

February/March 2014

# Knapton News

## Festival to Celebrate a Knapton Celebrity - Walter Pardon



A three-day festival is planned to mark the centenary this year of a traditional North Norfolk folk singer, Walter Pardon.

Walter was born in Knapton on March 4, 1914 in a cottage on Hall Lane where he lived for the rest of his life.

He only came to national prominence in the folk music world in the early 1970's, when he was 59, after a relative persuaded him to record 20 songs after hearing him perform The Dark Eyed Sailor at a family party. Within a couple of years, Walter had completed further recordings, joined a group of English folk singers at the American Bicentennial Celebration in Washington, and appeared at a range of folk festivals and clubs.

Walter will be remembered at a series of events from February 28 to March 2. These will include folk sessions at pubs which Walter knew, an exhibition about Knapton during Walter's lifetime and talks and screenings of rare film footage of the singer.

The main festival day will be at The Atrium in North Walsham on the afternoon and evening of Saturday March 1. As well as Norfolk singers and musicians entertaining, there will be a special afternoon gathering of experts who knew Walter, including Martin Carthy, who sang at Walter's funeral in 1996.



Tickets for the Saturday events will be £14 (all day) or £12 (concert only) and can be purchased from The Atrium (01692 400080). The exhibition will be available to view (free of charge) for a couple days before and after the festival.



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## Christian Aid Book Sale

There is to be a repeat of last year's successful Book Fair in May for Christian Aid. More details about the date, time and venue will appear in the next edition of Knapton News.

In the meantime, please search your bookcases and give any unwanted books to Ralph and Jill Webb at 'Langdale' The Street any time from now.



Do you enjoy a cup of coffee and a friendly chat? Then **Knapton Coffee Club** is the place for you!

We meet in the Methodist Chapel on the second and fourth Friday mornings of each month (see 'What's on in Knapton' for dates). A cup of coffee and a biscuit (or sometimes, as a treat, a cake) costs the bargain price of £1.00. We are a cheerful group of both ladies and gents, so, chaps, don't be afraid to join us! We look forward to seeing you soon .....

## The Paston Way

For the duration of 2013-14 we at Norfolk Trails (part of Norfolk County Council) the new managing body of the Paston Way, have been in receipt of European Transmarche funding in order to improve tourism in rural areas. For our area of work we have chosen the Weavers Way and Paston Way and their trail corridors, and Knapton falls within this area. During the last year, the Paston Way has received some 35,000 visits and this year is already looking likely to beat those figures.



These routes are not just for long distance walkers. We have developed new website pages with lots of downloadable walks varying in type (circular/linear) and length on and around the Weavers Way (the information on the Paston Way will be live in February), linking in with public transport wherever possible. Local tourism businesses can really benefit from the Paston Way being in your area. Please see our website below for details and information on how you can join our free business directory and potentially access free social media and other training sessions in your area, (also funded as part of this project), or contact [Helen.Timson@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Helen.Timson@norfolk.gov.uk) directly.

We will, over the next few months, be improving the signage of the route on the ground in order to make it easier to follow for everyone and more visible to visitors. Following this we need to be able to look after our investment which is where maybe you could help us? We are looking for volunteers in your area to become Trail rangers, the main role being to walk a short agreed section of the route, once every season, and fill in a simple report form advising if there are any issues. No previous experience or expertise is required, just enthusiasm, and all volunteers will receive training and support. There are lots of other ways in which you could volunteer for us and we would really like to talk to anyone who is interested. Please either fill in the contact form on our website or get in touch directly via the contact details below.

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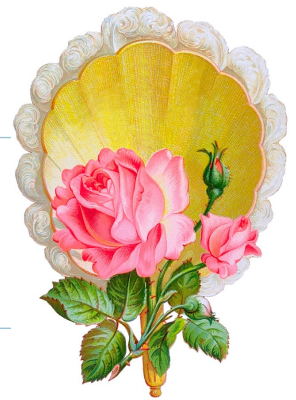
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*Mothing Sunday Service  
at the Methodist Chapel on Sunday 30 March*

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**Church of St Peter & St Paul**

9:30 a.m. each Sunday (service varies, see details in the Church porch)

**Knapton Methodist Chapel**

10:00 a.m. Service and Sunday School

30 March 10:00 : **Mothing Sunday**

***Mothing Sunday  
Combined Family Service  
Sunday 30 March  
at 10:00 a.m.  
in the Methodist Chapel  
Everyone welcome***

**Christmas at St Peter & St**

The candle-lit Village Carol service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December was well attended with 90 in the congregation. Following the format of last years' service, the Knapton Belles sang some of the carols, one of which was a new carol entitled 'The Bethlehem Carol' by Geoffrey Nobes. The church looked wonderful thanks to Vi and her helpers. The Christmas tree, donated this year by the Sayer family following their family wedding, had been decorated by the Hammond family who also provided the wonderful mulled wine. Thanks also to all the ladies who brought the mince pies.

The Christmas Day Holy Communion Service had a good congregation of 50, including many visitors, (one of which was a butterfly spotted in the sunlight). Following the thought provoking sermon by Roger, we enjoyed mince pies and sherry before heading homeward to our Christmas lunches. There were so many mince pies left that Betty Taylor volunteered to take them to Mike Mardon in Mundesley for him to distribute as he wished (each year Mike organises a Christmas Lunch for those locals who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day). He has since told us that the extra were taken to the Group Home in Mundesley for Handicapped Residents who were delighted and thought all their Christmases had come again! The grand total from the two collections was £255.66, and this was sent to the Children's Society.

Liz Winter (Church Warden)

# What's On In Knapton

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Chapel) Eileen Stannard Entertains
Tuesday 4	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 14	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Chapel)
Friday 28	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Chapel)
Sunday 30	10:00 a.m.	Mothering Sunday (Methodist Chapel)

## MARCH

Saturday 1		Walter Pardon Festival (The Atrium)
Tuesday 4	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Chapel) Nelsons Journey
Tuesday 7	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 14	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Chapel)
Monday 17	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Friday 28	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Art Class (Village Hall)
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### OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION PO/13/1310 - DEVELOPMENT OF THE MILLENNIUM FIELD Meeting of the Development Committee on Thursday 23 January 2014

**'An outline planning application for residential development of eight affordable dwellings on land currently laid to grass and used as an informal recreation area at the edge of the village of Knapton on the corner of the B1145 and Hall Lane.'**

At the above meeting last Thursday, Knapton resident Angus Robertson presented 62 signatures from 40 households in the vicinity of the Millennium Field who oppose the Outline Planning Application. Angus and Judy Butler had, the previous week-end, canvassed opinions from residents who live at the top of Mundesley Road, top of Hall Lane, School Close, top of The Street and Lawn Close. They apologise that, due to lack of time, they were unable to cover the whole village.

Of the 59 homes visited, the results of the canvassing was:

Households who objected to the development*	40
Householders who favoured the development	1
Householders who abstained	3
Households not at home	15

\* 62 individual signatures obtained from the 40 homes

The outcome of the meeting was as follows:

"The Development Committee of North Norfolk District Council at its meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January after studying a 6 page officers report agreed to the submitted application for **outline** planning permission for residential development of 8 affordable dwellings on land currently laid to grass and used as an informal recreation area at the edge of the village of Knapton..... All matters are reserved."

NB The permission granted is for outline planning only. The next stage will be for Victory Housing to submit a planning application for the specific housing they want to build on this site.

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