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A New Year - A New Look!

A belated Happy New Year from me (Tricia) and all the Knapton News Team. I am sorry this edition of your newsletter has been delayed. Unfortunately my three day break in Harrogate last month ended in a two week stay in Harrogate District Hospital, and I have only just returned to Knapton!

I thought we would start the New Year with a new look to the newsletter. Please do let me know whether you approve!

Remember the newsletter can be used for anything relating to Knapton Village and our residents. If you have any news, or would like to advertise an item for sale, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, please do let me know. You can contact me via email (patricia.doidge@btinternet.com), by phone (721855) or by dropping a note to my home (White Rose House, Hall Lane).

Knapton Village Website
www.knapton-village.co.uk



Broadband Performance

In the last issue I raised the issue of low speed communication over our broadband system. My thanks go to those who emailed me describing their similar problems. What I did not do was to differentiate between uploads (you sending stuff, e.g. emails, photos documents) and downloads. They are rarely the same speed.

While waiting for cable upgrades from BT (don't hold your breath!) there a lot of areas within your home which, if given attention, can lead to improvements with your own installation. Rather than taking up several pages of this Newsletter with the details, just email me on (knapton_news1@btinternet.com) and I will send you a

copy of several useful articles. Brian Winch gave a lot of help with this – thanks Brian!

Norman Dodd
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(<http://www.knapton-village.co.uk>)

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Pigneys Wood - fire destroys bird hide

I regret to report that, once again, the wood has suffered a setback when a fire completely destroyed the bird hide. It is not clear whether it was started deliberately or by accident. What is known is that a sleeping bag, badly charred, was found at the scene which would seem to indicate that some person had been using the hide as shelter and the fire may have been started accidentally as a result of cooking or using a fire as a means of keeping warm. The other scenario is that it was started deliberately with intent to destroy. Scene of crime investigators visited the site but apart from the charred remains of the sleeping bag all evidence was destroyed. It is possible that DNA can be recovered from the sleeping bag but if there is no matching record available on police files the likelihood of apprehending the culprit/s is very remote.

We are perhaps fortunate that the fire occurred in damp mid-winter where damage was limited to the scorching of trees in the immediate vicinity to a height of 20/30 feet. Had it occurred in the summer a large portion of the wood could have been destroyed as fire fighting appliances were unable to approach the scene nor were their hoses sufficiently long enough to reach it. The closest they were able to approach was the Hall Lane car park, itself some 500/600 metres from the site of the fire.

It is ironic that a large water resource, the scrape, is only 50 metres from the fires location and, had it been accessible by fire appliances, might have proved sufficient to control the blaze. If we are successful in our bid for lottery funding (we are now into the second phase having successfully com-

pleted the first) there are plans to build a road from the car park to the barn providing access to the centre of the wood for logging trucks and vehicles of the emergency services. With access available for fire appliances, although, in this instance, it is unlikely that the hide itself would have been saved, the risk of a conflagration spreading will be greatly diminished.

The fire was reported by a member of the public walking in the wood who called the fire service.

Following this incident our plans for dealing with emergencies are now under review.

The hide was insured and a replacement will cost £6000.

*Peter Kaye, Knapton,
February 7th, 2009*

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Green Burials



The Trustees and Directors of Pigneys Wood are currently exploring the possibility of using a two acre site within the wood for the purposes of green burials.

There is considerable public interest in this form of internment and the public will be kept informed of developments.

In the meantime should anyone require further information about this please contact Peter Kaye (tel: 721304).

Knapton Coffee Club



Knapton Coffee Club opened its doors on January 9th. Initial attendance was low (thanks for coming Mary!), possibly due to the arctic-like weather at the time, and not enough advertising. More folk attended the following session.

The club is held at the Methodist Chapel, and is open on the second and fourth Friday of each month. A range of teas and coffees (real and decaffeinated), hot chocolate, softies and biscuits will be available.

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Any profits made will be given to the village.

So come along and enjoy yourselves.

We would like to give special thanks to Barry Eves for supporting us with this venture. Thanks Barry!

Norman Dodd

Come and relax at the Coffee Club this month

Friday 13 February

Friday 27 February

10:00 am to

12:00 noon

The Chapel

KGB

Their first speaker meeting



KGB (Knapton Gardening Bunch)

The KGB had a very interesting and educational January meeting. Shirley Gilbert, local gardener and Cottage Garden expert joined us for an evening of instruction and practical tips.

Arriving with several boxes of specimens she delighted us with plants that she has flowering or giving colour in her garden in January, from those we know and love such as Winter Jasmine to an unusual variegated Rosemary. Shirley showed us how she prunes her roses at this time of the year. She buys from a French rose supplier and keeps her roses in pots for as long as possible. Several of us were surprised by just how hard Shirley cut her shrub back, leaving just a few stems 3"-4" long with two new shoots showing. I am sure many of us were out in the garden re-pruning our

own roses the next day and being much bolder with the secateurs. Shirley demonstrated some of the tools she used for pruning, the pair of secateurs with a twisting grip was much easier on the hand when tackling longer pruning jobs such as honeysuckle or clematis or climbing roses, all of which need to be cut back to main stems now. Pruning shears, which I have been using for a while now, are very useful for pruning back large areas of shrub or perennials. Shirley encouraged us to prune fruit bushes and trees now and to remember they were our plants and to cut them back to shapes that work for us!

There was a good suggestion of how to grow peas and beans protected from those little beasties that love to feast on the seeds. Use old guttering filled with potting compost,

once the seeds have germinated you can slide the length of soil out into the prepared bed. If anyone needs any guttering for this we have several lengths left over from repair works! This would also work for sweet peas but Shirley used "long root" seed trays, starting her seeds in November, the roots had grown to 4" and the seedlings were ready for the tops to be pinched out to encourage good growth.

We enjoyed a question and answer session, many helpful tips, a good cup of tea, (or coffee) and lots of seed catalogues and gardening books to dream over! Thanks to Shirley for a fascinating evening which we all enjoyed. Why not join us for our next meeting on Monday 23 March in the Village Hall?

Sally Dodd

Mundesley Christmas Pageant



Mundesley Parish Council are considering the possibility of reintroducing the Christmas Village Pageant with the help of Jo Berry. They would like to set up a working group to progress this idea. If you are interesting in assisting, please will you contact me (Julie Chance) on 01263 833902. Alternatively, you can insert your name and telephone number in the book provided in Mundesley Post Office for this purpose.

I hope you are willing to help and hope to hear from you.

Julie Chance (Mundesley Parish Clerk)

To receive the newsletter via email, please contact patricia.doidge@btinternet.com

Copy deadline for the April/May edition is strictly Monday 23 March

MADRA

I hope those of you who came along to the Knapton Christmas Party enjoyed the evening as much as I did? I have certainly heard many very favourable comments, enough to make us think it will be worthwhile repeating the event next Christmas.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this event such a success.

The MADRA Committee also hosted an excellent party on New Year's Day. It was rather hastily arranged, so unfortunately you would not have known about it unless you had called at MADRA in the couple of weeks prior to the event (an excellent reason

to pop in for a drink sometimes, so you know what is going on!).

The next social event will be the every popular Race Night on Saturday 28 February. This is a fundraising event to help with the MADRA refurbishments.

MADRA MEMBERSHIP

Membership of MADRA runs from September to September. If your membership is due for renewal (£5 for a family, £3 for single membership), or if you would like to join, please call in at MADRA, where one of the Committee will be delighted to help you.

Thanks for the Christmas Tree

Sarah Green-Plumb and Sarah Hammond would like to thank everyone who contributed to decorating the Christmas Tree and to refreshments in the Church after the carol concert.

Thanks should particularly go to Roger Bradbury who donated the tree and to Maggie and John Bunnet who felled,

collected and erected it in the Church and then took it down afterwards.

Thanks also to Vi Haynes for sweeping up both the crumbs and the pine needles!

Sarah Hammond



Let the Library come to you!



Do you enjoy reading books, but find it difficult or inconvenient to visit the library at Mundesley or North Walsham?

Did you know that the Mobile Library visits Knapton once a fortnight?

The Mobile Library is free to join. You can borrow as many books as you like and it offers something for everyone:

- Fiction books for adults and children
- DVDs for adults and children (a small charge applies)
- Large print books
- Non-fiction books for adults and children
- Audio books on CD and Tape (a small charge applies)

The Mobile Library is equipped with a lift for those with mobility problems or in a wheelchair. It always parks outside the Church.

The next visit will take place on

Tuesday 10 February at approximately 11:15 a.m.

Sudoku

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5	4		2	6				

What's On In Knapton

February 2009

Tuesday 3	2:15 p.m.	Knapton Women's Own (The Chapel) Speaker: Rev. C. Sherwood
Tuesday 3	7:30 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting (Village Hall)
Tuesday 10	7:30 p.m.	Local & Family History Group (The Chapel)
Friday 13	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Club (The Chapel)
Monday 16	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Ladies Club (Village Hall) 'Running a Small Hotel in the Country'
Thursday 26	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Book Club
Friday 27	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Club (The Chapel)
Saturday 28	7.30 p.m	Race Night (MADRA Fundraiser)

March 2009

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Monday 23	7:30 p.m.	KGB (Knapton Gardening Bunch) (Village Hall)
Thursday 26	7:30 p.m.	Knapton Book Club
Friday 27	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Club (The Chapel)

Weekly events:

Mondays	1.45 p.m.	Pilates (Village Hall)
Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.	Keep Fit (Village Hall)
	6:30-9:00	Youth Club (The Chapel)
Thursdays:	7:00 p.m.	Art Class (Village Hall)