



# Knapton News

## 2nd Edition 2021

Welcome to the Knapton News. If you are new to the village we hope you will be happy here, the "What's On" section in the Knapton News is beginning to start up again. You will find a warm welcome at all events. We also hope that as soon as possible the coffee club will begin again in the Village Hall twice a month. First thoughts are to have a one off in July to gauge support, so if you are free on Friday 9th July from 10 am to Midday come along to the village hall to see what it is all about.

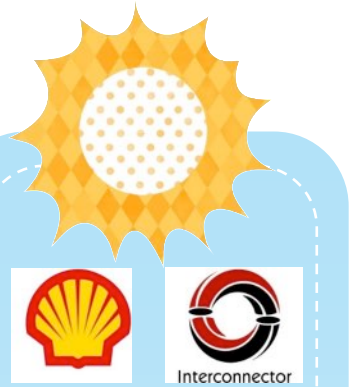
The village website can be found at <https://knaptonvillage.org/> where you can find a lot of information about the village, plus Parish Council reports and other activities happening.

If there is anyone out there who would like to be involved in the Knapton News please get in touch. 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 the dedicated email address which is: [knapton.news@knaptonvillage.org](mailto:knapton.news@knaptonvillage.org)

### Church Warden's Whispers

St Peter and St Paul's Parish Church Knapton is part of the Trunch Benefice, along with the churches in Trunch, Mundesley, Paston, Gimmingham, Swafeld and Bradfield. Our Rector is The Revd Andrew Jones, Trunch Rectory, telephone number 01263 722218, email: [revandrewjones@gmail.com](mailto:revandrewjones@gmail.com). The churches are now slowly opening up following the government guidelines, so everyone in the benefice has the opportunity to come to a physical service at least once a month, the pattern of services has changed from before Covid pandemic. The present pattern is Trunch, Mundesley then Knapton. Sunday 20th June at 10am is the next Knapton Service, everyone is welcome, but because of the current government guidelines we are still limited on numbers, please contact the church wardens to let them know if you would like to be at the service. [liz@trunchgroup.org](mailto:liz@trunchgroup.org)

If you are new to the village, the church is always open. If you have any interest in history we are recognised as one of the national 100 Church Treasures by Church Building Council. Knapton has a Double Hammer beamed Roof with 138 flying painted Angels, which is unique in Europe and attracts a lot of visitors, including guided historical tour parties. But we do need more support to keep the building open, the church is an integral part of the Village. To enable us to do this we would like to start a Friends of Knapton Church who would support the Church in keeping the building open for everyone to use, it is a valuable community space as well as a religious building. This project is for people who are interested in preserving and caring for our beautiful church for future generations. If you are interested please contact the church wardens or the Rector at: [revandrewjones@gmail.com](mailto:revandrewjones@gmail.com) or [liz@trunchgroup.org](mailto:liz@trunchgroup.org).



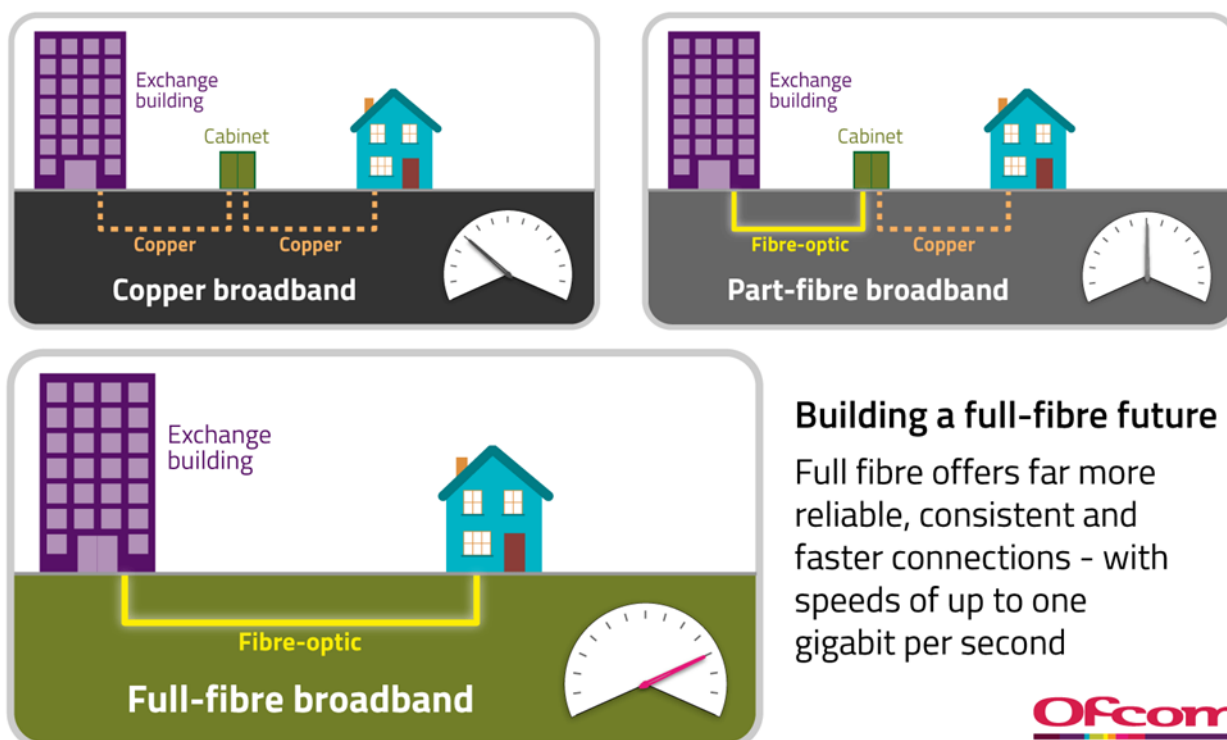
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## An important message from Knapton Parish Council about our village broadband



### Building a full-fibre future

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Do you want **Faster and more Reliable Broadband** to your home or business?

Then you need a full-fibre connection direct to your premises as shown above.

Currently we have a part-fibre system with a maximum speed of 80Mbps but those distant from Openreach's green cabinet would probably get as little as 30Mbps.

We think everyone should be offered full-fibre speeds up to **1000Mbps** (Gigabit).

The government Gigabit Voucher Scheme can help fund the running of fibre to your premises, but to **really make this viable** a joint application from as many users as possible is required to create a **Community Fibre Partnership** with Openreach.

Knapton Parish Council can assist with this and will support a viable application.

More details are on our website, at this stage we just need to judge the **potential demand**, so please contact the Parish Clerk as soon as you can if you are interested in **Faster Broadband**. (Note, there is no further obligation at this stage).

Please advise us if there is a **business at your address** (including sole trader) as you may be eligible for the considerably larger value voucher from the scheme.

## KNAPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Email: [parishclerk@knaptonvillage.org](mailto:parishclerk@knaptonvillage.org) or phone: 01263 720356

<http://www.knaptonvillage.org/broadband>



The Parish Council is made up of seven local men and women who balance their time between job and family so that they can try to make a difference for the people they share the village with. My wife compares it to an iceberg, because most people don't see 90% of the work and effort that goes into every project.

There can be no doubt that in terms of achievement, the council performed well again in what was a very difficult year for all of us, but there is clearly still so much to do. Resolving the road and parking issues in School Close is a good example of the challenges facing us this year. Issues, which are not of our making and are well beyond our control as a Parish Council, date back over twenty odd years and have been exacerbated by the additional traffic of, and the junction with, Wilds Way. We will continue to seek a long-term solution with the parties involved because I firmly believe that this is a council that is prepared for the long haul if that's what it takes to get things done.

The biggest change between now and when I first became Chair two years ago is the palpable difference in the can-do attitude of this council. The sum is certainly greater than the parts as councillors support and work with each other on projects such as those listed below in addition to their own portfolios.

The most obvious example of this is the Angels, who continue to be a local phenomenon, a beacon of light in the dark days of lockdown, with almost 600 recorded instances of help and support given to those parishioners that needed it, and acknowledged for doing so by HM Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk.

So, our agenda for the next twelve months, in no particular order, includes;

#### **School Close / Wilds Way**

With the support of our District Councillor and our local MP, we will continue to work with Highways, Victory and NNDC to press for a long-term solution to the on-going parking and junction access issues

#### **Footpath to Knapton Green**

Having reached agreement with the landowners, we expect to have a formalised walkway to provide safe walking passage between Knapton and Knapton Green established by the end of the summer

#### **30mph speed limit extension in Hall Lane**

Covid-19 has caused havoc to working schedules, but this project should be completed in the next twelve months as Highways are nearing the final stages of the planning process.

#### **Knapton Road junction re-modelling**

Once again, we are simply waiting for Highways to proceed

#### **Anglian Water sewerage system**

Work is due to start in July and it will make a big difference to those properties that can access it

#### **Superfast Broadband**

The huge benefits that broadband offers have really been highlighted during lockdown. We are looking to create a working partnership with BT to bring a bespoke fibre solution to the village that will provide a faster and more reliable service which is better suited to today's lifestyles

All of these are big projects in themselves and any one of them would be considered to be a major challenge to most parish councils of our size. But I'm confident that we can deliver because of the people driving them and the self-motivation that they have to succeed. Your parish councillors are dedicated, their efforts have been extraordinary and I am privileged to be part of a team that works so hard for others.

*Peter.*

## Knapton Parish Clerk`s Report: June 2021

Face to face! What a treat, to see people and be able to sit round a table together. So much better than the dreaded, but very useful screens.

This year seems to have rushed past and here we are, four weeks from mid-summer and the shortest day, heating on and winter clothes still worn.

Anyway, Parish Council wise, it has been the usual busy time. Our Chairman has worked tirelessly to try to get the Victory Housing Trust to take some action over the parking issues in School Close and the access to Wild`s Way. He has finally secured a meeting with the VHT, and hopefully these issues can at last be dealt with. He is also chasing Highways over the extension of the 30mph speed limit to Butterfly Walk. He has been hard at work trying to resolve the issues over the transfer of the land at Wild`s Way and the Car Park to Knapton Parish Council.

As many will know, we had our first meeting in the Village Hall for over a year. It was also the Annual Parish Meeting and it was good to see many of you there and to be able to welcome those recently arrived in Knapton.

Items discussed included:

The fete, it is not known whether this will go ahead this year.

A report on the excellent work done during lockdown by the Knapton Angels.

The allotments, which are fully let with a waiting list, priority to Knapton Residents.

The Sam 2 Speed Awareness machine, up and running in Knapton.

The proposed alteration to the junction, Hall Lane, The Street and the B1145, which it is hoped to tie in with roadworks carried out when the mains drains are installed.

The coming mains drainage work by Anglia Water.

The possibility of bringing superfast broadband to the village.

The proposed path from Knapton to Knapton Green, passing behind the pond at the west end of Wild`s Way.

The Annual Village meeting was followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Ed Maxfield, are newly re-elected and very helpful County Councillor was welcomed and addressed the Meeting.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman stood down and were unanimously re-elected. Committees within the Council were agreed and individual responsibilities allocated and agreed.

The annual Audit of the Accounts was agreed and signed and will be available for inspection during mid June to late July, also on the Knapton website.

The Parish Council policies, eight in all, were reviewed and agreed for update.

All other business had been covered during the Village Meeting.

All the above can be seen in more detail in the Minutes on the website.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next Parish Council meeting in June.

Dee Holroyd  
Parish Clerk

## Knapton First Time Sewerage Scheme

Anglian Water have advised the Parish Council that the anticipated date for starting is the end of July. With the first road closure being the 23<sup>rd</sup> August which would be The Street. We have been assured by Anglian Water that pedestrian access will still be maintained.

We all know about the monetary and saleability benefits that mains drainage adds to homes, never mind the sheer convenience of not having to worry about cess pits. The good news is that 66% of those able to connect have already agreed to do so **free of charge**, although of course they will need to make their own arrangements for the connectivity on their own properties.

Anglian Water are installing the new village sewer system as a result of known environmental issues and as such the Environmental Agency is understandably taking great interest in the project. So much so that it has been suggested to Anglian, that they may have to provide the details of any property choosing not to connect, as the Agency may wish check it for any environmental problems.

It's worth bearing in mind that anyone choosing not to connect whilst the works are being carried out, but subsequently change their mind and want to connect later, (or are forced to by the Environmental Agency) could face connection charges from £10,000 to as much as £20,000 once all the charges from Highways, notices and groundworks have been taken into account.

66% take up - 11% No - 23% no response. If you have not responded please do so as a matter of urgency.

Knapton Parish Council

I012773.04.1.10 Road Closures		214.0d		23-Aug-21	04-Jul-22
R1030	The Street closure [29 June]	147.0d	0%	23-Aug-21	24-Mar-22
R1040	The Green closure	11.0d	0%	12-Nov-21	26-Nov-21
R1070	Knapton Road closure	8.0d	0%	29-Nov-21	08-Dec-21
R1170	B1145 Knapton Road lights	69.0d	0%	16-Feb-22	26-May-22
R1050	Lawn close Chapter 8	45.0d	0%	25-Mar-22	31-May-22
R1060	Unknown road Chapter 8	11.0d	0%	12-May-22	26-May-22
R1020	Hall Lane closure	25.0d	0%	27-May-22	04-Jul-22
R1000	Pond Lane closure	16.0d	0%	01-Jun-22	24-Jun-22
R1010	Paston Road closure	10.0d	0%	13-Jun-22	24-Jun-22

Above is the current programme of Road Closures supplied by Anglian Water but this is subject to change, these are proposed dates which may change depending on the progression of the works.

## Mundesley & District Royal British Legion 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 21 July 2021

Hello Knapton.

I thought it would be appropriate, to make you aware that the **Royal British Legion** was formed on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 1921. As a result of the war, Britain's economy plummeted and in 1921 there were two million people unemployed. Over six million men had served in the war. Of those who came back, 1.75 million had suffered some kind of disability and half of these were permanently disabled. Then there were those who depended on those who had gone to war – the wives and children, widows, and orphans, as well as the parents who had lost sons in the war, on whom they were often financially dependent. The Legion was established to care for those who had suffered as a result of service during the First World War. And have been helping the Armed Forces community and their families ever since.



Only 7 weeks later, on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 1921, Mundesley & District Branch of the RBL was formed. One of the First Branches formed of that period.

**Fast forward – 2001/2.** I took over as Branch Standard Bearer and in 2005, as Chairman with Peter Holtam as Hon Secretary and Sonia Jaggard as Treasurer and Membership Secretary, (very well known locally) in February 2006. These positions have not changed to date. Other posts have and Currently are: President – Alan Verney, (very well known locally); Committee Members: Liz Winter, Derek Smith (also involved with the Air Scouts) and Bob Brown. Taff Lloyd (Haig Club) is the Poppy Appeal Organiser and does a very good job.

Membership 2005 - 119 now very few. Since 2005, the Branch raised up to over £6500-00 through raffles, Luncheons, Functions and Tombola, when at the AGM in 2014, it was felt time to spend wisely. Up to the present time, various sums between £500 to £1000 has been donated between RBL Halsey House Amenities Fund Cromer and the RBL County Welfare fund. This has had the desired effect of supporting ex-serviceman and their families in this area.

As Chairman, I feel the Branch has achieved the right results at the right time.

The Branch adopted the Mundesley Air Scouts into the Branch last year, who actively support our Annual Remembrance Day Service and hope to do more together when this current pandemic finally clears away.

However, it is also my role to plan ahead to keep the Branch up and running.

**Knapton - I need your help.** You can see the Branch is operating on a bare minimum. A few more members, would be nice, to come on board to increase membership and necessary to keep the branch going, and maybe to have some fresh ideas?

One thing I will say, Anyone can join, Male, Female, Service or Civilians, it is not just for Service or Ex-Service personnel. Membership is just £17.00 a year.

Some Branches now have a high percentage of Civilian Members which is great, so please get in touch through any of the above named. Sonia and Taff (Haig club) Peter, Liz and Bob are in Knapton.

2020 has been an extraordinary year, once again Great Britain finds itself at war against an unseen enemy, the need and support of the Royal British Legion has been invaluable in combating this pandemic. Not only to our own members and beneficiaries, but to communities as a whole. It is only through Branch members offering their valuable time and support that some communities have managed to keep going, this is an important area that our Branch could expand on, with your help.

Help to keep the Branch alive, **please**, do come to the **100<sup>th</sup> Mundesley & District Branch of the Royal British Legion** in the **Haig Club** on Wednesday **21<sup>st</sup> July 2021** starting at **13.00 – 17.00**.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you. Bob Ovenden

Branch Chairman

# North Norfolk cancer centre being built at Cromer Hospital

Work to build a state-of-the-art cancer care and support centre at Cromer and District Hospital began last year and the new unit is expected to open this summer.

The North Norfolk Macmillan Centre is being built in partnership between Macmillan Cancer Support, the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Norfolk & Norwich Hospitals Charity.

In the latest local cancer strategy, potential demand for cancer services within the Trust was forecast to increase by over 200 per cent over ten years.

Currently most people from the Cromer area have to travel to Norwich for treatment and the new centre will enable more people to access cancer treatment and support closer to home.



The centre will include:

- Six chemotherapy treatment chairs with capacity to treat up to 36 patients a day.

- Three new clinic rooms and two new minor procedure rooms, creating an additional 10,000 outpatient appointments annually and space for new cancer diagnostics, including prostate biopsy.

- A Macmillan cancer information and support centre.

The new unit will also free up space in the main Cromer Hospital building to deliver an extra 600 surgical procedures in dermatology, urology, vascular surgery and pain management.

Sam Higginson, Chief Executive of NNUH said: “Our facilities at Cromer enable us to deliver first class services to the population in North Norfolk and further afield. We have a large cancer centre in Norwich and this expansion will provide additional capacity to meet the needs of an older, rural patient group in first class surroundings.”

John Paul Garside, Executive Lead of N&N Hospitals Charity said: “£1.8million is one of the largest grants ever made by our charity. We are delighted to be able to assist the Trust to expand its services in North Norfolk – we know that it will make a real difference to patients.

”Gwyneth Tyler, Macmillan Head of Services for South and East England, said: “Macmillan is making a significant investment in the North Norfolk Macmillan Centre, to help thousands of people to access cancer treatment and support closer to their home.”

**DO IT NOW!**

Now is the time ,don't wait ,to walk our lanes and footpaths.

Blink your eyes and all the hedgerows will be cut. Apparently for safety but it would be better if the cars slowed down.



A fabulous walk is along our green Lane. This runs from opposite the church across a field over a bridge behind the station and onto a long lane. At the moment it is full of wildflowers Bluebells and lots of yellow things !!

I am not a natural gardener, but this spectacle is created by nature for our enjoyment. Its all-free folks. When you emerge at the other end of Green Lane, the road you are on, if you turn right, goes back to the Hangman's Crossroads you can work out why it was so named . Turn right at crossroads and you are on Hall lane and walk back up to top of Village.

Another option is turn left then watch for footpath sign on right side and walk across field to the Bacton Road.

Another option is turn left and walk along to crossroads turn left and walk along Paston Road which is full of nature's flowers. This lane leads you back towards the lower end of Knapton. You can discover, if investigate ,that you are close to where you started if you can't find it. I will tell in the next news.

Please don't wait walk our lanes and foot paths **NOW**. Nature has put this show on for you enjoy it..

If you take your dog who will love it don't forget a poo bag you will pass poo bins to put them. No one wants dog poo in their corn or sugar..

Enjoy it all now.

*The ol 'git walker...*

**THE VILLAGE HALL**

I'm delighted to announce that, Covid 19 willing, the village hall will be fully re-opening for business in June. It has been a long time, far too long, since viruses, bugs and regulations have stopped everything in its tracks.

But now we have an invigorated management committee, for we have been joined by Joan Staniforth, Sarah Green Plumb and Andy Gatfield. Who we warmly welcome.

Anyway, its high time you came to the hall, see what has been done to it and meet each other and our team.

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 23rd June at 7.30. The village is most welcome to join us, see what we are up to, make suggestions and enjoy tea, coffee and biscuits. And, even more importantly, meet each other. Do come. Put it in your diary!

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## VILLGE HALL cont...

Meanwhile, if you are interested in hiring the hall, just look at the village website or call Mary Renwick Forster (01263 720908) or me on 01263 720356. We'll do our best to help you.

I suppose I'd better say that in these odd times, things can change. And if Her Majesty's Government decides to pause the roll out of de-regulation so that public gatherings like our AGM may not be allowed, well, we'll have to do it another day. Fingers crossed!

**Nick Holroyd**

## TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP



Hello Everyone,

What a dreadful Spring we have had ,the weather has been so cold. The poor seeds, they are shivering in their skins, it is a surprise they have germinated ,But as I walk around the allotments, there are a lot of young seedlings appearing, they are growing slower than usual but some are ready to eat, like the radish. We have had a lovely lot of rain, all the tanks are filling up.

The tomatoes and cucumbers are looking sad in the polytunnel as the weather is not warm enough for them, the tomatoes are looking blue, soon as the warmer weather arrives they will leap ahead, "I hope". There is a lot of blossom on the apple trees, but there are not enough bees about so we will see and hope for some fruit. We still have a bowl of apples in the kitchen, I made an apple pie at the weekend but I think that is the last one until September.

One success is the rhubarb, I have put some in the freezer already, rhubarb loves moisture and we definitely have had rain in abundance, we only had a few meals last year as it was such a dry spring. The gooseberries are growing too and before the pigeons get them (they all disappeared last year in a couple of days) I will be covering them at the weekend. Everyone's potatoes are doing well and have been earthed up already. Mine are just showing, I am always late planting them, I wait until the comfrey is growing, as I put a bed of comfrey in the hole I have dug and put the seed potato on top, it is a very old gardeners tip and I have always done this and my crop is always good but everyone gets good potatoes on our allotments, the ground is so lovely, it is all the years of working and feeding the soil. All our strawberries have a lot of flowers, we just need the bees and insects to pollinate them .*I don't think we will have any in time for Wimbledon though!!*

*Good growing everyone ,lets hope we have lots of good crops. It is always a treat when we pick our first courgette or eat our first tomato, there is nothing quite like picking your own produce.*

Keep well everyone ,keep planting and weeding they grow whatever the weather ! Oh, the carrots we put in very large pots are growing well we pulled one and it was the size of a pencil and very long and tasted good, so "great expectations" in the carrot department.

Again, keep well everyone and enjoy your gardening.  
All the Best.

*Green Fingers*

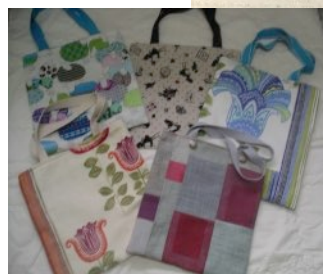
## Knapton Knitters and Stitches

Is a friendly group where you can bring along your knitting, sewing, crochet, craftwork or just come along for a chat.

Although unable to meet over the past months, the group has been busy, and items have been donated to hospitals and various charities. Examples as seen in these photos.

If restrictions are lifted on 21st June, the group will meet in the Village Hall **on Wed 7th July and Wed 4th Aug from 1.30 to 4pm.**

For further details please see the Notice Board outside the Village Hall or contact **Jean Clarke on 01263 720680.**



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## Knapton Women's Own

This meeting started before the Second World War under the auspices of the Methodist Church and until the Chapel closed three years ago it was held there. It was decided that rather than move from Knapton we would meet in the Village Hall and retain the name.

The meetings are generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.15.p.m. and include a hymn, a short Bible reading and a prayer, followed by a speaker or entertainment of some kind. There is no annual or monthly subscription, but members contribute as they wish to a collection and to a hamper, which is then raffled. We are not a profit making organisation and just need enough to cover our costs. We always finish with tea and biscuits and a chat.

We do usually fund raise for a charity, which we choose at our AGM and for the last three years this has been the friends of Cromer Hospital. Normally our July Strawberry Tea is the big fundraising event of the year and it and our Carol Service in December are open to all villagers and other invited guests.

This year we are limiting our numbers to the July Tea to members and it will be a week later than usual on 13th. Any new members will be very welcome as we are a friendly group, but would they let Liz Winter know beforehand.

Our first meeting after that will be the AGM in September. At the moment no speakers have been arranged for the rest of the year, until the situation becomes clearer, but we do hope to get back to normal in 2021-2022.

Jill Emms. President.

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## What's On In Knapton? July—October 2021

### July

Tuesday 6th                    7.pm                    Parish Council - Village Hall - Public Welcome and can ask questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>                1.30pm                The Knitting and Stitching Group – Village Hall

### August

Tuesday 4th August        1.30 pm                The Knitting an Stitching Group - Village Hall

### September

Tuesday 7th                    2.15 pm                Knapton Women's Own AGM and First Meeting - ALL new Members, welcome come and see what they do.! - Village Hall

7.pm                            Parish Council - Village Hall - Public Welcome and can ask questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting

### October

Tuesday 5th                    2.15 pm                Knapton Women's Own ALL new Members, welcome come and see what they do.! - Village Hall

7.pm                            Parish Council - Village Hall Public - Welcome and can ask questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting

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# Useful Information

## Doctors:

Emergency No: 111

### Mundesley Medical Centre

Appointments & Enquiries Tel: (01263) 724 500 - Repeat Prescriptions Tel: (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

### 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

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New Connections Tel: 0845 234 0040

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