

KNIVETON NEWS

Kniveton's only newspaper

April– May 2013

SPRINGTIME IN KNIVETON !!!



IS YOUR BROADBAND AS SLOW AS MINE??

As I find the speed of the internet in Kniveton very frustrating I followed up an invitation in a Derbyshire County Council brochure I found in Ashbourne library to take part in a forum where local communities can have a voice in the roll out of a better service.

Most people in Kniveton now have access to broadband and probably find it acceptable for sending short emails or surfing the internet, but as the facilities available increase and other users get used to being able to download information at high speeds we will find it increasingly frustrating and may become a digital backwater.

Content providers now expect to use much higher speeds than we have available. All the main TV channels have catch up services such as iPlayer, films are available to watch this way rather than renting DVDs, and with services such as Skype it is possible to have video conversations with relatives and friends anywhere in the world. As most people elsewhere will have fast broadband file sizes will increase and be more difficult for us to access. Businesses and those who want to work from home are already at a significant disadvantage.

In Kniveton the highest speed available seems to be around 2.6 Mbs (megabytes per second) which was a surprise to me as mine is 1Mbps at best. In Ashbourne speeds of 9 to 10 and even up to 13 are available. In Hulland Ward 6 or 7 is typical.

In Ashbourne you may have seen green cabinets being installed which will provide Superfast broadband in the town at up to 40Mbps. DCC have funding of nearly £15 million to upgrade broadband in Derbyshire which is designed to fill in the gaps in service which commercial organisations like BT Openreach will either not provide, or be extremely slow to do so. These areas are known as white areas and Kniveton is in one. The funding is likely to be made available where the most demand can be demonstrated.

In the December/January issue of Kniveton News, a small insert requested local residents to register their interest in improved speed services and so far 19 households and 3 businesses have done so. I think this is quite a good ratio for a village of our size when one considers that in the whole of Derbyshire the total is around 4000. If we can improve on the above figure by raising the profile of the issue, we may well have a chance of achieving a 21st century service.

The first thing we can all do is register our interest at

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/digitalderbyshire or call 08 456 058 058.

If you are interested in promoting better broadband in the village please contact me at john.wright.cheviot@gmail.com or on 01335 346856 John Wright

April Diary

Church Flowers Rota - Mrs.Fox and Mrs. Methuan

7 Holy Communion at Kniveton Church at 10.30am

8 AGM in Kniveton Church at 7.00pm

10 Recycling bins and bags collection

10 Whist Drive, Village Hall 8pm

11 Get Together Club – James Sellors ,(2pm) Village Hall

14 Chapel Service (including Communion) at 2.30 pm - Rev Tim Morris preaching

17 WI – reflexology session, Village Hall

21 Family Service at Kniveton Church at 10.30am

24 Recycling bins and bags collection

28 Chapel Service at 11 am - Rev Mark Broadhurst preaching



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May Diary

Church Flowers Rota - Mrs. Stafford and Mrs. Armstrong

5 Holy Communion at Kniveton Church at 10.30am

8 Whist Drive, Village Hall 8pm

9 Recycling bins and bags collection

9 Get Together Club - Parkwood (11.30am)

12 Chapel Service at 2.30 pm - Mr Tom Parkinson preaching

15 WI – outing to Cashel Garden Kirk Ireton

22 Recycling bins and bags collection

26 Chapel Service at 11 am - Rev Tim Morris preaching

30 Get Together Club – Steven Bloor (2pm) Village Hall

It's about time we thanked that stalwart group of people who deliver Kniveton News. I publish it and send it by email to the Ashbourne Business Centre who print it. I pick it up (all 225 copies) and bundle it into the right numbers of copies to those who deliver it, take it to them and they get it to their allocation of houses etc.

Thanks to you all-

Pam Stafford

Margaret James

Ray Frampton

Molly Armstrong

Jane Methuen

There are some households who are too far out of the village who get it on the internet in colour.

Mary Vaughan

I would like to thank all those who sent cards and flowers to my family and I following the sudden death of my Mother on her 96th birthday in February. Also to my neighbour Jennifer Hall who battled her way through snow and bad weather to feed my cat when we were up and down to London. It meant a lot. Thank you, Mary Vaughan and family

Thank you to the Trustees of the E S Exton Trust who have given Kniveton News a grant of £150 to keep Kniveton News going for the remainder of this financial year. Also to The Church for £50 and the Parish Council for their contribution of £200. Mary Vaughan

This is a special message of thanks for Dave Bott for helping to clear the lane following the extremely heavy snowfall during the last weekend of January. Although I didn't make it to work in Nottingham as planned for 8.30, I did at least arrive mid-morning! So thank you Dave – it was much appreciated. Paula

CHURCH YARD Please, if you walk your dogs in the Church Yard can you pick up the mess. Would you like to mow your own lawns with this going all over your clothes. John Bradbury

A big thank you to John and Peter for snow clearing our drive. Very much appreciated. Thanks Mavis and Harley Lowndes

Kniveton Snow– Monday 14th to Saturday 26th

We are too old to ski and sledge, 148 years between us go.
Go down the road to clear the snow, with two shovels in tow,
So the teachers can come and go, we slip and slide from side to side,
To clear the car park far and wide.
John said have you a key, So inside we went and had a mug of tea.
Soon we are revived and did clear, All the snow what a cheer.
11 1/2 hours in all, to clear the park and round the hall,
We did it once, We did it twice, Third time we were beat.
So we hired a man on a tractor seat.
Oh but before he came, We had all the heavy rain.
It washed the snow all down the drain!

Method

Easy way to remove icy paths
1 gallon plastic bucket filled with builder's and.
1 handful of rock salt or salt from shops
1 pair strong rubber gloves
MIX WELL
Spread very thin on paths,
Remove all snow first.
Nancy Bradbury

KNIVETON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 19th March 2013 and the following items were discussed.

Broadband Provision in Kniveton - Concerned about low broadband speed provision in the Kniveton area and having attended DCC meetings on the subject, resident John Wright spoke to the meeting about the difficulties and the potential for improvement. Councillors were delighted that John Wright has agreed to act as 'broadband champion' and report back to the Parish Council. *See separate article in Kniveton News.*

Snow Clearance – Mr Hammersley has cleared snow on four occasions during the winter weather to good effect.

Flooding at the Hillocks – Councillors are feeling some frustration at the lack of response and action from DCC Highways. Despite promises, the kerbs outside Hillocks Cottage have still not been raised and although a local resident has volunteered to carry out clearing work on the gullies draining onto the road, the PC has had no response from Highways as to this proposal.

Caravans at Newhouse Farm – The DDDC Enforcement Officer has made a visit and Cllr Rose will pursue the matter.

Highways - There are problems with potholes particularly in Longrose Lane and the cutting. Cllr Purdy informed the meeting of a DCC initiative to invest extra money and staff to address the problem which is county/country wide. Central government is also making monies available.

Footpaths – Planned clearance work on the footpath from James' Lane to Longrose Lane and the Jitty to be carried out week commencing 25th March weather permitting.

Planning – 13/00057/FUL – Single storey extension to Lady Croft Farm for Mr P Bennett – no objections.

Comments and Observations - Cllr Purdy informed the meeting that he is stepping down from his position as DCC councillor due to ill health. On behalf of the Parish Council, Cllr Howe thanked him for his outstanding support during his time as county councillor.

Finance – Request received from Kniveton Newsletter for grant towards running costs. Agreed grant of £200.

Next Meeting - Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30 pm

Mike Severn

Clerk to the Parish Council

Did you know that NHS Direct is no longer in existence?

**Now if you have a health problem which is not a n emergency
please dial 111**

WI - Inspiring Women

Do you know you have a local group here in Kniveton!

Kniveton has a WI group that meet every third Wednesday evening at 7.30pm - if you would like to come along to one of our meetings (you can attend one session free) and see what we get up to please contact Alison Williams on 01335 345908. Its nicely informal and we welcome new members its not an 'institute' as such just a great way of meeting new people, experiencing things you may not have done before, having a laugh and chat whilst enjoying a cuppa!! I hope to hear from you! Alison x



FLOWER ROTA FOR CHURCH 2013

FEB	MRS HALL AND MRS CHARLESWORTH
MARCH	MRS MARRIOTT AND MRS S CLARKE
APRIL	MRS FOX AND MRS METHUAN
MAY	MRS STAFFORD AND MRS ARMSTRONG
JUNE	MRS LOMAS AND MRS THORNE
JULY	MRS TAYLOR-GROUT AND MRS RIGBY
AUGUST	MRS ROSE & MRS HARDING-NEWMAN
SEPT	MRS BROWN AND MRS BROUGHTON
OCT	MRS JAMES AND MRS HULLAND
NOV	MRS BRADBURY AND MRS GOLDSTRAW
DEC	HELPERS FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION
	JAN 2014
	MRS LANG AND MRS WILKS



Church News

New Rector Update

I am very sorry to have to report that we have been informed by the Archdeacon that our second candidate has had to withdraw his application and will not be coming to join us. We are actively pursuing other options.

Easter Services

During Easter week, there will be a service on Maundy Thursday (28th March) at 7.30pm in Kniveton Church, followed by a Good Friday service at Hulland Church at 10.30am & concluding with Holy Communion at Kniveton Church on Easter Sunday at 10.30pm.

Services in April will revert to the normal pattern of Holy Communion at 10.30am on the first Sunday and a Family Service at 10.30am on the 3rd Sunday. On the 2nd and 4th services there are services at the other churches in the benefice (a list of these is available in the church porch) and in Chapel - see the diary dates section.

Lilies

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 30 March. If anyone would like to make a donation towards the cost on the lilies in memory of a loved one, please let Pam Stafford know.

GET TOGETHER CLUB

A very big thank you to Kniveton Parish Council who have yet again supported us financially, without this support a lot of our trips would not be possible.

The meeting in the village hall with the school entertaining us had to be cancelled due to bad weather so our first meeting welcomed Mike Severn. Mike's talk was titled 'All at Sea' with readings, reflections, poems, songs and participation. A very big thank you to Mike and his friends for donating their fee back to the club.

On March 7th our first outing was to the Hanging Gate at Shottle, scampi & chips followed by choice of pudding was enjoyed by 37 members.

The school is entertaining us on the 21st March so we do not miss out on the excellent entertainment the children, guided by Mrs Board and the teachers, give to us.

James Sellors is our speaker on 11th April, names will be taken at this meeting for our trip to Parkwood.

On 25th April we meet in the Red Lion where Carolyn Keeling will tell us about her travels in Africa followed by a buffet.

If you would like to come along to our meetings where you will be made most welcome or, have a copy of the programme please contact Liz (346078).

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KNIVETON SCHOOL PAGES

GAMBIA TRIP 2013

Mrs.Cartlidge, Mrs.Poole and I have just returned from visiting our partner school, in Gambia, over October half term. This was our 14th trip to see our friends and families out there.

We now have 12 children sponsored by parents in our school. These sponsorships enable the children to attend school. We took school fees, presents and letters for all 400 children in our partner school, Janet International School. We were really pleased to be able to organise for new benches and desks to be made for the school thanks to a kind donation from Kniveton Chapel.



We purchased desperately needed mosquito nets and sacks of rice with money from well wishers and our School Council. Children and parents from our school donated clothes, toothbrushes, toothpaste and paracetamol. All these desperately needed items were greeted with joy and enormous smiles.

We bartered for watering cans, wheelbarrows, rope for the well and spades for the local women's garden. Each lady is given 10 beds in which to grow much needed vegetables to supplement their family's diet. The children were so pleased with these gifts that we all ended up dancing amongst the cabbages, in the hot African sun!



One of the highlights of our trip was travelling 5 hours across Africa to buy a donkey for a village. We were escorted by a local diplomat and Member Elected.(their equivalent of a MP) The donkey will be monitored by the Gambia Horse and Donkey Trust who regularly have vets fly out from England. We were also able to organise for a cart to be made. Our donkey is beautiful and called Jareng Rose. She will be used to take children to and from school, take the crops from the fields and transport things to market. The villagers had never had 'white' visitors and all the children wanted to touch my blonde ponytail and feel our skin! Our Diplomat friend said it was like giving them a million pounds.



Thank you to all the kind people who supported our trip and donated money to help us change a few African lives. We have just heard that we are going to be able to buy another donkey and cart and can't wait to return to get this sorted. Lynn Board

Are you having a clear-out?

Don't throw out your old electricals. Donate them to Encore Re-use – Ashbourne's furniture reuse project.

At this time of year, we tend to cast our minds to having a good old clear out. You'll probably find that some of the things you want to get rid of are old electricals. Things that still work but perhaps you've replaced them with something more up-to-date.

We tend to stick old, working electricals in a cupboard somewhere, up in the loft or stashed away in the garage. They sit there until they've become obsolete or worse still, eventually get thrown away.

Encore Re-use in Ashbourne is a furniture reuse charity that is crying out for good quality, working household electricals and appliances. Donate your vacuums, kettles, radios, microwaves, fridges, washing machines and other working items that you no longer use to the project and they will find them a new home. Everything's tested for safety before being sold from their showroom on Henmore Trading Estate on Mayfield Road at very reasonable prices. Families on low incomes, students or just people on the look-out for a bargain can benefit – anyone's welcome.

The benefits of this kind of recycling are clear – you don't end up with all your storage space taken up with these unwanted items, the projects can sell them on to people who need them. And the bonus is – valuable products are given a longer life – they don't all end up in landfill.

Did you know?

- UK householders currently benefit by over £35 million each year from buying electrical items at lower prices through reuse projects;
- Reusing washing machines currently saves 2,600 tonnes of carbon dioxide a year in the UK – a saving equivalent to over 300 flights from London to Sydney;
- On average, each person in the UK buys three new electrical items each year but for every 7kg bought, less than 2kg is recycled or reused.

The projects also create training and employment opportunities. For example, staff and volunteers learn how to log, test and clean items for sale, maintain collection vehicles, organise stock in the showroom and provide high quality customer service. Some staff are also trained to pass an electrical testing course so they can make sure all donated items to be sold are safe.

So, what types of things are available to buy at the Ashbourne shop?

To give you an idea of what kinds of bargains you might find, or the type of items you could donate, here's what they might have in stock on a typical day:

Hi-fi from around £20

Kettle from around £2

Radio from around £3

Microwave from around £10

Hoover from around £10

Encore is a charity and it costs around £120,000 per year to keep going. They are self-sustaining, covering their running costs from sales, but manager, John Howells admits that it is getting harder.

"The tough economic times mean that people are not buying or donating items as much. We sometimes worry that the collection van will come back with nothing that we can use.

"Also we don't want people to use us as a clearance house just to get rid of broken or battered things.

"We need good quality, resalable items that people will take pride in – that is the only way we can keep going."

Encore is always keen to welcome new volunteers on board. John says: "As a charity, we rely upon the generosity of local people giving their time to help others.

"We'll give people training that helps them develop new skills through valuable work experience in a business environment. It's a chance to meet new people and have fun too.

"Plus people have the opportunity to make a difference to people in their local community."

Councillor John Allsop, Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Member for Recycling and Technology said: "Furniture reuse charities are a great way for people to give their good quality old furniture and working electricals a new home. They also help divert usable items from landfill, and help low income families create homes to be proud of."

FAQs

What can I donate?

Items covered by collections service

(Please amend as appropriate), Fridges and freezers., Fridge/freezers, Electric cookers with a plug Dishwashers, Washing machines, Tumble dryers

Items that need to be taken to the shop

Microwaves, Printers, Radios, Electric Heaters, Vacuum cleaners, Food processors, Food mixers, Kettles, Toasters, DVD players, Stereo and Hi Fi sets , Mobile phones, Games consoles, Computers , Hairdryers, Hair straighteners, Coffee machines, Food processors, Power tools

What can't I donate?

Large commercial or industrial items, Car batteries, Chest freezers, Electric fires and heaters, Electric blankets, TVs, Broken Electricals can be taken to your nearest household waste recycling centre to be recycled.

Where do I take my donation?

Encore Re-Use, Henmore Trading Estate, Mayfield Road, Ashbourne, DE6 1AS

They are open Tuesday to Friday 9.30am-4.30pm, Saturday 9.30am-2.30pm. From 28 January they will also be open on Mondays between 9.30 and 4.30pm.

Will you collect my donation?

Encore can pick up good quality, larger items such as fridges within a 10-mile radius.

How should I store my item before donation?

Items should be kept in a dry or covered area to prevent any deterioration from water in damp, wet or cold weather.

How do I get in touch?

Tel: 01335 300907

encore_reuse@btconnect.com

www.encore_reuse@btconnect.com



Two men were arrested on suspicion of drugs offences during a week-long campaign in Ashbourne at the beginning of March.

Operation Ashton Gate saw officers carrying out stop-searches and licensed premises visits in the local area.

The campaign, which ran from Monday, March 4 to Friday 8, was based on information gathered by police and aimed at stamping out any drugs activity in the community.

It culminated with officers and a specially trained passive drugs detection dog visiting pubs on the Friday night and speaking to the community about the dangers of drug abuse, production and dealing.

Sergeant Denis Murphy, who helped run the operation, said: "Ashbourne doesn't have a strong profile for possession and use of controlled drugs and it is a safe place to live, work and visit.

"However, we need to react when intelligence suggests there may be issues, particularly when it's something like drugs, which can affect families and communities and lead to other acquisitive crime such as burglaries.

"I was delighted that we were so well-received by the people of Ashbourne, with the overwhelming majority of people supporting what we were doing.

"The operation was aimed at protecting the community and showing that Derbyshire Constabulary has a zero-tolerance when it comes to drugs-related offences."

On the Monday, a man aged 18 was arrested on suspicion of possessing a class B drug and has been bailed pending further inquiries.

A 27-year-old man was arrested on Tuesday, March 5 on the same charge after the van he was driving was stopped by officers as part of the operation.

Friday night's event included Safer Neighbourhood officers teaming up with uniform task force and plain clothes police to carry out searches in five Ashbourne pubs.

During that part of the operation, nine people were searched under the Misuse of Drugs Act and two were found to be in possession of a small amount of suspected cannabis.

Sgt Murphy added: "The fact that we visited certain Ashbourne pubs doesn't suggest that any of these premises have come to our attention as having a particular problem.

"It was to reassure the community that we recognise the issues connected with drugs and will deal with all offenders appropriately."

Do you have any information about drugs-related crime or any other crime in your neighbourhood?

If so, call Derbyshire police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.



The Derbyshire Constabulary is looking for volunteers to become Special Constables. The Special Constabulary is a force of trained volunteers, who work alongside local Safer Neighbourhood team constables and PCSOs.

Specials play a crucial role in fighting crime and making the county safer. They have the same powers as police officers and are required to volunteer for a minimum of four hours a week. Assistant Chief Constable Dee Collins said: "We have around 300 Special Constables at the moment and they are a valuable resource.

"They often work in the area they are from so they know the issues faced by the community and they are aware of local troublemakers."

The Special Constabulary recruits people of all ages and backgrounds, but there are a few basic criteria that people need to meet if they want to join. They must be in good health, of good character and at least 18 years old to apply. ACC Collins added: "It's an excellent chance for people to give something back to the community and I hope people take up the opportunity."

For further details, or an application pack, contact 0300 330 1330, email recruitment@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk or visit www.derbyshire.police.uk

'SAT NAV' ADVICE!

I have a little Satnav
It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend
It tells you where you are
Yes I've got a little Satnav
I've had it half my life
It does more than the normal ones
Cos my Satnav is my wife
It gives me full instructions
On exactly how to drive
"It's thirty miles an hour" it says
"And you're doing thirty five"
It tells me when to stop and start
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever
Safe to overtake
It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
Just when to intervene
It lists the vehicles just in front
It lists those to the rear
And taking this into account
It specifies my gear
I'm sure no other driver
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives its advice
It fills me up with counselling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it
And get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house
Makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things
And - keeps me warm in bed!

Name and address supplied

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The closing date for items for the next edition of Kniveton News is
20th May 2013.

Please send items via e-mail to willowbank@kniveton.net or by post or by hand to Mary Vaughan, Willowbank, Kniveton DE6 1JJ. Please write out exactly what you would like to go in, please do not expect me to write the for you.

No articles by telephone please.