

KNIVETON NEWS



KNIVETON'S ONLY PAPER February– March 2010

SURPRISE, SURPRISE! WHO SURPRISED WHO?



On Saturday 9th January over 60 family and friends of Stephen Bradbury and Pauline Homer gathered at the Knockerdown pub allegedly to surprise Pauline on her 50th birthday. Everyone braved the weather and icy roads to arrive safely at the venue, despite severe weather warnings. Even the pub staff were unaware of what was about to transpire before their eyes. Apart from a few conspirators, everyone was unaware that as they were arriving at the Venue Stephen and Pauline were getting married at Ashbourne Registry Office. Mr and Mrs S. Bradbury would like to thank the conspirators, John and Debbie Wain (First Responders), Paul and Debbie Holmes (First Responders), Angela and Terry Holgate (Local copper, never trust a copper!) Also Keith and Bronya at The Knockerdown for the secrecy and delicious buffet and warm welcome. Thanks also to Auntie Sheila for a lovely birthday cake and everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes. Pauline and Stephen would like to thank everyone from the bottom of their hearts for helping to make their wedding day and Pauline's 50th a truly Unforgettable experience. XXX

FEBRUARY DIARY

- 4. Green compost Bin Collection
- 7. Kniveton Church 10 30 a.m. Parish Communion
Flowers – P Stafford and A.Gascoyne
- 9. Parish Council Meeting , Kniveton Village Hall. 7.45 p.m.
- 10. Blue Box Collection
- 14. Chapel – Communion service 2.30 p.m. Rev Tim Morris
- 17. Church - **Ash Wednesday** 7 30 p.m. Group Eucharist *at Atlow*
- 17. W.I. Sara Byard – Seamstress at Chatsworth.
- 18. Green compost Bin Collection
- 18. Village Hall – Jean Henshaw 2 pm Village Hall
- 21 Kniveton Church 10 30 a.m. Family Service
- 24. Blue Box Collection
- 28. 11 00 a.m. Joint Church/Chapel service at the Chapel Sister Merle 11.00 a.m.
Everyone made most welcome especially children

WHIST DRIVES

The November Whist Drive raised £80.74 and the December Whist Drive raised a magnificent £211 both amounts are to be donated to the Air ambulance. The January Whist Drive was cancelled due to bad weather. The February Whist Drive will be in aid of the Air Ambulance and the March Whist Drive will be in aid of Kniveton Church Yard Fund. The donation of prizes for the Whist and Raffle prizes will be very gratefully accepted by John and Nancy Bradbury.

SAD LOSS TO THE VILLAGE

It was sad to hear from Dave Bott of Brook Farm that he has ceased to be a dairy farmer and has now taken all his dairy herd to market. This decision was not of Dave's choosing as dairy farming on Brook Farm has been a family concern for very many years. Unfortunately, new European Union regulation were issued to all farms wishing to produce Milk and who have a brook running through their fields. Brook Farm is a relatively small village farm with a stream running through it. Unfortunately Dave felt he was unable to comply with these new regulation concerning Farms similar to Dave's. and therefore had no option but to cease Dairy Farming. Dave's father took over the running of the family farm from his father in law (The late Bob Goodall's father) in 1947. At that time there were around 32 producers of milk in the Kniveton area. Now there are only three left.



MARCH DIARY

- 2. Church – see note below Lent course commence
- 4. Green compost Bin Collection
- 7. Kniveton Church 10 30 a.m. Parish Communion
Flowers – M Lomas and J Thorne
- 10. Blue Box Collection
- 17. W.I. Air Ambulance.
- 18. Green compost Bin Collection
- 18. Get Together Club – Mystery Tour and Lunch (11.am)
- 20. Community Waste – see below
- 21. Kniveton Church 10.30 am Family Service
- 24. Blue Box Collection
- 28. **Palm Sunday** 11 00 a.m. Joint service at Methodist Church

COMMUNITY WASTE COLLECTION

Ketch – 0745 to 0815
Chapel Lane 0820 to 9.00
Hallsteads 9.05 to 9.45

Lent Course: This year there will be a course called 'The Well is Deep', in which we look at the meaning of mission today. There will be three sessions, but there is a choice of times and places: Tuesday 12 noon at Hulland Rectory 2nd, 9th or 16th March, bringing your own lunch OR Tuesday 7 30 p.m. at Hognaston Church 2nd, 9th or 16th March.

Notes for April

April 1st **Maundy Thursday** 7 30 p.m. Group Eucharist *at Hognaston*
 April 2nd **Good Friday** 10 30 a.m. An Hour at the Cross *at Bradley*
 April 4th **EASTER DAY** 11 00 a.m. Parish Communion

SING PRAISES 4TH JULY 2010 3pm ADVANCE NOTICE

ASHBOURNE and WIRKSWORTH CHURCHES TOGETHER
 SONGS OF PRAISE EVENT AT CARSINGTON WATER
 BRING YOUR CONGREGATION, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
 ALSO A PICNIC AND YOUR VOICES.
 Put it in your diary now DON'T MISS IT.

**ENTRIES FOR THE NEXT KNIVETON NEWS
 TO MARY VAUGHAN AT WILLOWBANK IN
 WRITING OR E MAIL BY 23rd MARCH 2010**

VILLAGE HALL REPORT

On the 27th January a Village Hall committee held a meeting. A review of the final accounts for the year 2008/9 was carried out. The village hall received an increase in the school rent of approx 30 per cent. This was due to the fact that no increase had been received for the two previous years. The overall trading balance showed a loss of £682 but this was due to the purchase of new tables and chairs to replacing the original tables and chairs. Interim accounts for this trading year look promising as the hiring's were higher than anticipated and we will have a full year at the new school rent. Hopefully costs will not increase significantly.

It was felt that no serious maintenance was necessary this year apart from redecoration. This will be progressed by a member of the committee. The secretary has received a letter from the relatives of the Late Bob Goodall in which they proposed with the committees permission to erect a two seater Bench in remembrance of Bob by the village hall entrance, facing down the village towards the church. The committee agreed as they felt that that this would recognise the hard work by Bob in the village and would be appreciated by all who sat there and contemplated the view.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE HEDGEHOGS GONE?

Most couples when they move into a new home eventually get around to looking at the garden. We were such a couple. We moved into a house with a garden which was bigger than our previous one. Generally it was a bit of a mess and it caused us some concern but we successfully casted it from our minds as there was more important things to do. There were areas that could politely be described as overgrown, especially the previous owners rather large veg. patch. I jokingly called these area our "Bits of Rough". When I contemplated doing something with these "bits of rough". I subconsciously observed that Birds, Butterflies, other funny insects and Hedgehogs regularly appeared. In a small wet area (uncared for pond) Frogs, Newts, Dragonflies and Tadpoles would seasonally appear.

Eventually, tidying up the garden became a bit more pressing. Bit by bit the areas of overgrown bushes, plants and long grass became transformed into neat little gardens and immaculately trimmed lawns. Much to the approval of our visitors and neighbours. The ragged hedges and conifers were soon replaced by neat fence panels.

It was only recently while mowing these neat lawns that I came to realise that there did not seem to be so many birds or butterflies or insects. The wet area was still there –just. But the number of frogs was greatly reduced – no dragonflies or newts, that I could see. But definitely no Hedgehogs.

It was during reflection while partaking of a much deserved cold beer that I realised the reason for the reduction in the number of creatures of nature was down to our “glamourisation” of our garden. We had got rid of all our “Bits of rough” and gone were the gaps which provided the access to our garden. The Hedgehogs could not get in and if they did there were no funny little insects etc for them to eat. After much reflection I made a commitment from now on I would promote “Bits of Rough”. Every home should have at least one “Bit of Rough” Every garden should have holes in their fence. Little ones to let little creature like hedgehogs and frogs and other creepy crawlies to get into our garden. Bushes, flowers long grass and trees to encourage insects etc.

It is now time to think Creepy Crawlies, Hedgehogs and little living creatures. Think “BITS OF ROUGH”



“Can I borrow your memories please?!”

Hello neighbours, We are very lucky to have John Hartle who has been so dedicated in researching Kniveton’s history, in particular the Church history. Following on from that, one of the next areas of research is going to be the history of the Vicarage – now known as Kniveton Carr. We have already compiled a list of inhabitants from 1881 to 1911, and we’ve had a couple of interesting tales about some of the residents!

- ☺ Do you have any stories about how the vicarage was involved in village life?
- ☺ Do you know who lived in the Vicarage from 1911 onwards?
- ☺ Ever attended a garden party at the Vicarage? With or without the croquet?!
- ☺ Previous inhabitants here had a resident housekeeper apparently, did you meet her?
- ☺ Did you step inside the property? Can you describe how the rooms used to be?
- ☺ Do you remember the scandal when the village’s asset of a vicarage was sold by the church?
- ☺ Do you remember when Mr Wright purchased his motor car?
- ☺ I am aiming to collect some of the more personal tales from neighbours, and if you think you could have something to share, I am planning to set aside Mondays to work on this project, so would you like to pop over?

Of course, I can promise a yummy cupcake in exchange for your story!

Thank You for any assistance you can offer,
Charlotte Cupcake Corner, Kniveton Carr

ASLAN...OR PERHAPS HOUDINI?

Many thanks to all my kind neighbours in The Hallsteads who phoned up in early January with sightings of my lost kitten, and especially to those who searched sheds and outbuildings looking for him. Thankfully, Aslan had appeared two hours after I leafleted the area. But I thought you might all like to know the full story....

I'm a volunteer 'cat cuddler' for Ashbourne Animal Welfare, and on Boxing Day afternoon I went their rescue centre, the Ark, to say hello to the cats. There was a new arrival, taken in just before Christmas – a four month old ginger kitten, named 'Santa' by the Ark staff. He was gorgeous; semi-longhaired, with big golden eyes, and the loudest purr I'd ever heard. I was smitten with him, and I left the manager a note saying I might be interested in adopting him.

The following Wednesday, December 30th, I took home my new kitten, now named 'Aslan' after the lion in C S Lewis' 'Narnia' books. I've never followed the general rule of keeping a new kitten alone in one room; I usually introduce them to the whole house and its current feline residents, and let everyone sort themselves out. In this case Aslan was a bit scared of my three older cats, but by the time I went to bed things had calmed down, and he was curled up in the conservatory and seemed quite relaxed. All doors and windows were closed, and the four-way cat door was locked on 'in only', ie cats could get in, but not out. I kissed the kitten goodnight and went to bed. It was the last time I was to see him for nearly 4 days!

December 31st...At 7-ish I get up to let the other cats out of the cat door, putting it on 'in only' again so that the kitten can't get out. But there's no sign of Aslan. Where can he be? I spend the morning looking for him. I'm a bit worried, and I take the kickboards off all the kitchen units and hunt everywhere. He appears to have vanished. Still, I know that kittens often hide when they're nervous; he'll come out when he's ready. I go to a New Year's Eve Party, hoping he'll be around when I get back...but he isn't.

January 1st...Still no Aslan. I'm becoming really worried. Where is he? Has he got stuck somewhere? There's a tiny hole in the floorboard upstairs; could he have gone down it? When I go to bed I shut the big cats in my bedroom (to their annoyance), close all doors, and put a little food in every room, with flour scattered around it to pick up tiny footprints. That way, I should find out what room he's in. And he'll come out at night, won't he, especially as he must be hungry by now.

January 2nd...No food has been touched, and there are no paw-prints in the flour. A friend who's a cat expert tells me that kittens sometimes hide for a few days in a new place. She assures me he won't be stuck, or dying of dehydration, and to try the food and flour thing again, but using strong-smelling stuff like pilchards. I do this (thank you, Brian, for the pilchards). The older cats spend a second night in my room, looking very annoyed.

January 3rd...No food or flour has been touched, again! Where is Aslan? This is the fourth day, and by now I'm sure something horrible has happened to him. I haven't slept much, and I feel really, really worried. Then, at 7.30 pm, when it's light enough to see shapes but not colours, I go into the cat run adjoining the back door to let the big cats out. There, outside the run, is a familiar-looking tiny furry shape, though I can't see its colour clearly yet. "Aslan," I cry joyfully. But he sees my cats, and takes off. Still, it HAS to be Aslan, and he's alive and well; I'm so relieved. But what on earth is he doing outside, and how did he get there when all doors were locked?

Later that morning an orange shape flashes by the window, closely pursued by one of my cats. I go outside...and it's definitely Aslan!!!! He sees me, and dashes into next door's garden. I rush round there, and Janice-at-No-14 and I get some cat food and creep outside. There he is, in the hedge. He eats the food hungrily, but won't be caught. Still snowed in, I

It's now around midday. The trap is here, but kind Janice has fed Aslan a huge bowl of food, and he's disappeared. I put some pilchards in the trap and set it, telling Janice not to feed him again, since he needs to be hungry if we're to catch him. The temperature is below zero; I can't leave the trap out overnight or he'll freeze to death in it. I check it every hour, meanwhile leafleting the area to tell people to notify me if they see a ginger kitten, but not to feed him.

It gets dark, but still no Aslan. He might have to spend another night out in sub-zero temperatures. I remind myself that he's an ex-farm kitten, and he's survived so far. At 5.15 pm I check the trap, then make a coffee and phone a friend. At 6 pm I check the trap before having a bath...and there in it is Aslan! I take him into the house and shut him in the conservatory, where he can see the other cats and me, but not escape or be chased by any of them. I give him a huge bowl of food, which he devours, so I give him another one, and he eats that too. Then he curls up on the cat activity centre, purring like the proverbial steam engine. He seems happy to be home, and none the worse for wear.

But...how did he get out? The cat door was on 'in only' all the time and none of my cats can open it the 'wrong' way. My front door opens into a covered porch, with another door to the outside, and the two doors are never allowed to be open together. There's no other way out. There was no way he could escape; it's quite impossible. Yet escape he did.

It will forever be a mystery. But one thing is certain – I should have named him 'Houdini'.

Helen Krasner



CHURCH FLOWER ROTA 2010

February	P Stafford A Gascoyne	August	N Bradbury C Goldstraw
March	M Lomas J Thorne	September	S Lang
April	Donations for Easter	October	Mrs Radlett J Homan
May	J Rose Mrs Hardy- Newman	November	J Hall J Holman
June	F Brown D Broughton	December	J Hall J Charlesworth
July	M James G Hulland	Enquiries	Pam Stafford 345716

Church News

Church Improvements

The installation of the new toilet & tea-point is practically complete, subject to a couple of small outstanding jobs. They both fit their surroundings well & surprisingly set the font off beautifully. The tea-point has already proved useful - no more carting huge flasks around - and several people have been grateful for the loo! The whole pew taken out has been reused upstairs to provide more seating room on the balcony. This project has been carefully overseen by John Bradbury from inception to completion and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work & commitment to this task. Thank you also to Nancy Bradbury & all her helpers who made sure the church was usable again as soon as the work was finished.

Kneelers

With a new year & an improved church comes new kneelers. I shall be looking to collect these in the next month, so be warned!

Carol Singing

Despite all the inclement weather, the carol singing night went well. We raised £83, half of which is for church funds and the other half for the Padley Centre, which is a Derby-based charity which helps with issues such as homelessness, mental health issues, learning disabilities & drug & alcohol addictions.

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box results. In the previous edition of the News I promised more details this month. Thank you again to everyone who helped with the campaign this last year. Our total, i.e. the number of boxes we processed here in Ashbourne, is 916. This does not include a considerable number which were taken to the main warehouses through other sources, i.e. those I don't know about. The warehouse in Derby dealt with over 10,000 boxes, slightly more than last year, and these arrived in Serbia before Christmas. The Chesterfield warehouse checked and sent out about 30,000. We all feel that this is an excellent result in these difficult times. As always, the lowest number of boxes went to the 2-4 age group (164), next group was 10 – 14 (257), with the 5 – 9 group totalling 494. Like many of you, I have already begun to collect for next year – the sales are an excellent opportunity, and some of you are already knitting! I have kept Christmas cracker novelties to pop into corners. Please save your shoe boxes, but please remember that large, square ones are a problem as they reduce the number of boxes we are able to send out on the transport, and this could mean disappointed children. In this instance, smaller (but not small children's sizes, please) and beautiful is the order of the day. If anyone has storage space they can offer if we run out of room please let me know.

In addition to the shoeboxes we took several bags and boxes of spare toys, beautifully knitted baby clothes, and other items which had to be removed from the boxes (liquids, food, etc). These goods will go out early this year. We have now been asked NOT to accept knitted toys – unfortunately these are proving a problem as more countries are now refusing these, however lovely these are.

We are grateful to Anneliese Bates (Sue and Stuart Avery's daughter) who organised an impressive collection at Clifton School and brought their boxes to the Kniveton blessing service. Together with the boxes from the village we had a chapel full of boxes.

Betty Hadley. Ashbourne District Co-ordinator. 01335 300699.

**LATEST UPDATE FROM
YOUR
SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICER**



Happy New Year from your Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team!

During the month of December several incidents of flooding (due to a blocked drain) on Spend Lane were reported by drivers, residents and the local Water Bailiff. The issue was also raised at the Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team Governance Meeting held on 9 December 2009 at Fenny Bentley School. Also mentioned was the missing 'Warning' sign from the A515 opposite Valley View, Fenny Bentley. All relevant agencies have been informed and hopefully the issues will soon be rectified.

The B5056 to Bakewell is still closed to traffic and has caused many logistical issues. On the 1st December a track machine being used by the workmen at the site of the landslide had its windscreen stolen. This is not common practice around this area, but it does happen!

On the 31st December at approximately 7pm at Mappleton a suspicious incident was reported. A resident was walking through the village when a male pulled up in silver estate car and asked if they would like a lift to Ashbourne, offer refused and the vehicle drove away.

Dog fouling!this is happening at Fenny Bentley on a regular basis on the lane leading to Ashes Farm Barn. Please be considerate and think of the children, walkers and residents that enjoy the area.

If anyone has any information regarding these incidents please contact Ashbourne Police on 0345 123 33 33.

On a lighter note, the Mappleton New Years Day Boat Race and Bridge Jump was a great success although it was very, very cold; apparently the water was the coldest for many years. No incidents were reported at the event.

At Fenny Bentley on 1st January a vehicle skidded off the road and damaged a fence, no injuries but a narrow escape for the driver. Two days later another vehicle skidded off the road into a garden, down a steep bank, again no serious injuries; this was at Kniveton during the day at around 1pm.

The snow began to fall.....and settled; causing several incidents around the area, the road from Tissington down to Bentley Brook was like a sheet of ice, causing many drivers to abandon their vehicles on the verges. Many villages were inaccessible. A 50mph sign on the A515 was damaged by a vehicle, but the majority of 'calls for service' were from stranded drivers and reports of abandoned vehicles.

An eagle-eyed resident of Tissington reported a suspicious vehicle driving back and forth outside the Hall. There were four males in the Black VW Tourag 4x4, the driver smartly dressed, approximately 45 years old with greying hair and grey beard. When checked they were not local to Derbyshire. Please report any suspicious incidents to the Police. Better to be safe than sorry, we are here to check out any reports.

On Sunday the 17th January at 6.30am a HGV Artic lorry, jack-knifed on the A515 due to 'black ice' causing severe damage to a wall. There were other vehicles involved, but luckily no serious injuries. All emergency services were there within minutes to deal with the incident and the A515 Fenny Bentley stretch was closed for several hours.

Due to the adverse snowy weather conditions please be aware of the dangers it may create.

Please contact me at the Police Station if you have any queries and I will do my best to help.

We continue to live in area that is low on crime and anti-social behaviour. In relation to this it continues to be one of the best areas in the country to live.

kids' pages

Happy New Year to everyone from the children and staff of Kniveton Primary. We thought we would start the New Year by sharing reports we have written about some of the activities we have been doing in school.

We are still working with our aeronautical engineer friend, Mr.Peck, who works for STEM. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) We are investigating sustainable energy sources with our International friends in Gambia and Indonesia. We have made solar boats, solar ovens and solar cars. We have also worked with Monique from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to make eco homes.

Mr.Peck is traveling with Ms. Cartlidge, Mrs. Board and Mrs.Poole to our partner school in Gambia over February half term to look at wind power in the Gambia.

SOLAR OVENS

On the 3rd of December (a very cold day) Mr.Peck, an aeronautical engineer from STEM , came to teach Kniveton Primary about solar ovens. First he did an introductory talk to explain what the children had to do and then the pupils of Class 3 sped off to start work building their solar ovens.

The suspense was killing people; they wanted to know if their solar oven had won by heating water to the highest temperature. The pupils used a spotlight because the sun had played a game of hide and seek with them and hadn't come out of hiding! Josh and Joe declared to everyone in the room,"Our plastic cup melted in 15 seconds!" Matty G. and Matty Y. used loads of black bin bags to design their solar oven and it 'stole' all of the heat.

Finally the results were in....Joe and Josh were the winners. We wrote our names on the ovens and then put them on display for the whole school to see. After that Mr.Peck had a chat to Class 3 about solar ovens. Soon the afternoon was over and it was time to go home.

By Charlie Watkinson.

CHRISTMAS AT KNIVETON

On the 7th, 8th and 10th December Kniveton Primary School put on a brilliant play. It was called Cinderella Rockerfeller, a different version to the one we now. The show had great reports and the tired children say that they had enormous fun during rehearsals.

The show took place in Kniveton Village Hall. (Although it's quite small there was still enough room.) The lead roles were played by: Amy Hill as Cinderella, Charlie Watkinson as Rockerfeller (the love of Cinder's life) Toby Doran as the Fairy Godmother...apparently nobody expected that! Who would though? Some of the children were kind enough and patient enough to answer some of our questions. They all reported that they were very proud of Amy, aka Cinders, for singing so fantastically.

A few of the children had to work extra hard and learn two parts. However they were just as brilliant as the children with just one role! Afterwards the Mums, Dads and OAPs, or, if preferred, Grandparents, got some biscuits and items like that. Backstage the children were getting changed in their lovely dressing room (the classroom!) Even though they weren't as good as the professionals they did extremely well....

By Martha Schofield.

SOLAR CARS

On the 17th of September Class 3 built solar cars. Everybody started to build their car .Despite the fact that it was meant to be just fun everyone wanted to WIN!

Meanwhile, in distress, everybody had to alter the fiddly gears to get their car to move. The clock ticked on until a group finished. Worriedly everyone tried to go even faster. Eventually they all finished.

A few unfortunate groups' cars didn't work

(They quickly tried to find out what was wrong) Outstandingly some managed to fix them with a lot of patience. It was time for the competition. Some teams were aggressive and some teams were doubtful.

Each person was timed how fast their car traveled a metre. Everybody put their cars on the starting line. Once everyone was finished they were left wondering...what was the result?

Mr.Peck wrote everybody's name on the board, worst to best. Fearlessly outstanding, Max and Al won!

By Al Monteith.

ATHLETICS ACHIEVEMENT

One bright, sunny day, the first of December, some of the pupils from Kniveton Primary School(instead of going to school) went to a small schools' athletics competition. There were a variety of schools there. (They had all won their own competitions)

Having previously come first in their qualifier, Kniveton were hoping for victory. First came the field events; some people were doing jumping including the triple jump, standing jump, long jump and many more. Meanwhile other contestants were doing throwing events including javelin as well as throwing netball as far as possible. Despite the fact that all this was going on nobody was looking drained because every contestant could only do two events. Therefore it didn't take long to finish.

Next came the running events.

As the races started the tempo changed from low to high; everybody got very edgy, all wanting to win. All the children from Kniveton were superb at running. All the races were incredibly close. After all these were finished it was time for

THE RESULT.

Who would be the overall winner? Every team had done really well. Every team went out apart from Kniveton and another school. Who would be first? In the end Kniveton came second out of all the schools in Derbyshire. They were ecstatic about just getting into the final and being 'almost winners.' All the medals were taunting them , laughing in their faces.

Race winner, Josh Young, exclaimed," I'm just thrilled about coming second and it was a brilliant all round performance by everyone and I really enjoyed myself."

At the end of the day everyone went home knowing that it was a brilliant achievement.

By Matthew Griffiths.



THE WEAKEST LINK

Early in 2009 I applied to be a contestant on the BBC1 daily quiz show ‘The Weakest Link’, using the form on the BBC website. It was winter, I was bored, and I quite fancied sparring with Ann Robinson. Plus the odds of winning a reasonable amount of money weren’t that bad either!

A few months later, when I’d already forgotten all about it, I was invited to attend an audition in Derby. I have no idea if they invite everyone, or if they liked my application. I don’t suppose having been on a couple of quiz programmes before and having an unusual job did me any harm! Anyway, we played a round of the game, did a quick and easy general knowledge test, and chatted in front of a camera. Soon afterwards I heard that I had been accepted, but was told that it could be some time before I would be on the show.

Time passed, and it was September before I was contacted. My show was to be recorded at 8.30 am on a morning in October. I would be put up at the Heathrow Sheraton the night before if I wished, all expenses paid of course. Travel was sorted out and paid for, and I was sent a list of what to bring, which included three outfits of different colours so that they could make sure we all looked different. And no black, white, bright red, or denim....help, what other clothes do I have?

On the Big Day all my team were picked up from the hotel at 8 am and taken to Pinewood Studios. Then followed a couple of hours of preparations: wardrobe and makeup, photos of us before the show, and rehearsals of things like making sure we all turned our boards the same way and exactly where to go when voted off as ‘The Weakest Link’. Small people got given platforms to stand on, and the wardrobe people appeared frequently to tweak hair and clothes into perfection. It all took much longer than you would believe possible, especially as we had one person who simply couldn’t get things right...there’s always one! He was a nice chap, but simply couldn’t follow simple instructions. We got rid of him after the first round though – I think it’s called being practical. But I bet when the programme was shown people wondered why we all ganged up on poor Brian!

Finally we were ready for the show, and at that point Ann Robinson walked on. No, you don’t meet her in advance; the poor woman does three shows in a day, which is enough for anyone. After that the show went pretty much as it does on TV, except that things took longer and were repeated if necessary. But it was very slick, and also quite scary with all the cameras and darkness and music. However, we did get a break between rounds, while they worked out the weakest and strongest links in that round and other important facts. We

chatted, and all of us agreed their hearts were thumping, though none of knew quite why.

And Ann Robinson? She's clearly tough, but not nearly as frightening as she seems on TV. She's tiny for a start, and is obviously playing a part – and playing it well. But when a contestant dug himself a hole, and then proceeded to dig it deeper, the contestants were all laughing, and I could see that Ann was trying to hide the twinkle in her eye. I enjoyed talking to her...but you do need to be quite thick-skinned, as anyone who's watched the programme will know! My general knowledge isn't that good, but nevertheless, I was a little annoyed to be voted off in the second round. However, I didn't answer any of my questions, so it was fair enough. Once voted off, you are interviewed for the comments part of the programme, then get to eat and drink, chat, and watch the rest of the show on a big TV screen – all very sociable and fun. And to wish it had all been different and you were still there...

They work several months ahead, but you are notified as to when your programme will be shown. Again, I'd forgotten all about it by then. It all seems very different on TV, and I was surprised at how good we all looked – but then, the wardrobe people were very good, and my team were a nice friendly bunch! Overall I found it all great fun. However, it was time-consuming and quite stressful, and I'm not sure if I'd do anything similar again. But maybe, in a year or two... Helen Krasner

Villagers may like to know that the refreshments sold at the Christmas Craft & Gift Fair held at the village hall on 14th November, raised £81-40.

This was donated to Children In Need.

If people would like to have a stall at the fair to be held one Saturday near Christmas 2010 (probably November 14th), then please let Lesley know on 01335 300682. Stalls will be £5 as last year. You can share a stall with friends and make a little extra money for Christmas. We have many talented people living in Kniveton all making amazing things, lets show the world (well Derbyshire anyway).

Keeping your Village's Community – Kniveton



**Picture by Heather, aged 5, Bakewell C of E Infant School
Working with the community to promote housing development**

My name is Isabel Bellamy and I am the Rural Housing Enabler for Derbyshire Dales and High Peak. My role is to work with Parish Councils and communities to help develop affordable housing for local people where there is an identified need.

A Parish Needs Survey will have been recently posted through your door! Please complete this important housing survey as it may lead to a small development of affordable houses for local people in Kniveton.

Many local communities are concerned because villagers are having to move elsewhere to find suitable housing. Young and old alike are forced to move away from their family and friends because rents and house prices have soared in rural areas making it impossible for them to stay, much as they might like to. And it's not only villagers themselves that are suffering; services, such as primary schools, are having to close thereby worsening the situation.

Any affordable homes built as a result of this survey would fit well with their surroundings and remain for the use of villagers and those with a close family or, in some cases, work connection to the Parish. Homes would be for rent and shared ownership and must remain affordable for present and future occupants. The shared ownership properties (also known as "Homebuy") cannot be completely owned and then sold off. Affordable housing can, for example, assist younger villagers to gain access to the housing ladder, which would otherwise be closed to them, or can assist older people currently in unsuitable housing due to a health or mobility problem.

If a need is established, there could soon be a small development in Kniveton available for local people to help them stay within their own community. Please return completed survey forms in the freepost envelope by **Monday 15 February 2010**.

If you have any queries, or know of any particular site that may have potential, please contact Isabel Bellamy, Rural Housing Enabler Derbyshire Dales and High Peak, Derbyshire Dales District Council on 01629 761256 or email Isabel.Bellamy@derbyshiredales.gov.uk. Reports of other parishes' housing needs are available at www.derbyshirercc.org.uk/work_housing_needs_surveys.htm or http://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/housing_and_homelessness/default.asp or contact Isabel for a copy.

THE KNIVETON VILLAGE COVENANT, 1766.

This is a transcript of a document I discovered in the Derby Record Office, Matlock.

“We whose names are hereunder written being inhabitants of the parish of Kniveton in the County of Derby do each of us for himself and herself his and her respective heirs Executors and Administrators hereby covenant promise and agree to and with each other and the heirs Executors and Administrators of each other that we or any of us will not at any time hereafter hire any Servant or Servants for any longer Term or time than for eleven months nor in any other manner or form whereby such Servant or Servants shall or may by means of such hiring and service gain a legal settlement within the said Parish. And we so further each for himself and herself and for his and her heirs Executors and administrators covenant promise and agree to and with each other of us that each or any of us who shall be guilty of a breach of this Covenant shall from time to time and as often as such breach shall happen pay and forfeit the sum of five pounds to be applied in aid of the poor assessments of the said parish and to be recovered by Action or Actions at Law to be brought against such person or persons who shall be guilty of a breach of the aforesaid Covenant as Defendants in the name of all or anyone of the rest of us as plaintiff or plaintiffs and so *totiens quotiens* as often as the Case should happen.”

**Thomas Wain Daniel Bagshaw John Greensmith Jnr. Thos.
Buxton Thos Millward Edwd Hurd John Greensmith John
Warrington Jos Frost Mary Wiberly {x} Thom Wigley Samuel
Hodgkinson {x} Geo Tomlinson W. Hurd Edwrd Hodgkinson Thos
Campion Isaac Greaves Joseph Gerard Saml Webster Charles
Oakden Willm Bagshaw John Marsden Saml Kirkland John
Hurd Ged Holmes Wm Cantrell Robt Johnson {x} John Hurd Thos
Yeomans Edwd Hurd John Crrichlow Ephraim Hudson Clemens
Radford Saml Blore James Gillman Thos Wain {x} Robt Wigley
“Sealed, Signed and Delivered this 3rd day of December 1766 in the
presence John Buxton Wm Wigley John Wibberly William
Spencer Thos Dakin George Jackson”**

- **The Covenant is a legal agreement designed to stop individuals, or families, entering the village and gaining legal settlement status through employment, so qualifying for parish support in times of difficulty.**
- **The fine of £5 is equivalent to £374 today, a sufficient deterrent, perhaps?**
- **The 37 signatories + 6 witnesses represent a fairly accurate census of householders, minus those on parish support.**
- **Other post 1766 signatories were added, but I can find no mention of many of the signatories being fined. The Covenant obviously worked!**

John Hartle

The Get Together Club

A very big thank you to Kniveton Parish Council, Acclaim Housing Group, Derbyshire Dales and High Peak Local Strategic Partnership Choosing Health and the trustees of E S Exton deceased (trustees L M Rose and C J Springall) for their kind donation to funds.

Once again this year we went to Marsh Farm for our Christmas dinner. As usual the meal was lovely, a real credit to Mrs Hollins and her staff.

Our January meeting was cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting is on February 18th in the Village Hall.

**WE HAVE A DATE CHANGE TO OUR 2010 PROGRAMME.
THE MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 8TH NOT JULY 1ST.**

All 30 places have now been taken for our holiday in September to Hayling Island.

If you would like to come along to our meetings or have a copy of the programme please contact Liz (346078) or Margaret (344064).

Andy & Cheryl welcome you to The Red Lion Kniveton



Valentine Dining

Set menu £12.95 per person 4 Courses
Sat & Sun 14 & 15 February. Bookings only



Steak Night Thursdays 2 for £20 inc. glass of wine.. Bookings only

Winter Warmers Tuesdays Pie, peas and a pint £4.95

Curry Night Wednesday

Forthcoming

Ladies Night

Soul Night



KNIVETON WI

The first meeting of the year saw the new President June Holman welcome the members on a snow free evening. Letters expressing grateful thanks were read from some recipients of the Christmas parcels. After the business side of the meeting was completed June welcomed Charlotte Marsh the founder of Cup Cake Corner who was the speaker for the evening.

Charlotte did not have far to come as she literally lives next door to the hall. She went on to tell the meeting that she developed Coeliac Disease about five years ago and proceeded to then inform the members of the effects the disease and the problems of learning to live with a gluten free diet. We learnt that 1 in 100 people develop or are born with the complaint but a blood test now exists to help with early diagnosis. Charlotte then went on to explain how she had the idea to bake gluten free cup cakes and after lots of research had started her business Cup Cake Corner which had been well received with endorsements from TV Chef Phil Vickory. Members were then treated to samples of her cakes with some members making purchases .

A vote of thanks was given for a very interesting evening by Pam Stafford.

The raffle was won by Fiona Brown, hostesses for the evening were Barbara Stafford and Pam Stafford.

The next meeting is on February 17th at 7.30pm in the village hall when the speaker will be Sarah Byard a Seamstress from Chatsworth.

ALL VILLAGE LADIES WELCOME One for your diaries!

What? SOS FASHION SHOW
Where? Village Hall
When? Wed April 21st at 7.30pm

Kniveton WI are hosting a fashion show by SOS Fashion, who buy current season overtakes of all the big-name stores. All sizes, all tastes catered for. Come & see the WI in all its finery & grab yourself a bargain.

£3 entrance free, which includes refreshments.



Kniveton Contacts

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Church Wardens	John Bradbury	344166
	June Holman	300818
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Youth Club	Paul & Fiona Brown	346564
Neighbourhood Watch	Situation vacant	-
Kniveton WI	Pam Stafford	345716
-	-	-
Village Hall	Nancy Bradbury	344166
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Ashbourne	Scouts	
	Cubs	
	Beavers	343059
Ashbourne	Rainbows	
	Brownies	
	Guides	360781
The Red Lion Kniveton	Andy and Cheryl	345554
The Ketch Kniveton	Barry and Charlie	301194
Household Waste	DDDC	
Collections		341009
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Kniveton Newsletter Diary	Ray Frampton	346280
Get Together Club	Liz Howe	346078
	Margaret Clark	344064
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Police	non emergency	0345 1233333
Crimestoppers	Anonymous information	0800 555 111
Call Derbyshire	Highways, dogs etc	08456 058 058
Severn Trent Water	Identity of callers	0800 783 4444

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WHERE ARE YOU LEAVING YOUR DOG'S POO BAGS?



Take your bags with you but don't automatically expect somewhere to put them once used. Some of our paths have special "doggy doings" bins, but some don't. Make sure you have an alternative method of bag disposal, that doesn't involve leaving full bags dangling off trees and bushes OR IN THE FIELDS SURROUNDING THE VILLAGE.

Ideally your dog should be trained to foul within your own garden where it is easier to clear up and dispose of correctly. If your dog fouls in a public place please pick the dog waste using a suitable plastic bag. **Having sealed the bag it can be disposed of in any designated district council litter bin, dog waste bin or in the bin provided for your domestic refuse.** If you wish to use 'poop-scoop' bags they can be purchased quite cheaply from most shops selling pet supplies, however, the re-use of carrier or similar plastic bags is more than acceptable. A local resident is leaving their bags, on a regular basis, in the field at the end of Chapel Lane. **WE ARE WATCHING!** It's just as bad leaving the bags around as letting it just go anywhere, they are the same health hazard. Just take them home. If you see someone leaving bags report them.

For more information please contact: Environment Hotline: 01629 761215
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