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Welcome to the Knapton News. A belated Happy New Year to all. The Editorial Team would like to thank everyone who has supported our efforts and may they long continue. Please send all articles, events or items to our dedicated email address: knaptonnews@outlook.com



Goodbye
to our
dear
friend
Roger
MacPhee



On Friday 23 January, St Peter & St Paul's Church was packed to overflowing as friends and neighbours (over 300) gathered to say a loving farewell to Roger MacPhee.

It was a Service of Thanksgiving for Roger's life, and it was an absolutely beautiful service for a man so loved and respected by his family and friends.

We are so grateful to Roger for almost 30 years of service he gave to Knapton and the surrounding villages. Many people in the Church that lunchtime had their own reasons to give thanks for his life and the help and support he had brought to them in their times of sadness and suffering - and of course also times of happiness, as he conducted many marriages and christenings.

Roger's life has been well documented in the obituary written by Alex Hurrell, and which has appeared in all our local papers, so I will not repeat it here. Instead, I will tell you a little about the service for those unable to attend, or who just want to remember once more.

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The service commenced with the hymn 'Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided' and was followed with a reading by Roger's God-daughter, Elizabeth Evans.

The tribute was given by Rev. Canon Leo Osborn and oh how he brought both a tear and a smile, as he talked about the 'real' Roger who was caring and compassionate, wise and fun, but could sometimes also be a little frustrating!! He also read a beautiful tribute from Roger's dear friend, Jill Emms.

Following this was a family tribute, given by Roger's nephew and niece, Iain MacPhee and Kathryn Brown. They gave an insight into the side of Roger most of us did not know, as an uncle and family man, and it was obvious just how much they cared about him as they shared with us family memories.

The tributes were followed by the hymn 'The King of love my Shepherd is' and a reading by Canon Pamela Fawcett. The Lord Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev. Graham Jones then gave the address, followed by a beautiful anthem 'God be in my head' by the choir. The prayers were led by the Right Rev. Jonathan Meyrick, the Bishop of Lynn, after which we sang 'Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy'. This was followed by the Commendation and Farewell. Roger's coffin was then removed for a private cremation the following week.

As I stood at the back of the Church (my seat for the service was on the front!) I had one wish. That Roger could hear the singing as 300 voices swelled up to the angels in the roof and filled the whole building with the most magnificent sound. And as I walked down the church path, with clergy lining both sides right down to the gate, I thought to myself "That was the service Roger deserved".

Knapton Women's Own



Knapton Women's Own celebrated the beginning of 2015 with our New Year Afternoon Tea Party. We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea, puzzled over quiz sheets and laughed at fun games! Altogether a great afternoon.

If this sounds like fun and you would like to join us, we always welcome new members. We meet at 2:15 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the Methodist School Room.



Our members were very saddened to hear the news that one of our long-standing members, Gertrude Risebrow, had passed away. Unfortunately it had been some time since she was well enough to attend our meetings and we have missed her. Our love, thoughts and prayers are with her family.

St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Update

The reports are now in and have been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage for their comments.



News around the Village

As many of you may have heard and seen in the local press, Lucy and Beryl who live in the Street are trying to get support for traffic calming and a ban on the use of the Street as a “**Rat Run**” by heavy goods vehicles heading to and from the coast road. We all appreciate that there is local farm traffic, what is targeted in their campaign is the 40 Ton Beet Lorries and other delivery lorries that use the Street to get to the Bacton Road, thus avoiding Mundesley and or Swafield (which for heavy goods vehicles should be the authorised route when heading for Great Yarmouth/ Stalham direction). The Lorries have no respect for locals and appear to travel at speeds that are unsafe, especially in a residential area with parked cars blocking the carriageway. One day a lorry travelling at even 30 mph will not be able to stop for oncoming traffic and there will be carnage.

Church Warden's Whispers

On Sunday 21st December, the Village Candle Lit Christmas Carol Service was the highlight of the year. The church looked lovely, the ladies had worked their magic as always, and Vi and Dennis Haynes had festoon the church with candles. The Christmas Tree was beautifully decorated—well done to the Hammond family, ably assisted by family and friends. Thanks go to the ladies who supplied the mince pies and Sarah and Steve for the lovely mulled wine.

At the end of December Vi Haynes sadly gave the church notice that she was resigning as organiser of the ladies who decorate our lovely church with flowers, and also as church cleaner. To this end a collection was made and Vi was presented with a lovely vase from us all, with thanks for all her hard work over many years. She will be sadly missed.

Sunday 11th January was the Group Service in St Peter and St Paul's Knapton with the Bishop of Lynn The Revd. Jonathan Meyrick leading the service. He had promised to come to Knapton and preach when he was with us last summer at the “Rock Concert”.

As I write this article for the Knapton News, we are all still coming to terms with the loss of The Revd. Roger MacPhee. Knapton we will never be the same again. He was greatly loved and respected by all in the village, and he will be greatly missed by everyone. His Memorial Service was held on the 23rd January. The church was filled with standing room only. The Rt. Revd. Graham James Bishop of Norwich conducted the service assisted by The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Meyrick Bishop of Lynn, and The Revd. Leo Osborn gave the eulogy speaking from the heart about the man we all knew and loved.

The Royal British Legion paraded their standards as Roger had been Chaplain of the Mundesley and District Branch of both the RBL and the Women's Section. The service was followed at a later time by a private family cremation.

15th March 2015 **Joint Mothering Sunday Service** 10.00 am at St Peter and St Paul's Church

Easter Services

2nd April Maundy Thursday Service 7.30 pm at St Peter and St Paul's Knapton

3rd April Good Friday Pilgrimage (see Team Diary for timings at Knapton)

5th April Easter Sunday, Holy Communion 9.30 am.

Methodist Matters

15th March Mothering Sunday Dr. M. Price from Reepham at Parish Church— united service.

5th April Easter Day 10:00 a.m. Rev. A Windridge All age worship

Lent Housegroup at Langdale The Street is on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m. Please join us.



Is that Smoke?



It's 3.00am and you smell smoke. Your negligent life flashes before you. Did I leave something on? Did I use the fireguard? Did I check the smoke alarm battery? Am I insured? Help. What do I do? I thought about all this the other day when my burning Yorkshire puddings set off the alarm, and I wondered what actually happens when you, for the first time in your life, dial 999. I made enquiries.

North Walsham has one large fire engine and a team of twelve firefighters to use it. From the twelve, between four and eight or nine must be on call twenty four hours a day, every day.. They must be able to get to the Station within five minutes. Pause a moment, and think about that commitment. Most of the firefighters are 'retained'. In other words they have another full time job which they can leave at a moment's notice when they are on call. Mundesley fire station operates in a very similar way.

A 999 call is made, say from Knapton. It is answered by BT or whoever runs the telephone system nowadays. You are asked which service you want. You say 'FIRE!'. At once you are put through to the Fire Service control room in Hethersett and which covers all of Norfolk. Firstly you are asked for your address and postcode. Do not jibber. Give it. These are vital details and instantly the controller can pinpoint your position, identify the nearest fire service station and page the firefighters who are on call. While that is happening you are asked details of what sort of fire it is, what people may be in the house and at risk, and other important things like whether an occupant of the house is using oxygen. The controller must tell the firefighters as much as possible about what they are going to have to face.

On reaching the station, the crew race into a heated changing room where they literally step into their boots and dungarees, whip on their jackets, pick up their helmets and gloves and get into the fire engine. The aim is to be on the road within one minute, repeat, one minute, of the final crew member arriving. Or six minutes from the first alert. Two fire engines are always sent to a house fire. In Knapton the expectation would be an arrival time of ten to fifteen minutes from the 999 call. Then they go to work. The fire engine carries 1800 litres or 400 gallons of water which can all be discharged in one minute. It carries 300 metres of large and a great deal more of smaller hose. So it can connect up to a hydrant that the onboard computer can find, or to a nearby river or pond and start pumping. Having read my previous article about where our water comes from you will not need reminding about how water gets to the hydrants. Will you?

The fire is dealt with by whatever method the senior officer thinks appropriate having regard to its scale. It doesn't take much imagination to know that people may have to be rescued, often in very dangerous circumstances when firefighters have to go into a burning building and feel their way. Again, pause and ask yourself if you would be brave enough to handle all this. On a lighter note, I learned that the famous 'Fireman's Lift' is rarely used. People are encouraged to climb down the ladder themselves. The firefighter I spoke to ruefully admitted that when he is being carried down a high ladder during training draped, facing downwards, over a fire fighter's shoulder he feels, shall we say, uneasy.

Of course fires can and do occur anywhere. Farms, stubble fields, workshops and factories, on the road. Often where there are dangerous flammable chemicals present. These all present different and dangerous problems for the crew and its chain of command, which is why continuous training is so important for the urgency of the situation gives little time for measured thought! Long gone are the days, if they existed at all, when popular opinion was that firemen lazed around all day in deep armchairs in comfortable quarters waiting for the rare call to duty and a descent of the legendary pole.

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For now the fire service operates from several partly manned stations around the county and firefighters have many duties other than fighting fires, such as advising on fire safety, maintenance of complex equipment and so forth. It is not an easy job to ensure that all the right firefighters are in the right places at the right times all the time around Norfolk and this task is largely handled from the North Walsham station as it happens. Do we take the fire service for granted? I expect we do. It has always been there, and most of us will remember the days of the siren, so reminiscent of the war, calling firemen to the station followed by the strident ringing of the fire engine bell. But nowadays it is much more than the fire service. It is Fire and Rescue. And rescue plays a major part of their work. And there, I think, is the making of a further article for the Knapton News.

Finally, advice. Smoke alarms. Have two. One in a hall way, one on a landing if you're on two floors. Make sure they work and check them often. Close doors at night. If there is a fire get out of the house if you can. If trapped, stay in the room with the door shut. Have a fire extinguisher at home, but make sure it is handy and you know how and on what to use it in an emergency. Remember well that, if you are in doubt, you should call the fire service on 999. They would far rather attend and find the fire was a false alarm than find a house on fire.

My Aunt Constance (about whom I have previously written) would have regretted the passing of the fireman's lift. She would have enjoyed being carried to safety in the arms of a strong man!

Enquirer

I am extremely grateful to Gary Miller the senior officer at North Walsham who was kind enough to help me with this article and show me around the fire station at North Walsham. His enthusiasm about his job was as impressive as it was infectious

Angels Rescue Music Night With J A & Co



Saturday 23rd May 2015 @ 7.30pm at Knapton Church

Light variety programme including sing along numbers

A fund raising event in support of the
Angel Restoration Appeal for Knapton Church

Tickets £8 including a glass of wine or soft drink.
available from Liz Winter (722271) or Andy Weston (722534)

Everyone has the right to live in a secure environment which is safe haven for the whole family. When we moved to the beautiful village of Knapton a few years ago we thought that we had found such a place. However, of late, speeding traffic and inconsiderate lorry drivers passing through the Street have created a growing unease for many families. The village has become increasingly a rat run for various destinations and the time has come to look at ways of reducing the dangers before it is too late.

Speaking to many Knapton residents I have recorded numerous occasions when the behaviour of the traffic through The Street and Hall Lane has been dangerous:

'Many times when I have walked my dog I have had to jump over the hedge to avoid being struck by these vehicles' (anonymous).

'The traffic passes through The Street too quickly, I feel worried when I am out walking' (Beryl Morris)

'These lorries have moved or hit our flower boxes to squeeze past our house' (Donny Eke)

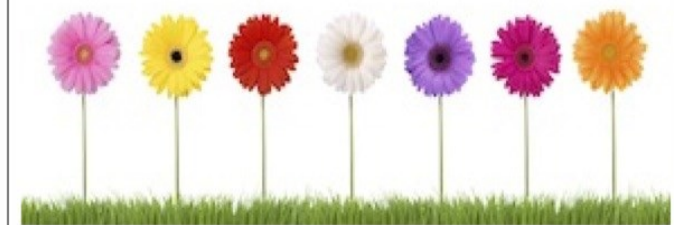
Restrictions have previously been enforced by Bacton Gas Terminal, who stopped their contracted Heavy Goods Vehicles from facilitating The Street after a resident's wall collapsed. Fortunately there were no fatalities and it was concluded that the weight and volume of traffic Knapton experienced due to Bacton Gas Terminal had contributed to the collapse of the wall.

This demonstrates how possible it could be for one of the properties to be damaged as a result of the traffic. And most importantly; that it is possible for certain restrictions to be enforced along The Street if a shared consensus is built up from the residents.

A group of residents are working with the Parish Council and District Councillor Graham Jones to try and identify solutions to the problem. Already we have organised to have a village speed watch camera in the village and are trying for funding to for the Sam2 Speed indicator to be installed. The survey letter that was distributed through the village indicated an overwhelming desire to limit speed in the village to 20 miles per hour. We will be working towards that objective – can you help us?

If you can help, please contact Lucy on 07766715049 or lucyjane10@hotmail.co.uk

Knapton Ladies Club
We would love you to join us!



Knapton Ladies Club's first meeting for 2015 is on Monday 16th March at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

If you would like to come along to see what we get up to you are most welcome. We meet eight times a year, and we have speakers, outings and a Summer Supper.

At the end of the year we always go out for a most enjoyable Christmas Lunch!

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Auction of Promises

Knapton Village Hall Committee are going to have an Auction of Promises in October. This is to raise much needed funds for repairs and updates to our hall.

If you can help by promising to do something and you would like to know more, please contact Mary on 01263 720908 or 07796627526 or Sue on 01263 478332



What's on in Knapton?

MARCH

Tuesday 3	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church)
Friday 13	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Sunday 15	10:00 a.m.	Joint Mothering Sunday Service (St Peter & St Paul's Church) All Welcome
Monday 16	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Friday 27	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

APRIL

Tuesday 7	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 7	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 10	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Monday 20	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Tuesday 21	7:30 p.m.	Annual Vestry Meeting and AGM of PCC (Village Hall) All Welcome
Friday 24	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

MAY

Tuesday 5	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 5	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Thursday 7	7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Election Day. Village Hall Polling booths open between 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Friday 8	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Tuesday 12	7:30 p.m.	Village Hall Management Committee AGM
Friday 21	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Saturday 23	7:30 p.m.	Next Church Fundraising Evening An Evening of Entertainment (see page 5 for details)

WEEKLY EVENTS

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