



*"It's not the place that maketh the person, but the person that maketh the place..."*

When the Roman philosopher *Marcus Tullius Cicero* wrote that sometime before he was beheaded in 43BC, he must have just got back from a time travel jaunt to our village over the Platinum Jubilee weekend because between the 2nd and 4th June our parishioners were living proof that his quote was a statement of fact. Over 80% of our residents got together and punched well above their weight to produce an incredibly special Jubilee celebration that will remain in their memory for many years to come.

I'm told it's the first time that the Church, MADRA and all the various village clubs, committees and groups have worked together so closely with the Parish Council to produce an extraordinary series of events for a very long time. Which is a shame because we obviously do it so well...

I believe that as one, our village shrugged off the cloud of apathy that's hung over it for far too long and found the spirit that we always believed was there. And having seen thirty-eight young Knaptonians running around, bubble pots in hand, playing old village games that I'm pretty sure none of them had seen before, climbing trees and having the time of their lives, I reckon our village's future is in safe hands!

Although the Jubilee celebrations were obviously our marquee event, we've made lots of other stuff happen as well;

- the new 30mph speed limit extension from the MADRA to the Butterfly Walk car park in Hall Lane has finally gone live, almost three years after we got it approved by Highways
- we are working with Highways on the final designs for the re-modelling of the Knapton Road / Hall Lane junction, another scheme that we got approved almost three years ago
- we've started working with Swafeld and Mundesley parish councils to try to implement a speed limit reduction along the Knapton Road under a NCC Highways scheme that opens in November.
- under the same scheme we are also trying to get the speed limit reduced on Pond Lane from a ridiculous 60mph down to a safer 30mph
- we're working with Anglian Water as they install the First Time Sewerage System for the village
- we're keeping in touch with County Broadband as they attempt to implement a parish wide Superfast Broadband solution
- and... we are trying to find our missing telephone box!

Add into the mix new salt bins, hedge and verge cutting issues, a playground refurbishment programme, footpath maintenance problems and a tree planting programme that all residents can get involved in, we're where we always are... working for a better tomorrow.

I'd also like to thank Alan Young, who resigned in May, for his enormous, selfless contribution to the parish Council and the village as a whole. As a stalwart for many years, he will be sorely missed.

Have a great summer and stay safe.

Peter