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# Knapton News

The Knapton News Editorial Team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A warm welcome to our new residents in the village. We hope you will all be very happy here and look forward to getting to know you at our many village events.

## Closure of Knapton Methodist Church

With regret, we have to announce the closure of Knapton Methodist Church after some 125 years of worship, witness and service in the name of Jesus Christ and in the Methodist tradition.

Local people started the Church and have maintained it faithfully over the years. Valuable work with young people in Sunday School and Youth Clubs has touched the lives of many and the Village Fete is believed to have begun as a Methodist Church fete. Many have been Christened, married and had their funerals in the building and it has been used for Women's Own and Coffee mornings over the years.

The facilities have also served many Parish Church activities. In recent years the people have found happy fellowship with folks from the Parish Church and shared the worship at Patronal Festivals, Remembrance Sundays, the annual Covenant Services, Bible study group as well as jointly fundraising for a variety of causes.

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## Closure of Knapton Methodist Church *(continued from previous page)*

However, in the last year some have died and moved away reducing the worshipping numbers considerably. Legislation for charities and affecting other aspects of Church life has increased the costs and placed extra demands on officers of the church family. There is little likelihood of development or rising population in the village. One member only now lives in Knapton village.

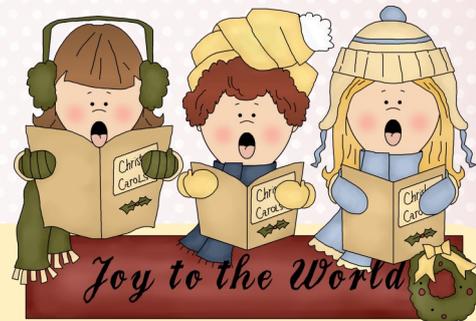
Taking into account these and other factors, in September, the Church Council decided to close. This decision has now been ratified by the appropriate authorities.

And so we announce details of our final services to which all are welcome as follows:

- Christmas Eve Communion 6 p.m. 24<sup>th</sup> December.
- United Covenant Service 10 a.m. 3<sup>rd</sup> January.
- Final celebration 4 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Please note there will be no service on Sunday 27 December.

*Jill Webb*



## Knapton Village Fete 2015

Once again the weather was kind and a sunny afternoon was spent at the Village Fete on 6 September, with lots for the whole family to enjoy. Sarah and Steve Hammond welcomed everyone to the village and Mary Renwick-Forster presented Sarah with a bouquet of flowers.

The Fete Group would like to thank everyone who gave their time to make this popular event a success; those who helped on the day and also everyone who helped set up on the Saturday and dismantle on the Sunday. Many thanks also to all those who made such lovely cakes and donated so many other goods.

Grateful thanks to the following individuals or firms for their donations of money or raffle prizes:

Shell UK Ltd.; Perenco UK Ltd.; Interconnector UK; Alan Cargill; Elizabeth Purdy; Africa Alive; East Coast Plastics; Sainsburys; Tavern Tasty; Three Cottages Fish and Chips; Trunch Stores.

The Fete made a profit of £1,011.99. The money raised is available for the village to help with projects, etc.

## CHURCH WARDEN'S WHISPERS

We have finally received the final faculty (permission) for all the work from the Diocesan Chancellor Ruth Arlow this followed a Consistency Court at Knapton Church on the 20th July. We walked and talked through the complete project for the new works of a disabled toilet and kitchenette with the grave covers being moved into the chancel under the Choir pews. The Faculty was received on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2015, complete with the Chancellor's written judgement detailing the complete visit and why she found in the church's favour.

We have received a grant the Heritage Lottery Fund for a total of £216,000. This is 58% of the total project. Allison has also been very busy applying to other funding agencies to make up the rest of the money needed, and she has been very successful. We are still about £12,500 short so all the help we can get is needed; if anyone has any fundraising ideas please let us know. But we have also received 'Permission to Start'. To get the "Permission to Start" Allison and I spent many more hours completing the necessary forms and uploading the necessary supporting documents. It is Forms, Forms, Forms, with the HLF, but in this case all worthwhile. Arrangements have been made for the asbestos to be removed and the specialist company started work on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. From that day for nine days the church will be closed to the general public. The heating engineer has been contacted, and is on standby to put in a new flue, so we hope to be ready for the beginning of December. This is only the first phase of the work. The second phase will begin in the Spring as the south nave roof will have to be removed. Once the asbestos has been removed we can also get an electrician in to repair the problem we have in the Tower, which is the reason why the clock and mechanism has not been working over the last few months. It will also mean the Bell Ringers can return to the Tower and the Bells be rung again.

The Norfolk Community Service team have visited the church again for two days. As can be seen, the old side of the churchyard and the banks are nicely cleared and the footpath is looking very straight. They also cleared the low level branches that were obstructing the graves in the back of the churchyard. All the debris was disposed of thanks to local support.

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### Village Carol Service by Candlelight

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

Sunday 20 December  
Everyone very welcome!

Carol Service by Candlelight  
Followed by mulled wine  
& mince pies

Donations of bottles of red wine for the  
mulled wine would be appreciated.  
Please deliver to the back door of  
Church Farm

## Church Wardens' Whispers *(continued from previous page)*

As part of the continued fundraising, our next event is a "Winter Festive Concert" on Friday 4th December 7.30 - 9.30 with Southrepps Chorale and Wherry Brass Band, Tickets £6 per person available from - in Knapton Allison Jackson on 01263 720826 or Olga Bryant 01263 834030 [Info@southreppschorale.org.uk](mailto:Info@southreppschorale.org.uk). We have a Tens licence allowing us to have a bar and this will be serving wine and soft drinks. There will also be a raffle.

The Village Carols by Candlelight will be on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm at St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church. The service will be lead by our new Rector The Revd Andrew Jones. If you would like to contribute a reading or poem please let Allison or Liz know in the next couple of weeks as we plan the service in advance. Everyone is welcome, Mulled wine and mince pies will be available at the end of the service, so please come and enjoy yourselves as we start Christmas week. Donations of red wine would be appreciated; please deliver to the back door of Church Farm, Knapton. Thank you.

Christmas Day Holy Communion Service at St Peter and St Pauls at 10am  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2015 No Service in Knapton -  
Group Service at Mundesley All Saints Church at 10.45am.  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2016 With Knapton Methodist Church for the annual  
Covenant Service.



With Very Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Liz Winter and Allison Jackson (Church Wardens)

## Coffee and Cake with Pudsey

Congratulations to the Friday Morning Coffee Club, who raised £52 for Children in Need.

From the beginning of January, the Coffee Club will be meeting in their new venue of Knapton Village Hall. Please see the 'What's On' for dates. Everyone always very welcome!



Don't forget to visit our  
village website  
[www.knaptonvillage.co.uk](http://www.knaptonvillage.co.uk)



# **SOUTHREPPS CHORALE**



## **WINTER FESTIVE CONCERT**

with

**NORFOLK BRASS**  
(thrilling 10 piece Brass Ensemble)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Knapton Parish Church**  
(in support of the roof restoration fund)

Admission £6, children free

Refreshments available

Tel: Olga Bryant on 01263 834030  
or email:  
[info@southreppschorale.org.uk](mailto:info@southreppschorale.org.uk)

Tickets available at the door  
or from Allison 720826

[www.southreppschorale.org.uk](http://www.southreppschorale.org.uk)



# Knapton Village Hall Cheese and Wine Evening

Friday 11th December 2015

7.15 For 7.30 pm

Tickets £5

Bring and Share your favourite cheese

&

Bring your own tipples.

Biscuits and bread for cheese, Plus accompaniments and mince pies will be provided.

Enjoy an evening of fun, laughter, and music.

Money raised will go to refurbish the Village Hall

Contact for tickets and your cheese selection is Mal 01263 720018.

Raffle Prizes needed, tell Mal if you have one you can bring.



## Research Study

How easy is it to see your GP?

Do you have problems getting to and seeing your GP?



If you are over 65 years old and receive financial support we would like to hear from you.

At the University of East Anglia we are looking for people who would like to take part in a study looking at experiences of getting to and seeing their doctor. It would involve meeting for about 1 hour to talk to a researcher about your experiences, either at the university or you home (whichever is easiest). The purpose of the research is to understand the barriers to accessing GPs and develop a service to improve access. Participants will be given a £20 shopping voucher for taking part. If you are interested please contact me, John Ford 01603 591743 or [john.ford@uea.ac.uk](mailto:john.ford@uea.ac.uk) or look at our website ([www.uea.ac.uk/GPstudy](http://www.uea.ac.uk/GPstudy))

John Ford (NIHR Doctoral Fellow in Public Health, Norwich Medical School)



**Harvest Supper: Happy Memories of a Fun Evening**



## CRABS, LOBSTERS AND HOW TO CATCH THEM OR, THERE ARE SKILLS IN THE VILLAGE



Just off the coast, no more than a few hundred yards, there are a great number of crabs and lobsters going about their daily business on the sea bottom. Sometimes some make their way to my plate, and I wondered how they got there. I asked my neighbour Don Eke, who is a serious hobby fisherman, and knows about these things.

Don was brought up on the land at Ingworth but he learned his fishing skills from Uncle Ted Eke, a Happisburgh fisherman. From 1989, when he was eleven, Don used to cycle the fifteen miles to Happisburgh to join Uncle Ted and his crew as 'The Boy' and learn. And he did this till Uncle Ted died in 2000.

He tells me how to make a crab pot. Traditionally these were made from hemp, braided around a pine base, with four hazel hoops. But now they are made of galvanised metal and the braid (i.e. the netting) is synthetic. Usually there are three compartments in the pot. The entrance with two crinnies, which are circular metal rings on either side as the open front doors. The next section contains the bait, which is a piece of any old dead fish that is lying about. Then comes the clever bit. The crab, or better still the lobster, suitably refreshed after a hearty meal, decides to leave and makes his way up a braided slope, thinking he's on his way out towards



the third bit. But no, he, or it could be a she (the male is called a jack and the female a hen), drops into the third section, known as 'The Parlour' and can't get out. The whole thing is made of netting which Don can make from a single piece of twine, which he braids onto the frame. Thanks to Uncle Ted's training. What next?

Well, you need about twelve pots to start with. So you get down to making them.

Then you need a boat. Not any old boat. You've got to be able to push it into the water, single handed, with a tractor, get the engine down and running hard and navigate it through the surf. Then at the end of the trip, all by yourself, you have to be able to run it at the beach, lie it broadside on the sand, hitch it to the winch, draw it on to the trailer and drag it up the beach with the tractor. With a cold force 5 wind blowing, producing plenty of surf, this is a dangerous and skilled business. The boatbuilders of Cromer and Sheringham knew what they were doing 150 years ago when they designed the original hulls of these Norfolk fishing boats and those designs have continued in use since then. They were based on weight, a deep keel and being double ended. Sharp at each end to you and me. Nowadays new crab boats are different. They are made of UPVC, are rather flat bottomed (called a skiff) and the back, or transom, is flat. Some are double keeled, called a catamaran.

You can't just put to sea and operate a commercial fishing boat. Oh no. You need a licence and this costs some £7,000 as a one off payment. It costs more if you want to catch and sell white fish as well.

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## CRABS, LOBSTERS AND HOW TO CATCH THEM *(continued from previous page)*



And you have to be willing to be monitored, checked and searched by the authorities, who have to make sure you're not catching immature shellfish.

Although some fishermen catch shellfish throughout the year, in the main the crab season runs traditionally from March to September. "Lobsters are funny old things" says Don, "their season really seems to get properly started in August".

So far so good. You've got your pots on board, you've managed to get out to sea through the surf, where do you drop your pots?

Actually, you have already thought about this and made it your business to sidle up to professional fishermen and ask them if they have any advice or recommendations. You were surprised when the advice varied from dropping your pots just off Murmansk to taking up astro physics and leaving fishing to the experts. In short, no help or trade secrets at all. Ah well, give it a go anyway and try to look knowledgeable...

The North Sea varies from some 20 to 80 feet in depth and you finally decide to put the pots down in what your amateur instincts tell you is a likely place. First you put the bait in the 12 pots. Then you tie the pots all together in a line, about 11 fathoms or 66 feet between each one. You drop an anchor attached to a marker buoy, called a Dan Buoy, (a prize for anyone who can tell me the origin of this word), tie the beginning of the line of pots to the Dan Buoy and then drop the first one over the side. Then you wait for the sea current, the ebbing or flowing tide, to carry you away from the buoy, then you drop another, and so on. When you get to the last pot, you drop another anchor and Dan Buoy, and there you have your tempting line of pots sitting on the sea bottom about 250 yards long.

This is heavy and tiring work, but you still have to come back to the shore and haul the heavy boat up the beach. And that's just your first day. On the next, you repeat the process of launching. All the pots are hauled one by one. They are heavy. The catch is examined and retained or discarded, the pots re-baited and dropped down again, and in you go to the beach. All singlehanded unless you can get a crew, and in most weathers.

Ashore you have to boil and dress the beasts. A skilled person can dress a crab in five minutes. Think of that. Then they must be sold.

All this means that a crab and lobster fisherman has to be expert in seamanship, weather forecasting, identifying good fishing grounds, fishmongering, retailing, mechanics, braiding and knitting and so on. Would you be up to it? Do you fancy taking it up?

It all sounds like a great deal of hard work, and it obviously is, but you'd never prize Don away from it, and his daughter Scarlet is already learning the ropes.



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### POSTSCRIPT

Aunt Constance: Some male readers have confidentially approached me to say that my Aunt Constance sounds like their type and is she really dead? For if she were alive, they would appreciate a confidential introduction. I'm sorry to disappoint but she lies interred in the next but one grave to my mother in Beccles cemetery. A man called Ernest lies between them. He's in trouble if he doesn't share their sense of fun!!

## Knapton Friday Coffee Club Friends support MacMillan Nurses

The Friday Coffee Club held a Coffee Morning in September to raise money for Macmillan Nurses. The 'regulars' (and the four visitors) were very generous, both with their baking and purchases and the grand figure of £182.00 was raised. Thanks to all the bakers, helpers and customers. Thanks also goes to the Methodist Church who donated the rent of the room to the Charity.



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Munhaven Close, Mundesley, Norwich, NR11 8AR

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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

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General Enquiries Tel: 0845 601 4516 - Customer Relations Tel: 0800 028 4587

New Connections Tel: 0845 234 0040

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# What's On In Knapton?

## DECEMBER

Tuesday 1	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Carols & Mince Pies (Methodist School Room)
Tuesday 1	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 4	7:30 p.m.	Winter Festive Concert (St Peter & St Paul's Church)
Monday 7		Knapton Ladies Club Christmas Lunch (Beechwood Hotel, North Walsham)
Tuesday 8	12:30 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Christmas Lunch (Beechwood Hotel, North Walsham)
Friday 11	10/12	Coffee Club (Methodist School Room)
Friday 11	7:30 p.m.	Cheese and Wine Evening (Village Hall) Please see advert for full details
Sunday 20	6:30 p.m.	Village Carol Service (St Peter & St Paul's Church)
Thursday 24	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion (Methodist Church)
Friday 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion (St Peter & St Paul's Church)

## JANUARY

Sunday 3	10:00 a.m.	Joint Covenant Service (Methodist Church) All Welcome
Tuesday 5	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own New Year Party (Methodist School Room)
Tuesday 5	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Sunday 10	4:00 p.m.	Final Celebration (Methodist Church)
Friday 15	10/12 noon	<b>Coffee Club (Knapton Village Hall)</b> <i>(please note change of venue and date one week later than usual)</i>
Friday 29	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Knapton Village Hall)

## FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Village Hall)
Tuesday 2	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 12	10/12	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Friday 26	10/12	Coffee Club (Village Hall)

## WEEKLY EVENTS

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