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## Footpath to Mundesley

The footpath is now in place. There will be an opening Walk on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00. Please can all those wishing to join in gather at the Village Hall, ready to be off at 11.0. Light refreshments will be available to those making the return journey. Others may head for the pub!

## Knapton Coffee Club

All are welcome to Knapton Coffee Club; they meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 10 to 12pm at the Village Hall. Come and join us for a good cup of coffee or tea. Biscuits and often tasty cakes are on offer. All we ask is £1.50p to cover the costs. So why not come along and meet the regulars and perhaps you will become one yourself. At yesterday's (13<sup>th</sup> May) Coffee Club the regular members voted to send the cash raised (£200) to two local charities. They selected the Norfolk Air Ambulance and East Anglia Children's Hospice at Quidenham. This is in addition to the money raised for the Macmillan Cancer Support last year. Article and photo can be found in a previous edition of Knapton News.

## Excerpt from the North Norfolk News 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016

### Community News

Knapton Parish Council report:

Any other business: Alan Young and Patrick Lee had been contacted by the organisers of Trunchonbury. They would like to hold this festival at the Madra in 2017 and were keen to co-operate with the village. The festival would be over four days, with the entrance from the B1145 (North Walsham Road) and musical events situated on the field next to it, away from the village. Profits would go to charity about which the village would be consulted. The organisers are to be invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> June Parish Council Meeting to discuss the proposal.

Knapton Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of every month, except August, at 7.30pm in Knapton Village Hall. Annually in May there is also the Parish Meeting, to which all are welcome.

Knapton Parish Council consists of seven members (maximum for the size of the parish) and a clerk/responsible financial officer. Councillors serve on the Council for a period of 4 years. Vacancies are filled either by co-option, or if more candidates than places, election. The Council elects a chairman annually.

The PC is responsible for setting the Precept (the money allocated to the Parish by NNDC), partly sourced from grants and partly from council tax. This is paid twice a year (£4,250 in Knapton's case) and has remained unaltered for several years. This money is used to pay for the clerk, insurance (public liability etc), hire of hall, the website, play equipment inspections, emptying of dog bins, and any special requirements (last year the overflow scrape and ditches were cleaned out). A small amount of money is given to local charities (£100 this year). The PC has also undertaken the cost of mowing the church yard. The annual spending of the PC is about the same as the precept. Cutting the hedge round the Millennium field and keeping the grass mown has been a big expense. Responsibility for this now passes to NNDC, to whom control reverted on 25<sup>th</sup> March this year. The PC also looks at all Planning Applications for Knapton and comments where appropriate.

Although PC meetings are not open to the public, the public are welcome to attend and meetings can be closed temporarily to allow them to speak. Time is also allocated after the meeting has closed. A NNDC councillor usually attends, as does a NCC councillor and sometime a PCSO.

During the meetings there are discussions on various items affecting the village, these are listed on an Agenda which is posted on the Notice Board prior to each meeting and sent out to members of the PC. Items vary from finance (reported at every meeting) to, in Knapton's case, the planned footpath to Mundesley, which can now be walked. The PC has been active in getting consent from the farmers to use their land. The future of the Millennium Field, the lease of land belonging to the village to Madra, mowing of verges, repair of roads, and any village matters put to them.

The public may express any concerns they have, either at a PC meeting or by contacting the clerk, or any member of the PC. Members names are listed in the Knapton News and also registered at NNDC.

Dee Holroyd, Parish Clerk.

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**Knapton Women's Own  
Strawberry Tea**  
Tuesday 5 July at 2:15 p.m.  
Knapton Village Hall  
£4.00 per person  
All proceeds to Riding for the Disabled  
Non members very welcome  
Including gentlemen!!



### Laughter Yoga evening

On Monday the 9<sup>th</sup> May much laughter was heard coming from Knapton Village Hall. 17 villagers and holiday makers raised £34.00 for funds which is going towards much needed refurbishment of the hall.

Many thanks to Jean Clarke who gave her time for us to enjoy a Laughter Yoga evening. Also, thank you to those who helped with refreshments.



**Knapton Fete 4<sup>th</sup> September 2016 PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?**

We need the following items to help make our Village Fete a success. They are:

Raffle prizes, Tombola prizes, Cakes,  
Small hoopla prizes, Bric-a-Brac and books.

If you can help on the day.  
If you are able to provide any of the above,  
please ring 01263 720908  
Many thanks.

## Church Warden's Whispers

The most important thing to be of note is that services are now starting at 9.15am, just fifteen minutes earlier than before. This change has taken place to allow our Rector time after the service to speak to the congregation before dashing off to another church service within the Group. Whilst the work is taking place we continue to have services in the church, the only difference is that we are using the Nave only.

Following the closure of the Methodist Chapel the church has been given a number of items including the Lectern carved by Herbert Hicks, Communion Kneelers sewn by Jenny Lambert for her mother, a wooden aisle font and matching pedestal flower holder. Also folding chairs and tables plus kitchen equipment.



And finally a plea are there any Ladies or Gents who 'Love Flowers' and would like to get involved in arranging them in the Church? We are looking for people to help throughout the year experienced or just willing to have a go, it would be fantastic to see you. If you are interested please contact Allison on 01263 720826 or 07769613399 for more details.

## Well you take some skins (or nothing is quite what it seems .....

Buried in Knapton is an inoffensive and ordinary garage adjacent to a house. Nothing unusual in that. But the sharp eyed and persistent observer may notice that the up and over never ups or overs, yet people go in regularly by a side door, followed by total silence. What, you may wonder, is going on? I did, so I made enquiries.

This garage houses a music and recording studio where sounds are mixed and drums are taught. And this is what I learned from Geoff and Lynn Cooper, whose house this is. Geoff, who admits to having passed his thirty ninth birthday, has always been a professional drummer, and Lynn was a drummer for many years. In this studio he now teaches the drums and mixes recorded music for artists who have made their recordings but need them improved. I spent over an hour with him as he told me about this singular profession.



His father was a professional drummer from long before the war and was an army bandsman. Geoff's home in Forest Gate East London had all the relics of drums and by the age of three he had fond and started to play with drumsticks. He would cheerfully bash anything that was lying about. Ash trays were particularly good and along came rhythm, and when Geoff was five his father brought his old drum kit down from the attic. Geoff never looked back. At age fourteen he began to acquire, one piece at a time over two years, his own drum set from J.V. Bourdon & Son of Shoreditch High Street.

First he got the big bass drum, the predominant instrument in military music, then the foot cymbals, the 'low boy', then the snare drum which has the wires underneath, then the tom tom (no wires) and finally the high hat. This last is the pair of cymbals brought together by beating the foot on its pedal. Those are the basic ingredients of the kit. But how did he get going? By age sixteen he was playing three nights a week in a pub in Tottenham. This came about because, when he was fourteen, he used to queue for a bus after school at a stop which happened to be beside a drum shop. In he went: Could he play in a pub? They asked. No questions about age. Yes he could, and did.

At home his elder sisters were very much into music and they had different tastes. One sister was the secretary of The Hollies (remember them?) fan club. Family tensions could run high over whether the Dansette should play Led Zeppelin or Santana, but no wonder in this environment he was exposed to many different types of music which he came to perform and love.

Geoff got a job in a record shop after school when he was fourteen and this paid for him to start having the drum lessons which continued for five years till he was nineteen. He then decided to make the drums and music production his career, and so it has been for the thirty nine years ever since.

His studio was in Hoddesdon where he taught aspiring performers. From it he would go to play in concerts, recording studios, festivals and theatres. The skill of a professional musician is to be able to turn up at any venue, on time, briefly meet your fellow performers, see the music score and play. He showed me sheet music for drums which in some respects looks a bit similar to normal music notation but is completely incomprehensible to the notice like me. Often there would be no score at all and he was expected to 'just know' what the drum rhythms should be. How often have we been, say, to a jazz concert and learned that the players had only met each other an hour before the performance? Yet they played in apparent perfect unison and harmony.

Did he play with anyone famous? Well there was Tim Rice, Kenny Ball, Jess Conrad, Jet Harris (remember The Shadows?), The Three Degrees, to name but a few.

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# Knapton Knitting Group

Our first meeting went very well with Linda giving us a rundown on the history of how Norfolk Knitters got started and continues to grow, and how we can all help by doing our bit, while at the same time meeting some new friends and sharing new skills.

I would like to thank all those people who came along to give us their support and Marion, Ann, Rita and Jill who helped with the tea and cakes.

We meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 1.30 to 4pm at the Village Hall. Everyone welcome to come along.

Anna Ovenden



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## Well you take some skins *(continued from previous page)*

Quite apart from playing the drums, Geoff mixes music. In his studio, he has an enormous console and with this contraption he can take a piece of recorded music, isolate each individual instrument being used, and amplify, muffle or erase any of them in order to create the best effect.

He can enhance a singer's voice, moderate the over enthusiastic playing of an instrument, and effectively create a whole concert from his garage. Added to this is an array of more modern digital equipment with more screens and controls than you could shake a stick at. He valiantly tried to give me some understanding of how it works, but I have more than a little way to go.

But what is he doing here in Knapton? Well he and Lynn came in 2011 and are staying. He has found that there is an extraordinarily strong music 'scene' in the county and the good news is that other serious musicians are coming to live in Norfolk for that reason. Is he retiring? Certainly not. There are pupils to teach, music to be made and good bands to assist. Above all it's fun.

To hear Geoff and his friends play, they are the Norfolk Blues Society, you should go to 'Tracks' in North Elmham on the third Tuesday of every month or to the Walnut Tree Shades in Norwich on the last Wednesday of each month.

An afterthought. I asked Geoff if he could do anything to enhance the angelic voices of our local heavenly choir, The Knapton Belles. He reminds me that he had the privilege of drumming for them at the Raise the Roof Concert in our church. Absolutely nothing needs to be done he gallantly opines. Or did he say, nothing could be done? I can't quite remember.

Enquirer

There is a fondness for our village hall. It is pretty old, parts are almost falling down, but it's ours, it's more or less in the middle of our rather sprawling village and has the character which modern village halls lack. We are determined to keep it and properly refurbish it. For you use it or lose it, and we don't blame those who are put off by its present state.

This is where we are at. The hall is owned by the church which is very keen that it should be a village hall for the foreseeable future. So our vicar, the Rev Andrew Jones, and his churchwardens, who are ultimately responsible for it have created a village hall committee to run it from day to day. Our income is only the money we collect from those who hire the hall or from functions, like the harvest supper that we arrange. It is just about enough to keep us going, but miles away from being enough to pay for any major repair. So what we are doing, with the Vicar and his churchwardens is actively to pursue getting a grant or grants for some major work. This will probably include demolition of the 'add ons' of the wc's and kitchen and building new ones. We reckon we're looking at about £120,000.00 for the whole job, plus some £3500.00 for architectural services.

Because the hall is owned by the church rather than the village our ability to raise grant aid is made a bit the more complicated, and we are receiving helpful advice from a national charity called Village SOS who have visited us at the hall. This all takes time, and sometimes we feel we are going backwards rather than forwards. However, in the meantime we are actively raising funds locally so that we can hold the fort until the bright new dawn of a refurbished hall arrives. So we have in the last seven months organised the harvest supper (making £341), bric a brac and cake sale (£377), wine and cheese evening (£276), pancake night (£236) and a book sale (£228).

The village's participation in these events is enormously appreciated and we are very much open to ideas as to what else our residents would like to see arranged. Or perhaps some would like hire it for a birthday party or family reunion, or they may like to join our committee.

All contact should in the first instance be through me, for I am the chairman of the committee.

Nick Holroyd  
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## St Peter and St Paul's Church update



As those of you who regularly pass the church will know the work has started on the church.

On the 24<sup>th</sup> February a site meeting was held to discuss the start of the main project to repair the church. It was agreed to start work on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, but due to problems with the timings for in the installation of water to the church (Anglia Water have a 90day notice period) and the requirements of the Faculty which meant the church has to follow the instructions of the Churches Building Council and use a Conservator to move/oversee the Grave Covers removal/repair, the programme had to change.

The Conservator's report (<sup>1</sup>Dr David Carrington's report) was very enlightening; it disclosed that here in Knapton we have a remarkable collection of high status memorial sculptured Grave Covers, dating to between c 1120-1250, unique as a group in Norfolk at least, and all pre-dating the present church in Knapton. As such there is no doubt that they are of exceptional regional as well as local cultural significance.' Because of this there has been a minor alteration to the plans for the Chancel, the church now intends to leave the Grave Covers uncovered making a feature of this incredible historical group.

In addition to the work inside the church the Stone Masons have started their repair work on the Tower which is going to take a long time due to the amount of work needing doing.

## Doctors:

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### Mundesley Medical Centre

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(01263) 724 506  
Munhaven Close, Mundesley, Norwich, NR11 8AR

### Birchwood Medical Practice

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

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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

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<http://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/>

## Norfolk County Council : 0344 800 8020 (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)

<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk>

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# What's on in Knapton?

## MAY

Tuesday 3	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Village Hall)
Tuesday 3	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 13	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Friday 27	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Monday 30	11:00 a.m.	Footpath Opening Walk (meet at Village Hall)

## JUNE

Tuesday 7	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Village Hall) (Riding for the Disabled)
Tuesday 7	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 10	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Monday 20	7:00 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall) (Jan Ellmore; Artist)
Friday 24	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)

## JULY

Tuesday 5	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Village Hall) STRAWBERRY TEA FUNDRAISER
Tuesday 5	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 8	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Monday 18	6:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall) Summer Supper
Friday 22	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)

## AUGUST

Tuesday 2	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own Nibbling & Nattering (venue to be announced)
Tuesday 2	7:30 p.m.	NO MEETING
Friday 12	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Friday 26	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

The next Knapton Village Fete will take place on Sunday 4 September