



Knapton News

4th Edition 2021



Welcome to the Knapton News There are many who are newly arrived in the village we hope you will be happy here The "What's On" section for Knapton is at the back of the News. You will find a warm welcome at all events.

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

Footpath linking Knapton to Knapton Green

Work has been completed on the long awaited safe footpath linking Knapton with Knapton Green. This is a "Permissive Footpath", the public has no right of way.

Huge thanks from us all must go to the landowner, Chris Hicks and the farmer, Steve Hammond for allowing part of their land to be used as a footpath running along the edge of their field from the Green to the pond. They have also said that they will be cutting the hedge to allow the footpath to form naturally..

This is yet another example of a issue dating back many years, long talked about but never resolved. But in keeping with the current Parish Council's mantra, we will "get it done".



Digging out the crossing



Wilds Way Access point



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Knapton Parish Clerk`s Report: November 2021

There are many things in the pipeline which the Parish Council are beavering away at, especially our very dedicated Chairman, Peter Neatherway.

The beacon still lies sadly on its side, but should be up and running in time for Her Majesty`s Jubilee in June 2022.

Negotiations continue as the council tries to address the various car parking issues and try to improve the access to Wilds Way from School Close.

A regular inspection and maintenance programme for the playground is being put together.

We are working with Mundesley PC to extend the 30mph limit towards Knapton. We hope also to get the 40mph limit extended through to Swafeld and to get the 30mph limit to run the entire length of Pond Lane. None of this is cheap but we expect, especially with co-operation between the villages, that NCC funding will be available.

All these things take time and co-operation between Highways, NNDC, the Victory Housing Trust and Knapton Parish Council. A little unwieldy but do-able.

In the meantime the path to Knapton Green is up and running, thanks to the generosity of the land owner, Chris Hicks, farmer Steve Hammond and Chris Heath, who came with his digger to level the land beside the pond. Now people can walk safely between the village and Knapton Green, although the road still has to be crossed, but at least where visibility is good.

You may have noticed that someone decided to take a short cut into Hall Lane from the B1145 via the hedge, the grass area, the car park (where luckily the collapsible posts were collapsed) and School Close. The poor hedge looks a bit battered. I wonder how his van was.

We plan to put erect two Christmas trees again this year, to brighten the dark nights. These are proving quite expensive to source, so any suggestions would be welcome.

A big tree planting scheme will take place during this coming winter, trees donated by NNDC.

We hope everyone will enjoy an unrestricted Christmas this year and wish you all a very happy one.

Dee Holroyd

Parish Clerk

Dog Fouling

Over recent weeks residents have reported to members of the council instances of Dog Fouling in our lovely village. We respectfully request that all owners remove the waste and use the Bins provided around the village. For information there are three bins sited at various locations : Knapton Green, The Street opposite Lawn Close and The Street / Edingthorpe Road junction. The Parish Council paid for these bins to be installed and continue to pay for them to be emptied by NNDC.



Please also remember that we do have a lot of wildlife including Badgers, Foxes and Deer so any mess may not have come from a domestic animal!



The Parish council is taking this seriously, and are considering implementing a fixed penalty notice system for any dog owner caught allowing their dog to foul without removing the mess. These notices will result in fines and possible prosecution for offenders. [Council considering Fixed Penalty Notices for dog foulers](#)

The parish council would welcome parishioner views before reaching a final decision.

Peter Neatherway - Chairman

Knapton First Time Sewerage Scheme

The council have been in contact with Lucy at Anglian Water and this is her update.

The Street road closure was put into place on 15 November with access for residents only, but completely closed starting down near the new pumping station. The road will be closed for 31 weeks! You can view our road closure dates here: <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/knapton-fts/>



Knapton Parish Council
 WORKING FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

Chairman's Statement
 NOVEMBER 2021

As I write this there are only just over six weeks to go until Christmas and barely five months left of the parish council year. So much to do and so little time...

Four months ago, Highways advised me that the speed limit extension in Hall Lane was planned to be in place by the end of November. With Anglian Water's sewerage project now underway and the resulting road closures in The Street already in place, managing traffic speed in the only village road unaffected by closures is more important than ever for the safety of our residents. Timing is everything and the clock is ticking.

I read on the BBC news app this week that a superfast internet connection is now one of the most important factors for homebuyers according to a survey of 294 estate agents, with questions about connectivity up by 69% since the pandemic began. When I took over as Chair, I went on record as saying that one of my priorities was to address the broadband lottery across the parish, where the broadband speed that we receive is dependent on how far we live from the BT cabinet. We all connect more devices than ever and the lifestyle changes forced by the covid crisis emphasised this. So we invited County Broadband to our November meeting to present their parish-wide fibre broadband solution and I believe that we have finally found a solution that addresses our broadband lottery. It was also good to see some parishioners there to witness it first-hand and ask some great questions.

Having already considered OpenReach's Community Fibre Partnership, the parish council has decided to support the County Broadband initiative and I urge everyone to get behind it and respond positively. With free connection, free fibre router, monthly costs starting at just £28pm, free service for up to a year while your current broadband contract expires and guaranteed minimum speeds of 50mbps for every household in the parish, we believe it's a good deal all round. You'll find a lot more information on our broadband web page;

https://knaptonvillage.org/parish_council/broadband/

With climate issues taking centre stage at the moment, we can all do our bit and get involved planting some of the 2000 trees and bushes that will be with us in the next few weeks. Anyone can apply for trees and bushes so let us know if you'd like some.

With the budget set and the annual Precept increase limited to inflation of 3.2% (less than £1 per household) the council is now better able to deal with issues and support parish projects, so please let me have your thoughts on what we should be addressing next.

We are also increasing our presence on the Knapton Village Facebook page, so it's never been easier to keep in touch with us and share your thoughts on what we're doing.

If I don't see you before, have a great Christmas

Peter

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

Good news we have three services in December. Sunday 19th December there will be a Group Holy Communion Service on at 10am. Then the **Village Carol Service by Candlelight at 6.30pm**. This is a **special village service**, we hope that the church will be filled with everyone from the village, this includes the children, so please come. Is there anyone who would like to participate by reading, perhaps a favourite reading or poem. If you have a favourite Christmas Carol or a reading but don't feel you could read it, just let us know.

This will be followed by Christmas Day Service at 10am, there will be having a visiting Vicar, the Reverend Chris Winter who some may know as he is my son, we hope you will come and welcome him to our church.

Forgive me for mentioning it but Christmas is not too far away, and as Church Wardens we need to be thinking about decorating the church. If you would like to help decorate the church for the festive season or perhaps help with the flowers throughout the year, please contact the church wardens Liz or Allison at; liz@trunchgroup.org.

We are very grateful to Loraine and Paul who have volunteered to cut the grass in the churchyard following the appeal in the last Knapton News. We are proud of our church as it is a popular stop for many walkers and those touring historic churches in Norfolk.

Our Captain of Bells, Andrew Lubbock, is hoping to recommence Bell Practice in the Spring, so if you are interested in joining the team to ring church bells in and around Knapton, please contact him on 01263 722929 or email him at: andyman1@live.co.uk.



**St Peter & St Paul's Parish
Church
Knapton Village
Carols by
Candlelight Service
Sunday
19th December 2021
6.30 pm**

EVERYONE WELCOME

**MULLED WINE (Non-alcoholic alternative)
AND MINCEPIES
After the service.**

TALES FROM THE COMPOST HEAP

November is here already, it doesn't seem five minutes since we were all putting our seeds in and now everyone is preparing their soil for the winter, weeding, putting on compost and horse manure then putting a blanket on top, so as soon as the warmer weather comes, the soil will be nice and warm under all those layers and we can plant our seeds again.

Most people's sweetcorn has been good, mine was awful! The potatoes got the blight, everyone got their sets in before me so they got some lovely jackets, but unfortunately I got mine in late so no jacket potatoes this year but the small one taste good too. The tomatoes were amazing this year the best crop ever. I tried a new watering method, I cut drainpipes about 12 inches long and buried them beside each plant so watering below ground instead of on top because when it is hot the water just evaporates. The seeds I use are Thompson and Morgan Santonio F1. The cucumbers were a disaster, I always put three plants in but two died and although the last one produced quite a few cucumbers it then upped its roots! Better luck next year. Everyone's greens have been looking good, people have been picking their broccoli and my cabbages are as big as footballs, well two are! I have buttons on my Brussels Hurrah!! Everyone's runner beans were excellent did they taste good

We had a sunflower competition. Our allotment holders are a competitive group! The chairman and I measured all 15 plants, the tallest was 12ft.2inches grown by one of our ladies, Mags, and the shortest one with the biggest flowerhead went to our youngest, Ruth and Charles' son Preston. He received a consolation prize, a bag of treats. But Mags got a garden voucher to buy next year's seeds, presented by Peter, who thought of the competition.

Well, everyone can have a bit of a back rest during our winter months although nothing is nicer than wrapping up on a cold morning and doing a bit of digging not if there is a frost though as is not good for the soil.



Everyone have a lovely Christmas, enjoy all the things you have grown throughout the year and good growing for 2022.

Measuring the winning flower

- Simon Smith
- Peter Button
Competition Creator
- Pat Lee *Chairman of Allotment Assoc*



The Winner of the Allotment Association's Tallest Sunflower competition 2021

From left to right: Paul Harding | Diane Manley | Mags Smith - *Winner* | Blu Singer | Peter Button | Simon Smith

Best wishes to you all

Green Fingers (well not so good this year)

Clubbercise at Knapton Village Hall

Clubbercise is a fun dance fitness class for all ages and abilities that takes place in the dark with disco lights and glow stick. We dance to music from 80s to the present day. We start at a base level and slowly build up so people can work at whatever pace they would like to. Everyone is really friendly and non judgemental.

Classes are every Monday at 7pm and cost £5 per session (glow sticks are £5 per set and once you have them are yours to keep and completely reusable).

So for a fun night out, check the website www.bookwhen.com/jemmaparkerfitness or call Jemma on 07392757458 for more information. See you soon!



Knapton Knitters and Stitchers

Knapton Knitters and Stitchers have been able to meet again since August and we'd really like some new members to join this small, friendly group which meets the first Wednesday of each month from 1.30 to 4 pm.

Bring along your knitting, sewing, crochet, craft work - you might like to brush up on your skills or just come along for a chat. We also make items for charity.

For further details please see the village hall notice board or contact Jean Clarke on 01263 720680.

FUTURE DATES: all Wednesday afternoons.

1st Dec 2021

2022: 5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 8th June, 6th July, 3rd August, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November and 7th December.

The group have been very busy as you can see from these photos.



Knapton Women's Own

Our first meeting was the AGM 7th September in the Village Hall was well attended with old and new members. In October and November our speakers enthralled us with interesting insights into their life story. Our next meeting on Tuesday 7th December at 2pm will be our Annual Carol Service followed by Tea and Mincepies, this will be in Knapton Parish Church. If you are new to the village and would like to join us, please come along.

Jill Emms. President.



Coffee Club

Meets in the village Hall twice a month on the second and fourth Friday from 10am - 12 midday. Come along for a chat, coffee and cake. Coffee/Tea and cake only £2.50 with **free top ups!!!**

There will be only one get together in December which is on Friday 10th, the next one after that is in 2022 on Friday 14th January.

Everyone is welcome.

.VILLAGE HALL HIRE

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 Hall Hire Charges (without Heating)

Village Residents, Clubs & Groups **£12 per session** - Non Village Residents, Clubs & Groups **£20 per session**

Charges for All Day, Corporate, Commercial, Local Government or Public Sector Events available on request

Heating

Heating is charged in addition to the Hall Hire charge at £2.00 per hour (or part thereof) e.g. if used for 1.5 hours this will be £4.00 or a full 4 hour session will be £8.00

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

Current Booking Form, Conditions of Hire and other booking information can be obtained from the Bookings Secretary. Information is also being updated on the village website www.knaptonvillage.org

What's On In Knapton? July—October 2021

December

Wednesday 1st	1.30 pm	The Knitting an Stitching Group - Everyone welcome to come along - Village Hall
Monday 6th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall
Tuesday 7th	2pm 7pm	Women's Own Carol Service—St Peter & St Paul's Parish Church Parish Council - Village Hall - Public Welcome, questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Friday 10th	10am - midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome join us for a chat over coffee and cake - Village Hall
Monday 13th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also 20th and 27th December at 7pm

January 2022

Monday 3rd	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 3rd, 17th 24th & 31st January
Tuesday 4th	2.15 pm	Knapton Women's - Christmas Party. All new Members welcome come and see what they do.! - Village Hall
Wednesday 5th	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall Everyone welcome to come along.
Friday 14th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall
Friday 28th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall

February

Tuesday 1st	2.15 pm 7pm	Knapton Women's Own New Members, always welcome Village Hall Parish Council - Village Hall - Public Welcome, questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Wednesday 2nd	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall Everyone welcome to come along.
Monday 7th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 14th 21st & 28th
Friday 11th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall
Friday 25th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall .

March

Tuesday 1st	2.15 pm 7pm	Knapton Women's Own - New members always welcome Village Hall Parish Council - Village Hall - Public welcome , questions when invited by the Chairman at the end of the meeting
Wednesday 2nd	1.30 pm	The Knitting and Stitching Group - Village Hall Everyone welcome to come along
Monday 7th	7pm	Clubbercise - Village Hall also on 14th , 21st & 28th
Friday 11th	10am - 12midday	Coffee Club - All Welcome, join us for a chat over coffee etc. - Village Hall . Also on Friday 25th

NB: All Events subject to change depending on Government Guidance over the next few months.

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:

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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Electrical:

UK Power Networks - To report an electrical emergency or power cut:

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