014.



*Please support
the Food Bank
this Christmas*



KNAPTON WOMEN'S OWN

The Knapton Women's Own Committee would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to our members and all our friends who supported us by attending this year's Strawberry Tea. Through raffles, collections and fundraising we are delighted to announce that we have been able to donate £500 to our chosen charity for 2013 - Nelson's Journey - a charity dedicated to supporting bereaved children and young people throughout Norfolk.

**Knapton Women's Own
donate £500
to Nelson's Journey**

**ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH
AND
THE METHODIST CHURCH KNAPTON
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SERVICES**

All welcome

Knapton Methodist Church

Family Carol Service

Sunday 22 December 10:00 a.m.

Knapton Village Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December 6:30 p.m.

Methodist Church

Tuesday 24 December 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Communion

St Peter & St Paul's Church

Wednesday 25 December 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion

Sunday 29 December

Methodist Church - Normal Sunday Service

St Peter & St Paul's Church - No Service

Sunday 5 January 10:00 a.m.

Methodist Church Covenant Service

Joint Service with St Peter & St Paul's congregation

Sunday 12 January - Services return to normal



**Village Carol Service
by Candlelight**

**St Peter & St Paul's Church
6:30 p.m.**

Sunday 22 December

Carol Service by Candlelight

Singing led by

Knapton Ladies Singing Group

Followed by mulled wine

& mince pies

Everyone very welcome!

What's On In Knapton?



DECEMBER

Monday 2	12:30 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Christmas Lunch (The Beechwood Hotel, North Walsham)
Tuesday 3	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Carols & Mince Pies (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 3	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Monday 9	12:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club Christmas Lunch (The Beechwood Hotel, North Walsham)
Friday 13	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Sunday 22	10:00 a.m.	Family Carol Service (Methodist Church)
Sunday 22	6:30 p.m.	Village Carol Service (St Peter & St Paul's Church)
Tuesday 24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion (Methodist Church)
Wednesday 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion (St Peter & St Paul's Church)

JANUARY

Tuesday 7	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own New Year Party (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 7	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 10	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Friday 24	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Art Class (Village Hall)
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