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**Knapton Women's Own**

invite you to their

## **STRAWBERRY TEA**



**Tuesday 2 July at 2:15 p.m.**



**Tombola £3.50 per person Raffle**



All proceeds from this event to our chosen charity for this year

### **Nelson's Journey**

(a charity dedicated to supporting bereaved children and young people throughout Norfolk)

We warmly welcome non members to this event  
Gentlemen - our Strawberry Tea is not limited to ladies only!



### **STOP PRESS!**

Announcing a new Knapton Village Website

[www.knaptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.knaptonvillage.co.uk)

(anticipated to be 'live' by 1 June)

## Notes on the Meeting held on Monday 22 April to discuss the development of the Millennium Field

Approximately fifty five members of the public were present at this meeting. The presentation was given by members of 'Victory' and 'NNDC'.

To allow a development as proposed, four requirements need to be met:

1. Need
2. Availability of land
3. Resources
4. Planning consent

The Victory Housing representative stated that, although planning consent had not yet been applied for, the other three requirements were in place.

This affordable housing was presented as being for individuals or families with local connections. Apparently, 171 applicants meet this requirement. However, a member of the public with connections to Social Services pointed out this may be the intention but cannot be cast in stone, as families not meeting this criteria could be allocated one of these properties if their need was great.

The land has been made available for building on and the 'Victory' representative stated that there are two National Funds which they could access to support this development. In addition to their intended development, a further three additional sites could be used either to provide income for the Knapton Parish or to support the development of the affordable housing. The proposed development is for 8 dwellings, one being a bungalow. The overwhelming view of the public was against this development.

The Millennium Field provides a sanctuary for wildlife and was granted a twenty year lease. It was pointed out by a member of Knapton Parish Council that the lease included a clause allowing for twelve months notice on either side.

Members of the public raised queries with respect to road access and the provision of utilities. It was stated that these queries could not be addressed as planning consent had not been sought. The meeting considered this to be a poor response as little progress appeared to have been made since the original proposal.

Mr N Davies introduced himself, explaining he owned the cottage on the corner of The Street, although currently he is not a permanent Knapton resident. He advised he had canvassed some of the local residents and applied to the NNDC to have the Millennium Field designated 'a village green'. Mr Graham Jones (County Councillor) advised that this application would fail, having been submitted too late.

Mr Jones stated that there was an urgent need for affordable homes in the area. This view was not supported by the majority of those present with respect to the proposed development and it was pointed out that on School Close Victory currently have one house (which they are selling) and two bungalows unoccupied.

The original proposal was for bungalows and local residents consider this to be more in keeping with the local requirement and the village atmosphere, considering the limited facilities available in Knapton.

*D. Glaze*

(This report has been created by David Glaze, a local Knapton resident who was present at the meeting referred to above, and who has very kindly prepared this report for those of you who could not be present)

# Parish Council News

## **Knapton Parish Council (and their roles)**

**David Bishop-Laggett**  
(Chair)  
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MADRA

**Alan Young (Vice Chair)**  
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Bacton Gas Site Liaison

**Mary Allen**  
01263 721021  
Griffon Area Partnership  
Village Hall Representative

**Bea Gatfield**  
01263 722458  
Allotments Liaison  
Schools Liaison

**John East**  
01692 651453  
Police Liaison

At the Annual General Meeting of Knapton Parish Council in early May, a new Chair (David Bishop-Laggett) was voted in. Alan Young remains as the Vice Chair.

At a recent meeting in the Village Hall, a proposed housing development on the Millennium Field was outlined by Victory Housing. This proposal is only in the very earliest stages and is not yet ready to be submitted for planning approval.

If you would like to share your views on the proposal, as outlined at the meeting, Knapton Parish Council would welcome hearing from you in writing. Please address your letters to Dee Holroyd, the Parish Clerk.

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

## **Knapton Parish Council (cont):**

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Footpaths

**Peter Kaye**  
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Pigneys Wood  
Planning

## **Knapton Parish Clerk:**

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## What's on at MADRA?

A Night of Motown and Soul Music with Mr Soul Himself

### MR AL SHARPE

Saturday 15 June Open from 7:30 p.m. Music from 8:45 p.m. to midnight  
Let's roll back the years!

#### **Adult Football Tournament**

29 June  
Commencing at 10:00 a.m.

#### **Medium Clairvoyant Night**

Wednesday 7 August at 8:00 p.m.  
Tickets £6 each - available in advance or on the door

## KNAPTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church has, for the past year, been supporting the Cromer Food Bank. To date we have given in excess of 92 kilograms of food. Thank you to everyone who has contributed. We will continue to act as a collecting point for food as the need continues to grow.

The next meeting of Knapton Women's Own is on Tuesday 4 June at 2:15 p.m. The speaker will be Don Birch from the Beechwood Hotel, North Walsham. New members are always welcome. Our charity for 2013 is Nelson's Journey, a Norfolk charity helping bereaved children.

## ST PETER & ST PAUL'S CHURCH

Extensive repair work is required to the roof of our lovely Church. The nave roof is of great significance, being a double hammer beam angel roof, and it is extremely important that it is maintained for future generations. A professional report has been carried out on the state of the roof and we are optimistic that we may be able to obtain grant funding to cover some of the costs.

However, fundraising will be necessary to meet the remaining costs. Events are in the early stage of planning and will be taking place later in the summer (please see the next edition of Knapton News and notices around the village for more details). We are a very small group and REALLY do need some help. Please will you volunteer to lend a hand? Maybe you would be willing to be involved in the planning of events or help out on the day? Or perhaps you would prefer to have your own event - maybe a coffee morning or a wine and cheese evening. It could be as small or as large scale as you would prefer. Or perhaps you would just like to make a donation? We would be extremely grateful for anything you can do to help. Please contact Liz Winter (01263 722271)



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## PATRONAL FESTIVAL



**COMBINED SERVICE**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2013**

**10.00 AM**

**ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH KNAPTON**



## Footpath to Mundesley

After the attempt to gain funding for a footpath to Mundesley from our village in 2008, I hope that this initiative can be reinstated in 2013..... and this time we can actually use a footpath in 2014!

Historically the issue of a footpath has always been a item for discussion in the village. On occasion, attempts have been made to access funding and permission for it to be on the left-hand side of the main road, from the sharp bend opposite the flagpole, then following the road opposite the Elephant Playbarn, ending at Gordon Terrace, Mundesley or at the lay-by in Trunch Road opposite the site shared by the two Mundesley schools and the Sure Start Centre.

I have informally noted an increase of people, children and young people in particular, walking/cycling down on that perilous road to Mundesley over the last year or two. This may be because of the many new facilities for children and young people (skate park, playground and keep-fit circuit) provided by recent Mundesley Youth and Community initiatives.

The dangers of pedestrians and cyclists using the road are obvious. In 2008 all three farming families met with Tricia Doidge, Norman Dodd and myself. The farmers were very amenable to us using the edge of their fields, parallel to the road, for a footpath/cycleway. A few times since then I have been asked by one of the farmers what has happened to our plans, and unfortunately I have had to answer "nothing, I'm afraid".

Now Knapton Parish Council have accepted my offer to make a serious attempt to resurrect the scheme, and to apply for funding as soon as possible. To apply for funding I need to have data from local residents, of all ages, and support from Knapton organizations, to prove there is a need for the footpath and a community wish for it to be constructed.

So, although there seems to be a lot to do, once the basics are in place, I need to gather data and apply for funding perhaps in a simpler way than has been attempted before. I will be delivering and collecting a new questionnaire to all homes in Knapton in the next month, so please could you fill it in and please add any ideas, comments and offers of information that may be useful. If you have a special interest, for example cycling or horseriding, it may be useful to state that on the form.

I am not sure if the bids will succeed, but I am determined to do my best to get this initiative underway at long last. In the Parish Plan, which was published in 2008, there was a definite wish among those who responded to the questionnaires for a footpath/walkway/cycle path to be established.

Hopefully in 2014 this wish will become reality, even if initially in a less ambitious way than the 2008 proposals. Small may well be beautiful..... initially!

Patricia Spencer

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# 2013 has brought several changes for Knapton News



The first major change, which has created challenges for the publication, is that as Editor I am no longer a resident of Knapton. Since January we have been residing in temporary accommodation in Bacton, and at the end of May will move to our new home in Overstrand.

The October/November 2012 edition had created an additional problem – my printer (the second I have purchased since moving to Knapton) ‘died’. The majority of small home printers are not really suited to printing approximately 1800 copies in full colour, in one day, once every two months!

I am thrilled to say that our Sponsors at the Bacton Gas Terminal came to our rescue yet again. They kindly offered to fund the professional printing of the December/January edition on a trial basis. This was a huge success.

Shell UK Ltd. very generously offered their continued support by volunteering to fund the printing of Knapton News for the next two years (the April/May edition being the first to be funded by Shell alone). The funding is provided under their Rejuvenation Project.

This means that, for the next two years, we do not require additional funding from Eni, Interconnector or Perenco. We are extremely grateful to them for their invaluable sponsorship and support over the past few years and hope we may be able to approach them again in 2015, when the Rejuvenation Project funding comes to an end.



My grateful thanks to all who deliver Knapton News – Karen Herbert-Okey, Peter Kay, Mary Renwick-Forster, Jean Kemp, Vi Haynes, Jean Watts, Elaine Roberts and Pat Spencer.

Special thanks must go to Karen Herbert-Okey who, as well as delivering to her own ‘patch’, also collects the newsletters from the printer and takes them round to our delivery team.

## **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED TO DELIVER KNAPTON NEWS**

**Please ring Tricia on  
01263 576439  
if you can help**

A special mention also must go to Norman Dodd, who has been one of the delivery team and supplier of many very entertaining quizzes and puzzles since the first edition went to print. Unfortunately Norman no longer feels well enough to continue with his delivery round – I am very grateful for his valued contribution to Knapton News.

This is also a very timely opportunity to thank Norman for his excellent village website. Stephen and I found this to be an extremely useful source of information prior to moving to Knapton in 2006 and I am sure it has been enjoyed by many residents over the past few years. Norman is now taking a well earned rest from the website and a new site is being developed by Peter Kaye ([www.knaptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.knaptonvillage.co.uk)). This new website should be ‘live’ from 1 June so please do take a look at it.

Huge thanks also to Jane Bailey, our liaison at the Bacton Gas Terminal – I honestly don’t know what I would do without her help and support - you’re a star Jane!

*Tricia (Editor)*

**Thank you Jane!**



**Knapton Summer Fete**  
**Sunday 8 September 2013**  
**Knapton Hall**

Volunteers needed  
to man stalls and bake cakes  
Please start collecting bric-a-brac and books!

If you can help, please ring  
Mary Renwick-Forster on 01263 720908

The Fete Committee would like to thank the following companies for their kind and generous donations to the 2012 Knapton Fete:

- \* Alan Cargill
- \* Shell UK Ltd
- \* Interconnector UK
- \* Eni Hewitt Ltd
- \* Perenco UK Ltd.

#### Letters to the Editor:

I am sure we speak for many in saying thank you to Tricia for all her hard work and support in Knapton over the last 6 years. We are pleased she is to continue doing the Knapton Newsletter. This has been enjoyed by all and keeps us up to date with ongoing and future events.

Our very good wishes go with Tricia and Stephen as they move to their new home in Overstrand.

*Pearl and Barry Eves*

*Many thanks Pearl and Barry, and to everyone who has wished us well on our move to Overstrand. Tricia & Stephen*

# What's on in Knapton?



## JUNE

Tuesday 4	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church) 'The Beechwood Hotel', Don Birch
Tuesday 4	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 14	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Saturday 15	7:30 p.m.	Night of Motown & Soul Music (MADRA)
Monday 17	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Sunday 23	10:00 a.m.	Patronal Festival, Combined Service (St Peter & St Paul)
Friday 28	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Saturday 29	All day	Adult Football Tournament (MADRA)

## JULY

Tuesday 2	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Strawberry Tea (Village Hall)
Tuesday 2	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 12	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Monday 15	6:00 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club Summer Supper (Village Hall)
Friday 26	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

Thursdays	7:00 p.m.	Art Class (Village Hall)
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**Copy deadline for the August/September edition of Knapton News is strictly Wednesday 17 July 2013**

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