



# Knapton News

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Welcome to the Knapton News and 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 the dedicated email address is: [knaptonnews@outlook.com](mailto:knaptonnews@outlook.com)

## St Peter and St Paul's Church update



Since the last Knapton News we have been very busy in Knapton Church. In November the Asbestos was removed, the church was shrouded in plastic and a tented area was built over the door to the tower leading to a decontamination area with showers in the aisle. The works took just over a week and a half. They were followed by our heating engineer who put in a new flue. Simple, you may say, but no,

the tower has four foot thick walls, Steve our main contractor carefully took out every flint preserving them for later use. He had to make a hole fifteen inches in diameter by four foot thick and it took him a whole day. The heating engineer was then able to install the new flue, and with a new timer for the boiler we were ready for our first service on the 6<sup>th</sup> December.

We had to be ready for the beginning of December as Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> December was the Winter Concert with Southrepps Chorale and Norfolk Brass. It was thanks to our contractors that the first deadline was achieved. 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. On the 25<sup>th</sup> February we will be holding a site meeting with our chosen Contractor, Architect and others involved in the upcoming works, and following this meeting we will have a clearer idea as to the timetable of what is to happen.



# Church Warden's Whispers

As part of the continued fundraising, Southrepps Chorale and Wherry Brass Band gave us the Winter Festive Concert on Friday 4th December. We had a wonderful evening of beautiful singing and lots of toe tapping music and the church was positively swaying at one point in the evening. There was also a raffle and a licenced bar which we provided. The church was decorated with a festive theme. A thank you to all the ladies who helped make this possible. The sum of £285 was raised.

On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> December we held the Village Carol Service by Candlelight. This was The Revd. Andrew's first carol service in Knapton and we are pleased to report that the church was packed with over 100 in the congregation including children. It was a lovely service with readings, poems and carols. A big thank you to all who took part. The church looked lovely and our thanks must go to Vi and Denis and the other ladies of the church who decorated it so beautifully, also the Hammond family who as usual provided the Christmas tree and decorated it. Following the service, it was wonderful to see so many of our neighbours enjoying the mulled wine provided by the Hammond family and mince pies brought by the ladies. Included in the congregation were many of our new neighbours; we hope you enjoyed yourselves.

On Christmas Day we held our regular Holy Communion Service. It was lovely to have so many people join us for the service. There were 50 in the congregation including children, and we hope they enjoyed themselves as Betty Taylor had the children actively involved in the sermon collecting items from the rest of us.

The following two Sundays we joined our friends at the Methodist Chapel for firstly the Covenant Service, then the following week on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January we said a sad farewell as the 'Chapel held its final service. The building was packed to standing room only as so many friends wanted to say goodbye. It was very emotional and a few tears were shed. We hope that our Methodist friends will not be strangers and still come to what were the regular services where we joined together over the year. We welcomed Elsa and Theresa Cushing for their Baptism on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January surrounded by their family. It was a lovely service, this followed the group service in Trunch.

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 interested please contact Allison on 01263 720826 or 07769613399 for more details.

Elizabeth Winter and Allison Jackson  
January 2016



Spring



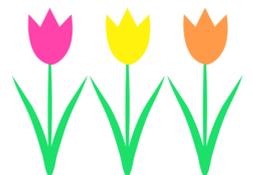
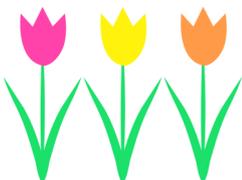
Spring Sale  
Knapton Village Hall  
Saturday 2 April  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Books, Cakes and Bric-a-Brac, Tombola and More  
Refreshments

The Village Hall Committee are raising funds to repair the Hall

Contact for books and bric-a-brac etc: Nick 01263 720356

Cake Donations: Mal 01263 720018  
on bring on the morning at 9:30 a.m.



# Development of the Millennium Field

As you may know, the piece of land at School Close, known as the Millennium Field, belongs to the North Norfolk District Council. Part of the land was developed in 1950 and 1970 and the remainder licensed to the Knapton Parish Council for a twenty year period, which expires in March this year.

Victory Housing Trust has been granted planning permission to build eight affordable homes on a further part of the land. They now wish to increase this to twelve homes, eight to rent and four affordable. The additional four homes will provide accommodation for about nineteen local people. We await the new planning application.

NNDC has stated that when the land is sold to the Victory Housing Trust, provision will be made for a car park to serve the village hall. An area of open space to serve the parish should also be provided. Knapton PC has requested the existing car park, the footpath, the bus shelter and the beacon all remain in place following any development, together with extra services required by the increase in population.

Dee Holroyd  
Parish Clerk

## ALLOTMENTS TO RENT IN KNAPTON

Would you enjoy having an allotment? There are currently two allotments to rent in Knapton. For more details, contact Pat Lee on 01263 721335

## KNAPTON VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT FUND

There were three fundraising events in 2015, commencing in September with a successful Harvest Supper. In October, there was a Table Top Sale and in December we enjoyed a Cheese and Wine Evening. All these events were well attended.

Events planned so far for 2016 are a Pancake Evening on February 9th, commencing at 7:00 p.m. On Saturday April 2nd we are holding a Spring Sale.

Thank you for your support. We hope you will come along to future fundraising events.

*The Village Hall Committee*

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# Knapton Celebrates 100 Years of Methodism 1890 to 1990 (A Short History compiled by Herbert S. Hicks)



*We are including this article, written by the late and fondly remembered Mr Herbert Hicks, in recognition of the tremendous amount of work and the important contribution to our Village by Knapton Methodist Church. It is a sad loss to our village and will be remembered with affection.*

The Methodist Church in Knapton began in a barn. It formed part of a small holding and was adjoined to a farm cottage. For a time the barn was used for a carpenter's shop.

In 1880 a retired minister, Rev. E.S. Shields, bought the building and adjoining cottage. He came to live in the cottage, turning the barn into a chapel. He made a connecting doorway and had the place registered for worship: licence No. 25155. We have no record of what happened

in the next ten years.

In the year 1890 the North Walsham Primitive Methodist Circuit hired the buildings and began organising services. A rent of £2 per year was paid. The minister's name was Rev. I. Buck. The circuit contributed 15/- per quarter to help the society get started:

In 1896 Rev. G.W. Hancock became minister. The records show that coal was 1/2d per cwt. Oil for the lamps was 9d per gallon. There was an open fire-place in the south wall. It appears that services were discontinued in 1902, but someone carried on paying the rent.

In 1916 the chapel re-opened. A new head teacher, name of Miss Carpenter, came to the school house, with her mother. They were keen to have services re-started. Also a Mr Scott came to lodge in the village. He was a nonconformist and he offered to be treasurer. Rev. Joshua Biggs was now minister. The tile brick floor was scrubbed, the walls whitewashed, the windows painted; new matting was put in, the organ tuned, a new notice board fitted, a new Sankey hymn book bought. Special services were arranged for the opening day, with teas provided. The collections and tea brought in £111.15.0.

1921 was a very exciting year. The property, including the cottage, came up for sale. The society bought it for £165. Rev. H. Bennett (superintendent minister) loaned half the money @ 5%. Many events were arranged to raise the money. A Sunday collection at about this time was: afternoon 1/6d, evening 1/10d. A great event called a "Sale of Work" was put on the meadow, now called Lawn Close. The ladies had stalls of garments, home-made jams, etc. The men brought gifts from their allotments. Many local chapels supported, including Trunch (I came with my mother. I was 8 years old). It was a wonderful success. £70 was raised. The annual income from the cottage was 2/3d per quarter. The property was insured for 3/6d per year.

In the next few years several special services were arranged: Services of Song, Musical Evenings, Lantern Lectures, Entertainments, Tea Meetings, etc. Among those who came to help were: Trunch Christian Endeavour, Mundesley Wesleyans, Roughton Primitives, Mundesley Free Church, Witton Primitives, North Walsham Salvation Army, Paston Chapel, and North Walsham Wesleyans. In 1923 a new pulpit Bible was bought for £5. More improvements were made to the building. A wooden porch was built inside the west wall. A wooden floor was laid, and a tortoise stove placed in the centre of the chapel. A new hymn board was also made.

Mrs Carpenter died in 1930. Her daughter, the Knapton School head teacher, with other members had a plate of remembrance placed on the east wall. It included several who had passed on to their reward during the previous few years: Georgina Wright, J.W. Scott, John Roberts, Janet Carpenter, William Watts, Philip Appleton.

*(continued overleaf)*

By 1935 Knapton Methodists were able to contribute a little to the circuit (12 per quarter), as well as paying £5 per year off the loan.

In 1937 I married a Knapton member and came to live in the village. The Knapton Chapel was not then licensed for marriages. So we were married at the Wesleyan Chapel at Trunch by Rev. T. Featherstone. The new chapel at Trunch was being built, but was not complete.

I then transferred my membership from Trunch to Knapton, and Mr Featherstone asked me to become Trust treasurer and Sunday School superintendent. At that time there were five scholars and seven chapel members. There were no trustees living in Knapton. Most of the few still living were in North Walsham. Owing to the war none were present for the first three yearly meetings.

1944 brought many changes. The existing porch was built, the doorway to the adjoining cottage blocked off, and the inside wooden porch removed. At the disposal of the Trimmingham Chapel Knapton bought the seats. The pulpit was bought and given by two devoted members, Mr & Mrs James Bowman. The tortoise stove was removed and the seats fixed in place. Up to this time the seating arrangements consisted of four chairs, making up the front row, and five rows of wooden forms. These forms had one rail running along the back. So if you were very short or went to sleep you could fall through. A new entrance was built, with a brick arch. Owing to bomb damage during the war years the government paid out 8/- per year for five years.

A new trust was formed in 1945. This included more local persons, able to give better support and guidance. About 1946 the Y.L.L. (Young Laymen's League) gave some special evening services. One of the results was that a newlywed young man became a member. For many years he and his wife, Mr & Mrs James Steward, were a great blessing. They brought all their family through the chapel and many of them still serve in other churches. In 1947 electricity was installed, costing £17. In 1951 the water was laid on.

In 1955 we suffered the loss of a very gifted member, Mrs Iris Fawkes. Married in the chapel, she died at the age of only 23 years. Iris's former name was Carr. She had come through the Sunday school and become a teacher, serving also as President of the Women's Own, secretary to the Circuit Youth Council, and secretary to the Circuit Eisteddfod. Her husband presented an oak table, two chairs and the oak communion rail in her memory. In 1960 the new schoolroom was built, where an old cart shed and stable had stood. (Preachers no longer came by horse and trap.)

Four years later an electric organ was purchased. In 1970 money was raised to buy a new oak pulpit to replace the old worm-eaten pine one. The pulpit was put in a corner position. A cross on the wall was given central place. Miss Mackenzie presented an oak screen, matching the communion rail, to screen the organ. This she gave in memory of her father, Rev. F. Mackenzie. This completed the lay-out of the front of the church.

By 1979 the congregation had increased and the schoolroom was very much used by youth activities, committee meetings, Women's Own, Parish Council, Men's Fellowship, Parish Church Council meetings, etc. So it was felt that a kitchen and toilet were badly needed. We had no land around our buildings, but Mr & Mrs Hammond, local farmers, offered us, for a nominal fee, a small part of a garden from his cottage land adjoining our schoolroom at the north end of the chapel. We were very grateful for this kind gesture and began to plan ways and means to build.

It was estimated that the cost would be around £10,000. Fortunately we still owned the cottage at the south end of the chapel. It was in a deplorable condition and had been empty for some years. We decided to sell it and use the proceeds of sale. It made £6000.

To our delight it was bought by a young Methodist minister, Rev. L. Osborn, and his wife.

About this time we experienced some very severe weather. Water and snow came through the chapel roof and flooded the floor. The roof had to be re-tiled, the walls redecorated, and new carpet laid. Fortunately the insurance company shared the costs. This task completed, we focused our attention on building the kitchen and toilet. The project was finished in 1985 and we now find it most useful.

We have a very happy, loving fellowship our society today. There are twenty four members, six under 20 years old. There are fifteen children, Women's Own has 25 members, and Ken's Fellowship fifteen members. We have a monthly Prayer Circle, and regular united worship and other shared activities with our friends in the Parish Church.

We praise God for all that is past and trust that the future may be fruitful and bring glory to His Name.



## Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers

*Knitting and Stitching for Charity*



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## Knapton Knitters and Stitchers

Village Hall, Hall Lane, Knapton

**Starting 24<sup>th</sup> February**  
with a talk from Linda Brown  
founder of Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers

Then 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month, 1.30 – 4pm

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Charity no 291222



If you've ever fancied picking up your knitting needles, crochet hook, or sewing needle now is your chance! A new group is starting in Knapton Village Hall from 24<sup>th</sup> February and will be linked with Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers who knit or stitch for charity.

There are over 2500 members of NKaS across the county and over 117 groups in various towns and villages. Members knit as little or as much as they want and the organisation has outlets to a whole range of charities who send things to people in need in this country and abroad as well as knitting in support of some animal charities. There are four central resource centres in the county supplying wool and taking in knitted and stitched items all of which open once a month for members.

The new Knapton group will provide a local opportunity to join in the fun. You can bring your own patchwork, sewing, knitting or crochet or you can come and explore the many ideas from NKaS. At the first meeting Linda Brown from Norfolk Knitters and Stitchers will be coming to tell people more about the organisation and the things that are needed by the different charities. You don't have to be an expert – everyone is welcome from beginners to more advanced! If you are at all interested give Anna Ovenden a call on 01263 722825 or have a look at the website [www.norfolkknitters.org.uk](http://www.norfolkknitters.org.uk).

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# What's on in Knapton?

## FEBRUARY

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

## MARCH

Tuesday 1	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Village Hall)
Tuesday 1	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Sunday 6	9:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer celebrating Mothering Sunday St Peter & St Paul's Church
Friday 11	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Monday 21	2:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Friday 25	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)

## APRIL

Saturday 2	10:00 a.m./1:00 p.m.	Knapton Spring Sale (Village Hall)
Tuesday 5	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (Village Hall)
Tuesday 5	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Friday 8	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)
Monday 18	2:20 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall)
Friday 22	10/12 noon	Coffee Club (Village Hall)

## 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)

### A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES:

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