



KNAPTON NEWS

Welcome to the Knapton News

If you are new to the village we hope you will be happy here, The village website can be found at <https://knaptonvillage.org/> . The Knapton News is published four times a year with the printing costs covered by donations from the companies at Bacton Gas Site to whom we are very grateful.

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: knaptonnews@outlook.com

Tricia Doidge September 1949 – April 2020



In April of this year we heard the sad news that Tricia Doidge had died after a long illness. She moved from Harrogate to Knapton in 2006 and after her first visit to the Parish Council became involved in village matters. At that meeting The Village Plan and Knapton's Newsletter was being discussed and when David Spencer suddenly passed away she took up the reins of both, producing the first Newsletter in 2007 and continued being the editor, until she left to move to Overstrand. She also worked hard to get the Village Plan up and running with several others.

Tricia was first introduced to Knapton Women's Own when as a fairly new resident of the village, she was asked to speak at a meeting in January 2008 about her previous work. She obviously enjoyed the camaraderie, because she became a regular at the meetings and in September 2009 took over as Treasurer.

As a committee member she was full of ideas and enthusiasm and encouraged other newcomers to the village to join, found interesting speakers for the meetings and was always ready to share her expertise in things like card making. In 2011 she also took on the role of Secretary and Bookkeeper and held both positions until the beginning of this year, when her health really deteriorated. Being Tricia, she had everything organised and ready to hand over to her successor. She was still able to join in our New Year Party then, as if nothing was wrong.

Never one to push herself into the limelight, she always worked hard behind the scenes and was a wonderful organiser. She will be sadly missed, but when W.O. starts up again there will be a celebration of her life, when with a party, we will remind ourselves of all her skills: her enthusiasm, her organisational abilities, her unflappability when faced with difficulty and the wonderful friendship she gave to us all.

We are very grateful to Shell, Interconnector, Perenco and National Grid for their kind sponsorship of this publication



Tricia Doidge continued.....

Knapton Ladies was another club she joined and again was a great organiser, helping to get speakers, helping out at all of their functions. She was the club's secretary until the club disbanded in 2017.

When anything was needed doing in the village Tricia was always one of the first to volunteer and spent many a year dishing out raffle tickets at the Village Fete, helping out at Harvest Supper's, Knapton Together in the Church and many other village activities etc.

Tricia continued to help when she could but, Overstrand's gain became Knapton's loss. The last cause she became very involved in was the Cromer Cancer Unit Funding Project. This project is to enable Cromer Hospital to have its own Unit, with the help of Macmillan nurses, to enable the population of the surrounding area to undergo cancer treatment without having the long trail into the Norfolk & Norwich hospital. The unit is also going to have more dialysis treatment beds and for the treatment of prostate cancer.

God bless you Tricia for all you have given us over the years.



At the very beginning of the present Coronavirus Epidemic Knapton Parish Council acknowledged that as an isolated rural village we needed to be here to help our friends and neighbours. John one of our councillors volunteered to set up a single telephone phone contact, this was advertised throughout the village, and a mail-drop was organised to every house, delivered by the Parish Councillors themselves. A text version of what help we could give was also sent to the EDP and was on their help pages daily, some days we got an extra mention with a picture of the village sign.

<p>If you are self-isolating we can help to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pick up urgent shopping • pick up urgent supplies • pick up prescriptions • post parcels or letters <p>Stay Safe Be vigilant and wary of strangers offering help Always ask to see ID, preferably through a window</p>	<p>This service is being provided by Knapton Parish Council You can find out more about how we can help : www.knaptonvillage.org</p> <p>Knapton's Angels 01263 363456 Call us Mon-Fri between 9am-3pm</p>	<p>one of our councillors will respond as quickly as possible to do all they can to help you</p> <p>All of our councillors carry a photo ID badge You can verify our councillors Photo ID on-line at https://knaptonvillage.org/barish_council/#koc</p>
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Initially when someone called in for help the telephone number rang out to the first person to answer, volunteers' phones were linked to the main number and they responded to the request for help. John then decided that it was important to keep a record of who was doing what, within a few days two volunteers had regular deliveries. These were mainly collecting shopping from North Walsham and daily collection of papers, bread, and other essentials from Trunch Corner Stores. Those using the Trunch Corner Stores were encouraged to set up accounts or pay via card over the phone for goods needed, this was to save the volunteer from handling cash. A very big thank you should go to Jenny and Chris at Trunch Corner Stores and Post Office for all their help during this difficult time. In addition to the basic necessities of life we found that there were people in the village who were just lonely and wanted a friendly voice to chat to, so other volunteers were asked to call them as friends.

The Parish Council Chairman and Editor of the Knapton News decided that it was important that the initial advertising of help needed to be re-advertised because we recognised there are still those in our community who need help.

The Parish Council would like to thank all those who came forward to help during this period, and we must include Sarah Hammond who runs English Peonies based in Knapton who during those dark weeks at the beginning produced bags of fresh flowers for the volunteers to deliver to the recipients of help.

Our thanks as a village must go to the **14 volunteers** who have been on call to help our those in need. Many others have helped their neighbours too, but that has not been recorded only those who called our Knapton Angels number.

During this period of uncertainty and disruption the Village of Knapton has come together as a strong community with many helping their neighbours and supporting those who are alone and vulnerable. **WELL DONE KNAPTON!!!** Especially when you consider we have under 200 properties in the whole village all be it spread out!

Although the situation has changed rapidly over the last few weeks the Parish Council has decided to continue with the Knapton Angels Scheme because with the expected surge of the Virus expected in October onwards we need to be ready to help those in need.



Knapton Parish Council
WORKING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

It's always a huge loss to the parish council when a great servant of our community leaves, so it's with great sadness that I proverbially shook Andrew Claydon's hand for the last time as a councillor a few weeks ago. A local farmer, Andrew has served the community that he lives in all his life and I wish him and his dear wife all the very best in the months and years to come. I'm quite sure we will stay in touch.

The pace of change is gathering speed. We now have firm plans from Highways about the 30mph speed limit extension on Hall Lane (*see the website*), installation of the SAM2 speed camera is due in weeks and we expect to see the proposed plan from Highways for the re-modelling of the junction by the end of August.

We have listened to those in Knapton Green and installed a new dog bin, replaced the aging village sign on top of the bus stop and are monitoring the car parking situation on the green.

The Wilds Way development is nearing completion and I have only heard good things from villagers I've spoken to about the looks of the finished project. We still have a few niggles left to resolve but our relationship with Victory / Wellington has been a good one and I'm sure we will be welcoming the new members of our community soon.

The Beacon has now been refurbished and is ready to be re-sited. We are hopeful that an agreement between the Parish Council and MADRA will be completed within days which will allow us to move forward and put it in its new home.

We are now looking at how we can improve the safety of those who walk to and from Knapton Green and Mundesley. I hope to speak to the landowners concerned in the coming weeks and the whole council wants to see what we can do to improve the safety of walkers and road users alike.

It's also great news that Anglian Water are finalising their plans to bring mains sewage to our little village. We will add a section for this to our website shortly and keep it updated as things develop.

It is a great shame that so many events and club meetings have had to be cancelled for such a long period because of Covid, but the Knapton Angels have done a fantastic job of supporting our parishioners through these dark times, meeting over 400 requests for support and help. So, if you are in need of some assistance or you live alone and fancy a chat, don't hesitate, just call the Angels on **01263 363456** or email **angels@knaptonvillage.org**

With so much going on we have tried to keep the village website updated on an almost daily basis to keep everyone up to speed with all the developments, so please keep checking back. We are always pleased to receive comments or feedback on how you think we are doing or what you think we can do better, so please make use of the Comment Form on the website.

<https://knaptonvillage.org>

I'm also pleased to say that our next council meeting can be open to up to 20 members of the public and will be held in St Peter & St Paul's church on Tuesday, 1st September, starting at 7:30pm. Just let Dee, our Parish Clerk, know if you'd like to attend so that we can manage numbers for social distancing purposes. You can ring her on **01263 720356** or email **parishclerk@knaptonvillage.org**.

It would be great to see you there.

Stay safe.

Peter Neatherway

Chairman Knapton Parish Council

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Parish Clerk's Report: August 2020

We are still living in strange times and it is so sad that so much has had to be cancelled, but at least we have been able to open the playground for the children.

We are sad to report that Andrew Claydon has resigned from the Parish Council. Andrew has lived in the village for many years and his local knowledge has been much appreciated.

Keith Lawrence has joined us, already putting in hard work for the village. You may have noticed the gleaming, weed free condition of the bus shelter which is largely due to the efforts of both Keith and Alan Young. You may also have seen it's smart new surround and the safer, easier access from Wilds Way which had been provided by Victory Housing.

Our chairman, Peter Neatherway, has been working hard for the village and had negotiated with Victory / Wellington for the Parish Council to take ownership of the land at the north east corner of Wild's Way and the new car park. All members of the Parish Council have agreed that this will be an asset to the village, and we are currently waiting for the documents to be drawn up and the Land Registry transfer to be completed.

Working closely with Pat Lee, our vice chairman, Peter has also reached agreement with Victory Housing Trust for several amendments to be made to the site, which include planting new hedging in the gaps bordering the B1145 in the interest of child safety, to have solid posts installed in the original car park entrance whilst the new hedging grows to fill the gap and to have solid posts installed either side of the footpath access from Hall Lane to prevent unauthorised vehicle access. He is currently in discussions to have a "kissing-gate" style entrance to the footpath as it meets Knapton Road near the pond. New hedging will also be planted to soften the outline of the car park.

The proposed 30mph extension to the North Walsham end of Hall Lane and the alterations to the junction of Hall Lane and the B1145 are both at the planning stage with Highways. The Vas machine will be here in August.

Ben Lawrence has done a wonderful job, clearing the unmown part of the churchyard on a voluntary basis. This would be done again in October.

The beacon has been cleaned up and is ready to be located in its new home. It is hoped that it will be erected on the MADRA ground once the lease is in place.

A smartly refurbished sign (thank you David Jackson) is in place at Knapton Green.

Allotments are all let, and a waiting list is in place. Due to demand, some of the larger plots will be split.

Georgina Neatherway has taken over as secretary, with Diane Manley being the treasurer. Pat Lee continues to keep an eye on everything in a most helpful manner.

Knapton Angels, and particularly Elizabeth Winter and Pat and Jenny Lee, have been extremely helpful to residents in need during the Corona virus pandemic. The Angels have so far responded to over 400 requests for help or assistance and are always available for those who have a need or who may be living alone and simply want to have a chat.

We have not had a Parish Council meeting in August, so there is nothing to report from that, but work goes on behind the scenes.

Don't forget that we update the website virtually every day so you can keep up with what's going on at: <https://knaptonvillage.org>

DH

Anglian Water In Your Area Notification

Most of those who are in the Knapton First Time Sewerage Scheme area will have recently received a letter explaining what is proposed, read your letter carefully as it explains what happens next.

For full details, please

visit: <https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/AnglianWater?id=MaintenanceAndImprovements.1605>

Name: Knapton First Time Sewerage Scheme

Status: Planned - Due to the Covid 19 issues the start has been pushed back.

Church Warden's Whispers

During the recent weeks, the church has begun to live again, on the 11th July we had the first church wedding in the Benefice. The happy couple were Emily and Tom, it was a very special occasion, with family in Australia joining the party by video link. Unfortunately, Tracy and David had their wedding due on the 2nd May cancelled due to the Covid Lockdown, we look forward to welcoming them next year. Knapton was host to the first Sunday service with a congregation present on the 26th July, we had the maximum number present which is 30 including the Rector. The service was recorded and went out over Facebook later in the day. The next live service in Knapton is on the 23rd August, if you wish to attend it is important that you book a space, email liz@trunchgroup.org or telephone the Revd Andrew on 01263 722218. To be able to have a congregation in church we have to follow strict Government guidelines for cleaning and close the church for 72 hours before and after the service. The future pattern of live and

screened services can be found on the church notice board and gate or at <https://trunchgroup.org/>



The church has been given this Ariel Photo of the centre of Knapton we believe it to be late 1980s early 1990s, if anyone would like it please

email me on: elizabeth.winter@knaptonvillage.org

NB: This was before St Peter's Close and some properties on Mundesley Road were built.

Knapton Village Hall

SORRY ABOUT THE VILLAGE HALL, it's still closed I'm afraid. As a public building it can only be re-opened when its safe from the threats of COVID-19. There are very detailed guidelines to be followed before it can be hired out again, and these can change as can Covid related risks. For good or ill. So, it has been decided to keep re-opening under continuous review, but it is not likely to happen for a couple of months or more. I'm not aware of any current demand to hire the hall, I believe I'm right in saying that both Trunch and Mundesley halls are now actively/beginning a re-opening process, so may be available in the nearer future should anyone from Knapton be interested in a hire. It is all such a pity, for the hall is looking so good now and cries out for use! I had hoped we could hold a welcoming party to the new residents in Wild's Way, the new village development. But like so very many other events, it will have to be put off for now. But be assured, when we can, we will get cracking with a re-opening and look forward to seeing the hall in full cry again. Good luck and good health

Nick Holroyd

Chairman of village hall committee - 01263 720356

Hire Charges for when we can open:

Sessions : Morning 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Afternoon 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Evening 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Village Hire: (i.e. Clubs)

£12.00 per session without heating - Heating £1 per hour.

Private Hire: - Functions etc

£30.00 without heating – Heating £1 per hour

Organisations outside village: (morning or afternoon)

£20.00 without heating – Heating £1 per hour Table Hire only: £20.00 (All) Hire of Chairs £1 per chair.

All booking enquiries to Mrs Mary Renwick-Forster (Booking Secretary) on 01263 720 908

Regular Users updates.

Knapton Knitters and Stitches

“ Knapton Knitters will not be returning till 2021 at the earliest. Members will be contacted as soon as we feel it is safe to do so. Stay Safe everyone”: “ Contact Anna on 722825 or Jean Clarke on 72068

Zumba At Knapton

2020. What a year!! Keeping safe & well has now become a priority in all our lives. I have always felt that movement promotes a feeling of wellbeing. It is not about whether you are good enough to be seen but more about how movement can release tension & stress & keep us healthy from the inside out I was fortunate that I was able in the early days of lockdown to have been able to get myself online so people could access my Zumba classes. I realize that this has not been ideal for everyone - having a fear of technology myself I had to go through a massive learning curve to be in a position to deliver the programme but we have to do whatever we can to keep things going. Of course, it is not quite the same atmosphere as being in a hall with others, but I have managed to keep a small supportive community through my classes on Zoom.

Since the regulations were eased I have been able to offer sessions in the garden, socially distancing, of course! It is great to have some interaction with my ladies whilst we are moving in the fresh air. It is not too late to join us, either in the garden or interactively, the session details are as follows:-

Garden session every Tuesday morning, 10.00am to 11.00am.

Virtual sessions:-

Monday - Swing & Stretch 10.00am to 10.45am a session to wake up the body to movement.

Thursday - Zumba Toning 5.00pm to 6.00pm

Friday Standing Zumba 9.30am to 10.30am

Seated Zumba 11.00am to 12.00noon

The garden sessions are £4.00 each & the interactive sessions are £2.00 each



If you are interested, maybe you would like further information, then please do contact me on 01263 722534, 07411013943 or email me at westonfront5@gmail.com

Julie Weston

Tales from the Compost Heap

Well Hello everyone, I do hope you are all keeping well. The vegetables are in full growth, the tomatoes are cropping really well this year. I grow the small plum variety, they are so tasty and are always reliable, I also grow the larger ones for cooking in a fresh pasta sauce which is very good. It is so lovely to be eating our own produce. We have new life on the allotments, little chickens which are keeping many of us amused, including our 4-legged friends.

It is getting hard shifting water as the polytunnel require so much, but it is all worth the effort. Hope you are all enjoying your home-grown fruit and vegetables. Keep Well.

Green Fingers

ENGLISH
peonies

Bouquets, farewell flowers, peonies followed by workshops and weddings again

It has been a busy few months since lock down was announced in March and like many small businesses we have had to adapt and change

English Peonies is part of Flowers from the Farm, a nationwide network of growers and florists using sustainable British flowers. We grow most of the flowers we use at Church farm, from March we had scented narcissi, anemones, ranunculus, and tulips.

We delivered many bouquets throughout North Norfolk and to Norwich, ordered by those who wanted to stay in touch with friends and relatives, for birthdays and anniversaries or simply to enjoy themselves. We were also privileged to supply many farewell flowers locally.

The peony season came and went in a flash. Our crop was reduced following several periods of drought so sadly we were not able to send as many boxes and bouquets as we had orders for.

The changes in July have meant we are at Farmers Markets in Aylsham, North Walsham and running flower workshops at Ketteringham Hall again.

It has been a joy arranging flowers for weddings once more. These have been small yet incredibly happy local occasions at Erpingham, Happisburgh, Oxnead, Knapton and Trunch as well as our godson's in Cambridgeshire.

We have appreciated the support of people living around us over the last few months, thank you and please do contact us if you would like flowers!

Email: englishpeonies@btinternet.com Tel 07990582847 - www.englishpeonies.co.uk

Emily and Tom Martin at Knapton

Edward and Danielle Jones at Trunch



Update on the article from Knapton News 1st Edition 2020, work has now begun on the extension to Cromer Hospital, or to find out more please log on to www.cromercommunityhospitalfriends.co.uk



2020 Cancer Unit Appeal
Bringing the best care closer to home
 Cromer Community and Hospital Friends need to raise
£350,000
 to purchase equipment and furniture for the new North Norfolk Centre at Cromer Hospital



For more information: www.cromercommunityhospitalfriends.co.uk
 *Fundraising, payments, and donations will be processed and administered by the National Funding Scheme (Charity No: 1149800), operating as DONATE. Texts will be charged at your standard network rate. For Terms & Conditions, see

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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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

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

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

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

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