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# KNAPTON NEWS

## Knapton Villagers give thumbs down to Victory Housing's proposed plans for Millennium Field development



Photograph by Pat Lee

At a packed village Hall meeting organized by the Parish Council in January Villagers gave a resounding thumbs down to the designs submitted by Victory Housing to develop the Millennium Field. One by one, residents expressed their dismay at the number of homes proposed, the 'urban style' design of the plans, and the lack of any facilities for the new residents. *Full story continues inside ...*

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### Knapton Fete: Volunteers Wanted!



Knapton Fete organizers are looking for more people to join their committee to help this year. The Fete which takes place each September raises money for the village and is always a highlight on the resident's calendar. If you are interested in helping, please contact Alan Young.



*We are very grateful to Perenco, Shell and Interconnector for their sponsorship of this publication.*

# Knapton Millennium Field

## Update

As residents are likely aware, Victory Housing have been proposing to develop 16 two story houses on Knapton's Millennium Field. The Plans were submitted and people were asked for their opinions to be sent to North Norfolk District Council by January 12th. A meeting with local residents was held in the Village Hall where the Parish Council gauged opinion. Over 80 residents attended and voted unanimously to reject the plans as they stand. A letter highlighting Villager's concerns (which can be found on the Knapton Village website) was then drafted by The Parish Council and sent to The North Norfolk District Council. NNDC also received over 85 letters of objection and one letter of approval about the development from local people. A negative report was also submitted by the Highways Department which advised that in their opinion the development should not go ahead due to road safety issues. The chief Planning Officer has subsequently refused the plans but we have just learned that Victory are now going to submit new ones and have asked for more time to amend their application, NNDC have given them until May 17th. Victory say they are reducing the number of houses to 14, improving the design of the houses, and reducing the visual impact on the village. If this is then approved by the Planning Officer it will then go to a committee of elected councillors the names of which can be found opposite, if residents wish to lobby.



*For those wishing to contact members of the NNDC Development Committee they can do so by email as follows:*

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For the latest updates on The Millennium Field please visit  
[www.knaptondevelopment.com](http://www.knaptondevelopment.com)

## Knapton News: A new era

It will be 11 years in April since the first edition of Knapton News was circulated to the village. Where have those years gone?! With affection some of you will remember, as I do, David Spencer, whose vision it was to have a village newsletter. Sadly, he passed away prior to the first edition being completed and by default I became the editor rather than an 'assistant', even though we had only lived in the village for four months!



We moved to Overstrand five years ago and a 'health hiccup' has made me finally decide the time has come to hand over the reins. So, I was delighted when Liz Winter (who has been very involved with the newsletter for some years) and Michelle de Vries volunteered to take over.

I am so grateful to all of you who have in any way helped with the newsletter over the past 11 years. A special thank you to Karen Herbert-Okay and her delivery team for getting each edition to you whatever the weather. Thanks to all who have contributed articles. And, of course, a big thank you to Jane Bailey, Shell, Interconnector and Perino, without who's funding the newsletter would not exist.

I wish Liz and Michelle the very best and look forward to reading future editions (I have left myself on the circulation list!).

To any of you who think I am saying "goodbye" to Knapton, I'm afraid you are very mistaken .....!!! **Tricia (Doidge)**

THE VILLAGE OF KNAPTON WOULD LIKE TO THANK TRICIA DOIDGE FOR HER WONDERFUL COMMITMENT AND HARD WORK AS EDITOR FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS. TRICIA YOU WILL BE MUCH MISSED BUT WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR RETIREMENT!

Thank you from us all in Knapton xxx

### **Knapton Village Hall SPRING SALE 14th April 2018 10am-1pm**

#### **Books, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac etc.**

**Books & Bric a Brac etc. Contact Nick – 01263 720356**

**Cake donations –  
bring on the morning at 9.30am  
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10 - 12 midday at

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in Norfolk

## Knapton Parish Council Update

The Parish Council meet regularly on the first Tuesday of every month in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm and welcome all Knapton residents to attend the meetings. For a full list of Councillors and their contacts can be found on the Knapton village website.

The main focus for the past few months has been the development of the Millennium Field which is already covered in this newsletter but that doesn't mean councillors haven't been busy with other village issues. In March an annual donation of £200 was agreed by Councillors to contribute towards the upkeep of the Churchyard, An

annual fee was also agreed for the mowing of the Knapton to Mundesley footpath, and a call for volunteers to run a village instagram account was discussed. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 3rd April.

**The Trunch group of Parishes** has been busy of late with various groups existing and newly forming, that are taking place in All Saints' Community Rooms in Mundesley. The Baby & Toddler Café (every second and fourth Friday 9.30-11.30am) goes from strength to strength with ever more new little arrivals boosting the numbers. The parents also enjoy getting involved socially and with the singing and extensive craft activities.

Soup n Pud is another favourite on the first Friday of the month 12-1pm, boasting 4 homemade soups and puddings from Dez our chef for a mere £5 for all you can eat – and a free raffle ticket! Dez has also just started Tea Time Toasties on the first Monday of the month 4-5pm which is completely free, so do come along to both of these and test out all the wonderful recipes.

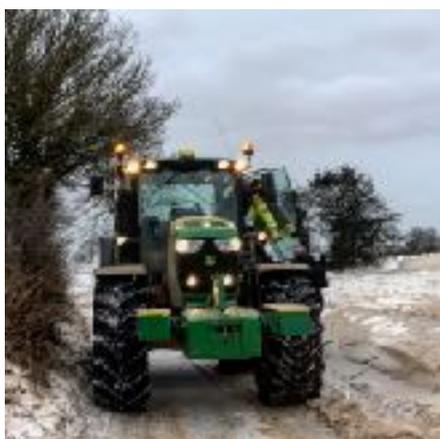
January 19<sup>th</sup> saw the launch of Open Door café with Norman Lamb on hand to cut the cake. It was incredibly well attended and will be a place where, if you're lonely or isolated, being cared for or a carer you can come along for a cuppa, chat and support, and even take part in some crafting or puzzling activities and maybe some 'music and movement'. It will be held every third Friday 10-11.30am and will also be in the Community Rooms.

## The Big Freeze of 2018

The village of Knapton almost came to a standstill at the end of February as Storm Emma , also known as “The Beast From The East “brought much snow and wind from Russia to the whole of The United Kingdom. Villagers pulled together and those with suitable vehicles organized runs to the supermarkets and residents checked up on their more vulnerable and elderly neighbours.



Farmer, John Claydon was kept very busy helping pull cars out of snowdrifts with his tractor , and whilst Councillors Alan Young, Andrew Claydon and David Rowntree gritted Hall Lane, Councillor Pat Lee put salt down on Lawn Close and Loraine Holtham worked hard on the clear up of St. Peter’s Close. Many more people who remain unnamed here are to be thanked to for keeping Knapton as “open” as it could be.



Some residents could be entitled to a £25 cold weather payment from the Government as the temperatures reached below zero degrees celsius for over seven days in a row. People who may be eligible are the who claim pension credit, income support and universal credit and should expect to receive the payments automatically on their statements within the next few weeks.



**A big THANK YOU to all those who helped out.**

## KNAPTON VILLAGE LIFE IN THE 1940'S

I was born in 1942 in Halifax. I don't remember the war itself. But I do remember its aftermath in an industrial town. I wondered what the forties were like in Knapton, so I asked Reggie Smith who was born in South View, in The Street. After he married Pat they moved to the bungalow on the North Walsham road and have lived there ever since. He is ten years older than me, but doesn't look it.

Imagine, for a start, the 1940's Knapton without any bungalows or newish houses. The people who lived in this agricultural village worked in it. Although the late Henry Wilde at one time cycled each day to Bawdeswell near Reepham to work as a carpenter. Virtually nobody had a car. There was no petrol anyway during the war. The fields and pasture around and in the village were for cattle and pigs, as well as arable. Horses were used for ploughing and carting corn. What is now Lawn Close was grazing pasture, full of trees. Cattle were driven all over the place.

Reggie went to Knapton School in Hall Lane which educated children in two or three classrooms aged from 5 to 14. During the war evacuees were billeted here and school numbers went up. Paston children went to Edingthorpe School (in the middle of nowhere) or Mundesley school. Dr Taylor of North Walsham was the village doctor. And of course in those days the doctor did home visits.

Mains water came to the village in 1946. Before that the tin bath hung outside and bathtime meant boiling the water on the copper. The copper was the tank alongside the wood or coal burning cooking stove in the living room. All houses used well water which was not always crystal clear. No lavatories at that time. Outside privies, buckets and the night soil man prevailed, as they had for hundreds of years.

Two policemen lived in police houses in Mundesley, and would majestically ride to Knapton and survey the scene, at length from four cross ways. The fire brigade was in Mundesley, but was rarely needed here. There was no pub in the village, and Knapton Hall was an hotel. Groceries, fresh meat (from Southrepps) and fish were delivered by men in vans who took orders for next week when they came.

Reggie's mother at South View was the postmistress, and so part of South View was the post Office and a small village shop, with a telephone kiosk outside. Very few houses had their own phones. During the war a large military radio van parked outside her shop. No one quite knew what it did. There was another shop beside the village hall. Mr Bussey the blacksmith had his smithy at what is now called Chorley Rick in The Street.

The war was rather exciting for a boy. The beach was out of bounds because it was heavily mined (by the British of course). Along the top of the cliffs were high poles with rope strung between them to deter German gliders. There was an anti tank spigot mortar emplacement at the top of The Street, like the two similar ones you see on the left as

you come in to Walcot from Stalham. Reggie buried the remains of it not that long ago. Outside Verbena Cottage, where John Bean the bullock feeder lived, there was a tank trap at the ready. Holes were dug in the road and a six foot high metal contraption was readied to drop in to them when panzers threatened to come up The Street.



**Mr Bussey, the Knapton Blacksmith outside his forge**

There was an anti aircraft searchlight in the fields at Edingthorpe. Reggie's father was once out rabbiting by night, the light came on and he had to lie literally low for a while. Sometimes there were so many, mainly American, aircraft flying East over Knapton to bomb Germany that they extended over all the horizons. German aircraft came the other way over Knapton to bomb Yarmouth whilst young Reggie watched. The gap in the hedge just beyond the Elephant Barn and on the opposite side of the road was caused by a German land mine that was dropped too low, so it went off. Otherwise landmines were dropped by the Germans by parachute and sat around till someone touched them .

The railway line ran from Norwich / Walsham / Knapton / Mundesley / Trimmingham/ Cromer / Sheringham / Holt / Fakenham and back to Norwich. It was always on time. The station master at Knapton was Elijah Coe resplendent in his black suit and peaked hat. Knapton station was busy. For it took lots of freight like potatoes, sugar beet and corn. Jack Lark of Edingthorpe had his coal yard there. Workmen working on the tracks used little metal explosive devices which went bang when a train was coming and ran over them so the men could get out of the way. The railway embankment was always smothered in primrose. It is a shame Mundesley Station was demolished. It was a lovely building, and, in its day, a lovely station.

If Tom Purdy of Green Farm bought bullocks from Trowse market they would be driven on the main road to Knapton. It took two days, with an overnight stop in Coltishall.

# BELL RINGERS



## The Bell Ringing Team in Trunch Group NEED YOU!

The Trunch Group of Ringers can be heard in Knapton, Gimingham and Paston as well as Southrepps and Northrepps

Experienced or Want To Be - Training Given

Contact Andrew Lubbock on 01263 722929 or email [andyman1@live.co.uk](mailto:andyman1@live.co.uk).

St Peter and St Pauls  
Parish Church  
Knapton Bells



Reggie was the cattle boy in 1947 and had to water the bullocks when they arrived. Double decker buses crisscrossed the area, but people from Knapton usually took the train. As did Reggie's father when he was taking his ferrets to market.

A rural Heaven? The good old days? You decided. Times were hard for the good people of Knapton who were still mourning the loss of so many of their young men in the Great War only twenty five years before. Would YOU be tough enough to have endured the rigours of the forties?

### The Enquirer

The Norfolk Coast Area celebrates 50 years as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty this April.

The official designation as a protected area – given in 1968 – enables us to take action, as well as highlighting that the area belongs, in an important way, to us all. Natural systems are under threat from global warming and other factors, and there is much to be done to safeguard heritage. In this special year, we are looking back to celebrate – and forward to a healthy future for this beautiful place.

We would love to hear from anyone who has any memories of the coast, how life was, living and working in the area in 1968. If you have any stories, photos or videos of the area that you would be happy to share, please get in touch. Call 01328 850530 or email

[helen.timson@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:helen.timson@norfolk.gov.uk)

To find out more about the Norfolk Coast AONB and the work we do, visit: [norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk](http://norfolkcoastaonb.org.uk).



## Church Wardens Whispers

During the last three months the church has been busy with services outside the normal pattern. The 12th November was the district Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service it was as always very well attended with our regular congregation swelled by the Royal British Legion Member and the Youth Groups from the district, Standards were paraded, and Wreaths laid on the War Memorial. (The Wreaths were brought into church to protect them from the elements and placed with the WW1 Poppy in the Chancel). On the first Tuesday in December the Knapton Women's Own held their annual Carol Service in church, afterwards using the new facilities to enjoy refreshments.

The Village Carol Service was held on the 17th December 6.30pm just short of 100 adults and children attending, the service was lead by The Rev Ralph Webb and Betty Taylor. The Flowers and Tree looked wonderful and thanks to Vi who organised the Candles and the Crib. Thanks also to the Hammond Family who sourced the Tree and decorated it, then with donations of

bottles provided the Mulled Wine following the service. We had a good supply of Mince pies too, those left were kept for Christmas Day service, any remaining were taken to the Christmas Day lunch for those on their own at Mundesley Church Rooms.



For those who are interested in local history it may be interested to know that all Knapton Church records that are not in current use have been lodged with the Norfolk Records Office. One item recently lodged was the Historical Burial Book from 1813 to 1963, beautifully written in clear copperplate, it certainly covered a great deal of time. All items can be viewed by calling the Records Office adjacent to County Hall for an appointment.

Easter Service Palm Sunday	10 .45am	St Botolph's Trunch
	11am	Mundesley Free Church
Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton
Easter Sunday	0915am	St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Parochial Church Council is on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 2 pm in the Village Hall – Everyone is welcome.

The Broadbeat Choir and I have agreed to give us a summer concert, the date will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, the Choir's charity of the year is Alzheimer's, so the money raised will be divided between the Choir's Charity, the Dementia Friendly Café in Mundesley and the Church. Tickets will go on sale from mid-May once I am back from holiday, there will be a bar as usual.

The 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of World War 1 it is proposed that around the country Church Bells will be rung and Village Beacons Lit we hope that Knapton will be involved in these events.

With this in mind! **The Bell Ringing Team in Trunch Group Need you!** The Trunch Group of Ringers can be heard in Knapton, Gimingham and Paston as well as Southrepps and Northrepps. Knapton is the venue for practice on alternate Mondays just contact Andy Lubbock.

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**Your Church Wardens.** PS. The church is host to the Knapton Bring and Share Library all we ask is a donation into the church box, come and see the selection of books on offer. Donations always well received.



## Knapton Women’s Own Charity of the Year Cromer Hospital & Community Friends

Knapton Women’s Own would like to thank all of you who support our fundraising initiatives. You enabled us during 2017 to raise £700 for WaterAid. To quote the WaterAid letter of thanks:

*“The day you gave this gift is the day you helped bring the big day closer. The day when the whole world has clean water and a decent toilet”.*

Our charity for 2018 is nearer to home - Cromer Hospital and Community Friends.

As some of you will know, Cromer Hospital is about to embark upon a new project to provide a Medical and Cancer Unit for our area. The ‘new’ wing (pictured above), which was part of the original Cromer Hospital, will be used for cancer patients and chemotherapy treatment. The unit will serve around 10,000 new patients a year and will free up space in the central hospital so that a further 600 surgical procedures a year can be carried out in dermatology, urology, vascular surgery and pain management. There will be six treatment chairs plus space for three new clinic rooms and two new minor procedure rooms.

The project, which will cost £.18 million, is due to be completed in Spring 2019. The project funding is already in place. However, additional monies will be required for various pieces of equipment and Cromer Hospital and Community Friends will be very involved in helping to provide this funding.

We hope you will help once again by contributing to our fundraising efforts and in particular join us for our Strawberry Tea in Knapton Village Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday 3 July.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to Knapton Women’s Own. We meet at 2.15 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in Knapton Village Hall. There is no membership fee. Instead we have a voluntary collection and a raffle each month. So why not come and give us a try - we would love to see you!

Tricia Doidge  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Knapton Women’s Own



### Knapton Footpath Walk



**Bank Holiday Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30 Start and Finish at the Village Hall**

**ALL WELCOME**

**Refreshments Cakes and Coffee – Donations for Charity**

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## What's On In Knapton? March - July 2018

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**March**

Tuesday 6th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Speaker - Tim Bennett 'Overstrand in the Great War'
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 9th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 14th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 23rd	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 28th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Thursday 29th	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service - St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton

**April**

Sunday 1st	9.15 am	Easter Sunday Service St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton
Tuesday 3rd	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Speaker - Carolyn Williams 'Nursery Rhymes'
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Wednesday 11th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 13th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Saturday 14th	10 - 1pm	Village Hall Spring Sale
Wednesday 25th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 27th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome

**May**

Tuesday 1st May	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Speaker - Shirley Hassall 'Being a Methodist Deacon'
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Wednesday 9th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 11th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 23rd	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Knapton Footpath Walk – Start Village Hall

**June**

Tuesday 5th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Talk - Cromer Community & Hospital Friends
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Friday 8th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 13th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group
Friday 22nd	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club—All Welcome
	7.30 pm	Summer Concert with The Broadbeat Choir St Peter and St Paul's Church Knapton
Wednesday 27th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall

**July**

Tuesday 3rd	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's Own - Village Hall Strawberry Tea - ALL WELCOME –
	7.30 pm	Parish Council - Village Hall
Wednesday 11th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Friday 13th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome
Wednesday 25th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall
Sunday 22nd	4pm	Musical Garden Party – Knapton Hall
Friday 27th	10 - 12 midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome

## Useful Numbers

**FOR COFFEE CLUB SEE NOTICE BOARD FOR LOCATION EACH TIME.**

**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**

Council Offices, Holt Road, Cromer NR27 9EN 01263 513811

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

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

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

### **Water & Drainage: Anglian Water**

Tel: (0845) 145 145 Freephone: (0800) 145 145

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Tel: 0845 234 0040

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