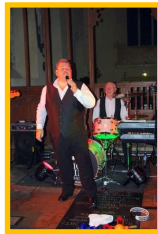


# *Knapton News*



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Welcome to the latest edition of Knapton News

In this edition we have lots of photographs of the various events which have taken place over the summer months - a lovely reminder of happy times!

My thanks to David Glaze, who has taken most of the photographs. He gave me some delightful pictures of the fete, showing the children having great fun playing the various games. Sadly we are not allowed to publish photographs of children without their parents' permission and I have to admit I could not face ringing round so many of you, so my apologies that these photos have been omitted.

At the time of going to press, I did not have any information about a Bonfire Night Event at MADRA, so please keep an eye on their boards as I am sure they will let you know when any arrangements have been made.

*Tricia*  
(Editor)



Why do we have a photo of Ross Kemp on the front page of our newsletter?!?

Read this edition to discover our exciting news .....



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The next meeting of Knapton Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1 October, in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend



**HOME WATCH**

Norfolk is one of the safest places to live in the country with a very low crime rate.

Home Watch involves residents coming together to create even safer communities in which to live.

Home Watch has four main objectives:

1. To prevent crime
2. To help with the detection of criminals
3. To reduce undue fear of crime
4. To improve police-community relations

**Knapton Parish Council are looking for a volunteer to become Home Watch Co-ordinator for the Knapton Homewatch scheme.**

**What is the role of the Co-ordinator?**

The Co-ordinator maintains the village Home Watch Scheme.

They ensure the smooth running of the scheme and become the link between the members and the police.

Co-ordinators record member details and ensure they are accurate and up to date. They also distribute crime prevention materials to members and maintain Home Watch signs.

Please see the Home Watch website for more details:

<http://www.norfolk.police.uk/aboutus/linkstourpartners/homewatch.aspx>

**If you are interested to become the Knapton Home Watch Co-ordinator or want to know more, please contact Dee Holroyd.**

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



## An Afternoon With Ross Kemp

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our next 'Raise the Roof' fundraising event is:

### 'An Afternoon with Ross Kemp'

From 'bad boy' Grant Mitchell in Eastenders, via many other TV parts, to Intrepid Roving Investigative Reporter, travelling the world from the Americas to the Asian Sub Continent and Africa, Russia to Afghanistan, there cannot be many countries that Ross has not visited in recent years. He will entertain us with details of his recent trips, which include India.

Ross has always felt that Knapton is 'home' and he has most generously given his time for this afternoon event to help the St Peter & St Paul's Church 'Raise the Roof' fundraising.

The afternoon will commence at 2:30 p.m. Ross's talk will conclude with a question and answer session.

**Saturday  
9 November 2013  
2:30 p.m.  
St Peter & St Paul's  
Church, Knapton**

**Tickets £7.50**

#### **TICKETS FOR KNAPTON RESIDENTS**

To ensure you do not miss this wonderful event, tickets will be on sale **EXCLUSIVELY** for Knapton residents and their friends until **1 October**.

After 1 October, the event will be advertised globally.

**To obtain your tickets,  
please contact Liz on  
722271 or John on 721723.**



# Knapton Fete - 'Thank You' presentation to John Kemp



John Kemp receives his thank-you gifts



Our wonderful fete organisers  
Alan Young, David Glaze, Mary Renwick-Forster and Sue Wilkins



Baroness Gillian Shepherd receives her bouquet from Mary Renwick-Forster



Knapton Fete Volunteers spent a happy hour prior to this year's fete, enjoying a tasty buffet lunch, and celebrating the tireless work of John Kemp, who chaired our fete for more than 20 years before retiring last year.



Unfortunately Linda Risebrow, who with John has organised so many successful fetes, could not be with us (we missed you very much Linda!).



John was presented with a commemorative gift. Linda will receive hers in the very near future.

Mary Renwick-Forster, whose planning and enthusiasm now drives the fete forward, was presented with a bottle of wine.



# Knapton Fete

Another fantastic year for Knapton Fete! This year we were honoured to have The Right Hon. The Baroness of Northwold, Gillian Shepherd, to open the event. Gillian is well known to many Knapton residents, as she grew up in the village.

Our grateful thanks to Carol and Steve Kingston for allowing us to use Knapton Hall as our venue this year. Apologies for all the disruption we caused but many thanks for making us all so welcome!

Our wonderful group of organisers (Mary Renwick-Forster, David Glaze (Treasurer), Sue Wilkins and Alan Young) were again responsible for a superb afternoon, although some of the credit must go to the happy band of volunteers who worked so hard! The organisers have asked me to convey their thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Fete and also all of you who attended. If you would like to volunteer to become more involved next year, I know they would be delighted to hear from you.

### Knapton Fete 2013 Stalls Income

DARTS	18.80
GOLF	30.60
BOWLING	19.30
QUOITS	17.10
RATTY	16.20
DUCKS	13.30
COCONUTS	28.30
HOOPLA	14.40
HORSESHOES	36.30
BULLBOARD	12.40
TREASURE ISLAND	13.50
CAKES	107.35
CAKE WEIGHT	7.50
TEAS ETC.	166.94
BOOKS	93.60*
BRIC-A-BRAC	139.71
TOMBOLA	82.50
RAFFLE	285.00
BEAN BAGS	14.12

£1116.92



Gillian Shepherd opened the Fete



\* Book total included a donation from Gillian Shepherd for Knapton books



Thanks to the Heath family for this super new Treasure Island map.

The previous map resembled an over-used pin cushion as so many flags had been pinned onto it!

This very updated 21st century version of the map will be used for many, many years to come!

Many thanks to everyone who so generously provided prizes.

Thanks to those companies who sponsored us this year with financial donations or prizes:

- Africa Alive!
- East Coast Plastics
- Elephant Playbarn
- Interconnector UK
- Lidl
- Perenco
- Photoworx
- Sainsburys
- Shell UK
- Tavern Tasty
- Three Cottages Fish Restaurant
- Waitrose

Thank you also to First Responder Mario Stango for sparing the time to come along to our Fete. I'm sure many of you benefitted from the First Aid demonstrations.





## TOOLS WITH A MISSION

*Sending tools across the world*

### Have you heard of 'TWAM'?

'TWAM' is a charity called 'Tools with a Mission'.

Tools with a Mission enables people to earn a living and to support themselves.

In many countries of the world, people have few skills, little education and no means of earning a living. A switch from aid dependency to self sufficiency is impossible without help.

TWAM started twenty seven years ago, and has since then provided this help by collecting and refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in the UK and sending them overseas.

For those of you with internet access, TWAM has an excellent website, giving lots of information about their projects ([www.twam.co.uk](http://www.twam.co.uk)).

If you have any tools that you don't use, or ones in need of renovation please let us have them and they will be forwarded to the headquarters in Ipswich.

For those of you without computer access, below is a list of tools they will accept:

- Carpentry tools
- Motor mechanics (including trolley jacks & ramps)
- Builders, electricians and plumbing tools
- Engineering tools
- Lathes
- Bench and band saws
- Sewing machines
- Knitting machines (please make sure they are complete)
- Laptops
- Flat screen computers
- Sewing and craft items
- Garden forks, spades, hoes and rakes
- Sledge hammers and pick axes
- Educational text books
- Adult mountain bikes
- Manual typewriters
- Motor lawnmowers, strimmers and chainsaws



NB They cannot accept glass jars, gas bottles, electric hedgecutters or electric lawnmowers

Thank you.

Ralph & Jill Webb  
'Langdale' The Street, Knapton. 01263 721762

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Thanks to the 'Nigel King Band' for giving us a wonderful evening that had us dancing in the aisles!

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# Knapton Residents 'Raised the Roof' to Save Knapton's Angels

Knapton's major fundraising fortnight was very successful, kick starting the 'Raise the Roof' campaign prior to a Heritage Lottery Fund bid to preserve the 'Angels of Knapton' for future generations.

St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church, Knapton has the distinction of possessing a magnificent Medieval Double Hammer Beamed Angel Roof, constructed in 1503, and which is unique in Europe. Legend has it that the timbers came from a shipwreck off the coast of Mundesley and that they had been destined for Ireland. The roof is one of the widest in the country, crossing about 12 meters in a single span, a remarkable feat. The beams and spandrels are richly carved with three tiers of angels with outspread wings.

The 'Raise the Roof' fundraising activities commenced on the weekend of 27 and 28 July with a Heritage Weekend. The Church was open all weekend with an Open Tower to see how the bells are rung; historical photographic displays; a flower display; an exhibition of paintings by local artists. The Methodist Church served refreshments and had a raffle. They were raising money for the upkeep of their church and the Nelson's Journey Children's charity. On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall there was a sale of crafts, table top bric-a-brac, a wonderful selection of cakes and a bottle stall, and several homes in the village held garage sales.



This weekend of fundraising activities was followed, on Saturday 10 August, by a wonderful evening of singing, smiles and nostalgia as we celebrated the music of the '60s. The 'Raise the Roof' Concert was held in St Peter and St Paul's Church. We were entertained by the Knapton Belles, a group of local ladies who love to sing. They were the 'warm up' act, singing songs recorded by female artists from the 60's, Cilla Black and Dusty Springfield to name but two. The 'star attraction' was 'The Nigel King Band' ([www.thenigelkingband.co.uk](http://www.thenigelkingband.co.uk)), a local band who treated us to a wonderful evening. Nigel King has been entertaining audiences for more than 25 years. He was joined by the other band members, Martin and Stew on guitars and Geoff (who lives in Knapton) on drums. The church was alive with people singing and dancing to all the old favourites. At the end of the concert the audience eagerly asked "When can we do it again?!"

Our plea at the commencement of the fortnight was "Please do help us to 'Raise the Roof' for Knapton - you will find fun and friendship in our lovely village"! We delivered, and some. To date the total raised is over £2,270 to put towards our HERITAGE Lottery Bid of just over £200,000. We hope to succeed, as the money will repair the roof and tower, preserving this Medieval Church for future generations. Additionally, the improved access and facilities such as toilets and kitchen will mean that the church can be used more and more for community events, benefitting everyone in the village and surrounding areas, and securing its future.

*Liz Winter*  
Church Warden



Congratulations  
Barbara Hollis  
and  
Betty Taylor  
‘The Bell Ringers’  
for the flower arrangement  
that received the  
most donations

More lovely flower arrangements  
Apologies if yours is not shown below



Knapton Methodist Church were pleased to be asked to join in the Heritage Weekend and to provide refreshments.

Saturday was a sell out, using all the cakes etc. that had been baked for Sunday. So Saturday evening we were busy in our kitchens again! It was lovely to meet so many interesting people and hear their stories as they enjoyed the home cooking.

The total amount raised was £775.30 and was shared between the Methodist Church Fund and our project for the year, Nelson's Journey.



Our thanks to all who made this possible.

*Jill Webb*



### CHARITY DOG WALK - Sunday 13 October

Starting at 11.00 a.m.  
Church Farm, The Street, Knapton

**Tickets £10 (to include lunch)**

from Dee Holroyd Tel: 720356  
deeholroyd@btinternet.com



Proceeds to the Brooke Hospital for Animals - founded in 1934 to rescue the English horses which had been sold to the local population of Cairo at the end of the first world war, then preventing horses from the second world war from being sold locally and now caring for working equines of the middle east.

## Roadside Nature Reserves

Norfolk's roadside verges stretch for thousands of miles and are such an integral part of the landscape that it is easy to take them for granted. Yet many verges contain plant species that, although once common, are now nationally rare or scarce. To help to protect them, these special sites are designated Roadside Nature Reserves (RNRs) under the Roadside Nature Reserve Scheme, and are individually managed to benefit the plants and animals that live there.



Many roadside verges are very old, lining routes that have changed little since they were laid down centuries ago. These verges represent tiny fragments of the unimproved, semi-natural grassland that was once widespread throughout the country, but which has declined by 98% since 1945, as a result of changes of land use, intensive cultivation and drainage. In the past, road verges were cropped for hay, or grazed by domestic livestock as they were moved around the countryside. Hand-scything continued in some places until the end of the 1950s, with the cuttings raked up and used for hay. This form of management produced the species-rich grassland that still exists on some verges today. As a result, roadside verges are among the few remaining places where plants that were once common can still be seen growing in the wild.



The scheme was launched in the mid-1990s, and is run jointly by Norfolk County Council and May Gurney. There are currently 111 RNRs in Norfolk, with a combined length of over 15kms, and new verges are designated each year.

If you know of a special roadside verge with high biodiversity worthy of being designated as a Roadside Nature Reserve, contact Norfolk County Council's Biodiversity and Countryside team on 0344 800 8020 or go to [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk) to find out more.

**OCTOBER**

Tuesday 1	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church) 'A Lifetimes's Experience' Speaker: Gordon Webster
Friday 11	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Sunday 13	11:00 a.m.	Charity Dog Walk (from Church Farm)
Monday 21	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall) Speaker Meeting
Friday 25	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)

**NOVEMBER**

Tuesday 5	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Methodist Church) Speaker: Rev. Seung Wook Jung
Friday 8	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Methodist Church)
Saturday 16	2:30 p.m.	'An Afternoon with Ross Kemp'
Monday 18	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall) AGM and Social Evening
Friday 22	10/12 noon	Coffee Club

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

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

**Church of St Peter & St Paul**

9:30 a.m. each Sunday (service varies, see details in the Church porch)

**Knapton Methodist Church**

10:00 a.m. Service and Sunday School each Sunday

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