KNIVETON NEWS

KNIVETON'S ONLY PAPER June-July 2010

LET'S GET TOGETHER! VILLAGE bbq

Last Saturday in July 31st, at Church Farm, beginning at 3.30pm

Food served 5.00-7.00pm then..... party......PARTY! As last year, all soft drinks free. Small raffle.

Max number 100 so buy your ticket early.

Any profit will go to charity.

Adults £5.00 - Children under 12 years £3.00 Under 2 years FREE A chance for the whole village to get together, catch up and have a good time.

Tickets available from Poug and Lesley at Church Farm, Tel: 01335



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WATER 3.00pm

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I APOLOGISE IF THIS OFFENDS YOU. I COULD NOT RESIST SHOWING YOU THIS SIGN SEEN ON A WALL IN KENT THIS YEAR.



Friday July 16th Kniveton School Summer Fete

Live music, Stalls, barbeque, bar/ drinks, competitions



Everyone welcome.
All funds raised go to the school
Opens on school field at 6

JUNE DIARY

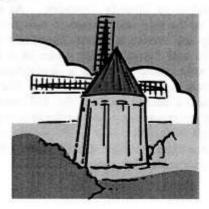
- Kniveton Parish Council meeting 7.45p.m. In the Village Hall.
- 2. Blue Box Paper and glass Collection
- Get Together Club "Flower Arranging"
- Church Parish Communion and Baptism 10.30 am
 Flowers– Mrs F.Brown and Mrs D.Broughton
- Village Whist Drive in the Village hall at 8.00 pm
 In aid of church yard funds
- 10. Green Bin compostable collection
- 13. No service at Kniveton, but meeting at Hulland Chapel at 6.30 pm
- Blue Box Paper and glass Collection
 WI Garden Meeting at Willowbank (fund raising) 7.30pm
 Please all bring Raffle prizes, Plant swap and Produce sale
- 20. Church Family Service 10.30
- Green Bin compostable Collection
- 27. Chapel Joint Family Service, Sister Merle preaching. 11 am service.
- 30. Blue Box Paper and glass Collection

THANK YOU

Jennifer Hall would like to thank everyone for their cards and presents following her recent stay in hospital

JULY DIARY

- Holland Church 11 00 a.m. Rector's Celebration Eucharist celebrating 2 years as a priest. All are invited
- 3 00 p.m. Carsington Water Songs of Praise (no service at Kniveton on this day). Do support this ecumenical service of praise.
 - Church flowers for the month Mrs M.James and Mrs G.Hulland
- Green Bin compostable collection
 Get Together Club "A tour and afternoon tea"
- Chapel Anniversary service. Rev. Chris Eddy preaching.
 2.30 pm. Followed by tea in the Village Hall.
- Village Whist drive in the village Hall Blue Box Paper and glass Collection
- 16. Kniveton School Fete -see article
- 21. W.I. Heage Windmill
- Green Bin compostable collection
- 24. Community Waste Collection (See times below)
- Chapel Anniversary service. Rev. Chris Eddy preaching. Followed by tea at 2.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.
- 28. Blue Box Paper and glass Collection
- 31. Village B.B.Q see article

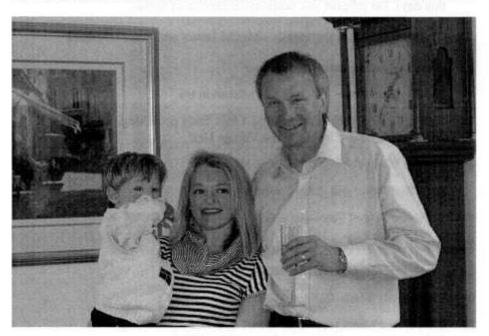


JAMES SAVIDGE

Rob and Luisa Savidge would like to thank all who were present at the family service at Kniveton Church on Sunday 2nd May.

James' Christening was a wonderful occasion for us, made all the more special by a great atmosphere in the Church and kind words from villagers.

A very special thank you to Rev Chris Mitchell for a lovely service that we will



SISTER MERLE

As many of you are aware Sister Merle was selected for the Royal Presentation at Derby Cathedral on Maundy Thursday. At the time we all gave our congratulation on the very much deserved recognition of Merle's selfless and

dedicated help and service to others. Especially in the out backs of Kenya and throughout her years as a Methodist minister.. We were unable to obtain a photograph of Sister Merle but we have managed the next best thing. The Maunday money are coins especially minted for this occasion and consists of one penny for every year of the Queen's life. The photographs with this article are of the £5 and 50 pence silver coins. There are other smaller denomination silver coins making up the face value of 83 pence.

DREAM COMES TRUE

When we first came to Kniveton we had a small single berth boat which we cruised on the canals and rivers. On one cruise we sailed passed the Anderton Boat Lift and we thought how wonderful it would be to have our little cruiser lifted from the River Weaver to the Trent and Mersey Canal. Regrettably the Lift was being totally renovated at the time and not in use so we never realised our dream. We were thrilled to be informed that the Get together club organisers Liz and Margaret were planning a Get together Club outing to the Anderton Boat Lift. I think our names were first on the list. The great day arrived, and despite a forecast of rain the weather was great and we all enjoyed a relaxing coach ride through the beautiful Staffordshire and Cheshire countryside. The Anderton lift is a magnificent piece of Victorian engineering and has a fascinating history since it's inception in the late 18th century. We were booked on a barge that was going to be lowered by the Lift from the Trent and Mersey Canal into the River Weaver 85 feet below. Many of the G.T.C members continued on the boat for a cruise down the River Weaver while others enjoyed a tasty break in the cafe. A fantastic day was had by the GTC Members and friends and all expressed their appreciation to Liz, Margaret and the coach driver for a fantastic day out. For us it really was a dream come true.

PARISH CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The church AGM was held on Tuesday 13th April. John Bradbury & June Lomas were re-elected as churchwardens, Susan Clark & Fiona Brown as secretary & treasurer respectively. The Rector noted that there had been a general decline in average Sunday attendances in all Parishes in comparison to last year. This is also a national trend. The Rector stated that the Churches will be seeking and promoting ideas to reverse this trend and increasing congregation attendance. The churchwardens reported that there is still work to be done on the church, namely repairs to the porch, guttering & pointing. The church will also be decorated this year. (All this expenditure will mean fund-raising, so if anyone has any ideas, please let us know.) Mike Armstrong stood down from the PCC for health reasons and Mollie Armstrong was voted on. All other committee members were re-elected.

COMMUNITY WASTE COLLECTION 24th JULY

Ketch - 0745 to 0815

Chapel Lane 0820 to 9.00

Hallsteads 9.05 to 9.45

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL MEETING

The village Hall Management Committee held their Annual General Meeting. Regrettably despite an Invitation in the last Newsletter no members of the village community were in attendance. The present committee re-elected to their current committee responsibilities. members Regrettably Mike Armstrong resigned. The committee wish to record their very grateful thanks to Mike for all the work and his valuable contributions to the betterment of the Village Hall since the very start of the Village Hall. Should any member of the Village community wish to become a member of the Committee they should initially contact the Secretary Ian Stafford. The Village hall heating was again discussed at length as it was felt that the present system could be improved and be more efficient. No conclusion was reached but research will continue. It was agreed that the interior of the Hall would be redecorated as it was overdue. A quotation was received from the company who carried out the last redecoration. The committee was pleased with his work and the decorator was prepared to quote the same price. The chairman was instructed to accept the quotation. The treasurer presented interim accounts to the end of March which reflected the recent increase in the school rent. The Electricity account indicated a reduction in cost due to the change of supplier. The Treasurer also presented a small annual summery on the actual modest cash holdings from 2003. The summary showed a modest increase in our bank account over the period and it indicated that the use by the school was financially beneficial as is the contributions made by local clubs and organisations and families that use the hall for commemorative parties etc. The committee appreciate and recognise all of these contributions which have enabled the committee over the years to maintain the Village Hall in its pristine condition. Ray Frampton expressed his thanks and gratitude to the committee for their very generous donation to the cost of printing the Kniveton Newsletter. The date of the next village Hall meeting is at 7.00 pm on the 29th September 2010

WHIST DRIVE

Every second Wednesday in the village Hall at 8.00 p.m. John and Nancy Bradbury organise a village Whist Drive in aid of a charity or good cause in the village. This card game is not very well known amongst the younger generations as it has not yet made it as a computer game but it has always been a lot of fun and entertaining to the older generations. Regrettably numbers attending are reducing and it would be a shame if this benefit to the community and good causes were to cease due to lack of numbers. If you are interested in learning more about this game or just want to improve your skills John and Nancy would love to hear from you. The April Whist Drive raised £38 and the May whist Drive raised £47.23 both for the Church Yard fund.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual Parish Council meeting was held in the Village Hall on the 20th April. The Chairman of the Governors of Kniveton School presented "Glowing" Governors Annual Report to the Parish Council. The current Chairman, John Bradbury was re-elected Chairman for another Year. Councillor Liz Howe was elected Vice Chairman. The previously proposed "Gated" signs for slowing vehicles entering the village were discussed to resolve construction problems. The ongoing problem of "Off Roaders" and Motorcycles using the road over Madge Hill was discussed at length. A Derbyshire County Councillor who was in attendance at this meeting explained that there seemed little chance of legally preventing these vehicles from using the road over Madge Hill. Representative for the Bikers etc have claimed that they have established previous rights to use this road over many years. The matter has been deferred. Flooding at the bottom of the village is still unresolved. The resolution of the flooding problem is now further complicated by the fact that the culvert runs under private property. A meeting of all interested parties is to be arranged. The reseeding of part of the Playing field is to be carried out. The insurance covering the Playing field has been clarified. Regular checks are to be carried out on the equipment etc to ensure that they are not damaged or likely to cause accidents. During holiday times Kniveton Parish Council will carry out regular checks. Should any member of the public notice any damage etc they are requested to report it immediately to a member of the Parish Council. There were concerns express by the renewed "Activities" being organised by and on New House Farm. The Police and the Environmental Health have been advised. Local residents have expressed their concerns as they have previously experience bad behaviour. It is understood that the District Council has not received or granted any licence for these activities. During the discussion on Finance a very generous donation was made to The Newsletter to help finance the coming years Newsletters. Ray Frampton expressed his very grateful thanks to the councillors for their donation and support. The next Council meeting is on 1st June. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Church News

July will be a little different this year as we aren't having our normal Holy Communion service on July 4th as is it is the Ashbourne Churches Together Songs of Praise that day at Carsington Water at 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Then on the Sunday 18th July our service will be Holy Communion at 10.30am.

Kniveton Chapel Anniversary. 11th July. 2.30 pm

Our Chapel Anniversary this year will be rather special. Our previous Circuit Superintendent, Rev. Chris Eddy, will be taking the Service, and we are all very much looking forward to his visit. We hope for a full church, and invite friends and holiday visitors from the village, as well as from the rest of the Methodist Circuit, to share the occasion with us. We are providing a buffet tea after the service, in the Village Hall, and, again, all are invited. We have asked as many as possible to use the village hall car park, as space near the chapel is limited. We look forward to seeing you.

We were delighted to learn of Lester Lowe's Mayor's Community Service Award. He and Nina will again be hosting children visiting from Belarus during June, which is one of the areas for which Lester received the honour.

We are proceeding with maintenance work on the Chapel, and hope to have most of it done before the Anniversary.

Some of you will know that David Bott acted as Auctioneer at the recent Auction of Promises at the Methodist Church in Ashbourne, in aid of Action for Children (previously called NCH). We are delighted that the sum of £2,500 was raised, and as you might expect, we had an evening of and laughter, as well as it being a profitable evening. Thank you, David!

For sale - Best Offer (for Charity)

I would like to offer the following two items for sale for Charity. They will go to the person who places the highest bid before 19th June. If you are interested, please contact Sue Lang on 344093.

Bygone Kniveton - (Book)

This is a delightful book of 121 pages with pictures of village life and Bills of Sale dating back to the early 1900's. It was compiled in the year 2000 by P Allen who had lived in the village. It was a limited edition and no more copies are available.

Map of Kniveton - Picture in frame Map taken from the epic first large scale survey of Great Britain 1845-99

Size 44 x 34 cm approx. Doris Banning





KNIVETON PARISH AGM 20th APRIL 2010 REPORT OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The School remains in good heart and running at full pace under the excellent and energetic leadership of the Head teacher and all the staff. The School now has approximately 70 pupils which is lower than last year. The numbers vary as people move or leave the area. As some have queried whether this number of pupils is good for the School, the Governors wish to make it clear that in their view, as long as class sizes are at sensible levels, it is. There is a "chicken" and "egg" situation in that if pupil numbers reduce funding also reduces which would mean that the School might be unable to employ sufficient teaching and other staff. The present pupil numbers mean that the School has been able to recruit and retain an additional teacher, Miss Manton, who is producing some excellent results.

The reports of all external advisors have been complimentary to the School and the School continues to win awards in a number of important areas. However a tough OFSTED Inspection is shortly take place with little notice being given. The School has built on and maintained, it's International links especially with the Gambia.

The Governors hope that parents parking which remains a problem has improved following the introduction of a staggered system and this has led to a lot less congestion.

The School and the community has benefited considerably from the new games area to be provided in the Parish field by the County Council with some external support. It is an excellent facility and one we should all be proud of The School continues to look for further opportunities to improve facilities and equipment. A link between the School Building and Village Hall is seen as an important aim has been agreed in principle with the Village Hall Committee but funding has to be put in place and any permission obtained.

The Governing body is well represented with parents and community representatives from the village. Serving as a Governor is a voluntary and unpaid job and each and every Governor has worked very hard for the School using their individual talents. The Village should be appreciative of these unsung heroes.

The prospects for the year ahead are good and despite "the credit crunch" the number of pupils and teaching staff are likely to remain at a similar level. As always the Governors are open to constructive comments and new ideas are always welcome. The School takes great pride in it's community links and works hard to maintain them.

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Chairman - Governors of Kniveton School

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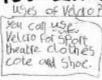
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NIGEL JOHNSON-HILL, PARK FARM, MILLAND, LIPHOOK GU30 7JT

Rt Hon David Miliband MP

Secretary of State

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA),

Nobel House 17 Smith Square

17 Smith Square London

SW1P 3JR 16 July 2009

Dear Secretary of State,

My friend, who is in farming at the moment, recently received a cheque for £3,000 from the Rural Payments Agency for not rearing pigs. I would now like to join the "not rearing pigs" business.

In your opinion, what is the best kind of farm not to rear pigs on, and which is the best breed of pigs not to rear? I want to be sure I approach this endeavour in keeping with all government policies, as dictated by the EU under the Common Agricultural Policy.

I would prefer not to rear bacon pigs, but if this is not the type you want not rearing, I will just as gladly not rear porkers. Are there any advantages in not rearing rare breeds such as Saddlebacks or Gloucester Old Spots, or are there too many people already not rearing these?

As I see it, the hardest part of this programme will be keeping an accurate record of how many pigs I haven't reared. Are there any Government or Local Authority courses on this?

My friend is very satisfied with this business. He has been rearing pigs for forty years or so, and the best he ever made on them was £1,422 in 1968. That is - until this year, when he received a cheque for not rearing any.

If I get £3,000 for not rearing 50 pigs, will I get £6,000 for not rearing 100? I plan to operate on a small scale at first, holding myself down to about 4,000 pigs not raised, which will mean about £240,000 for the first year. As I become more expert in not rearing pigs, I plan to be more ambitious, perhaps increasing to, say, 40,000 pigs not reared in my second year, for which I should expect about £2.4 million from your department. Incidentally, I wonder if I would be eligible to receive tradable carbon credits for all these pigs not producing harmful and polluting methane gases?

Another point: These pigs that I plan not to rear will not eat 2,000 tonnes of cereals. I understand that you also pay farmers for not growing crops. Will I qualify for payments for not growing cereals to not feed the pigs I don't rear? I am also considering the "not milking cows" business, so please send any information you have on that too. Please could you also include the current Defra advice on set aside fields? Can this be done on an e-commerce basis with virtual fields (of which I seem to have several thousand hectares)?

In view of the above you will realise that I will be totally unemployed, and will therefore qualify for unemployment benefits. I shall of course be voting for your party at the next general election.

Yours faithfully, Nigel Johnson-Hill

KNIVETON A CENTURY AGO

The following basic information about Kniveton 100 years ago is taken from the 1911 Census, normally embargoed for 100 years but published in 2009 section by section to prevent the 2001 situation recurring, when demand for the data was so great that the websites "crashed" for several months. Whilst lacking the fascinating light and shade of newspaper reports and other sources, the Census enables us to look at the changing picture of village life at 10 yearly intervals from 1841 onwards. On census day 1911, there were 60 households recorded, with a total population of 266, of whom 219 had been born in Derbyshire, the majority within a five miles radius of Kniveton. 30 inhabitants were Staffordshire-born and there were 17 others born farther afield. The 63 years' old Reverend Hatfield, Kniveton's vicar and his wife Frances were Surrey born, but the Hatfield children had been born in Sandy in Bedfordshire, York and London, pointing to the vicar's posts pre-Kniveton. Most of the 17 "others" were born in the Midlands counties apart from James Collins, live-in cowman at Kniveton Wood Farm – an Irishman.

Whilst a survey of 2010 villagers' occupations would be an interesting exercise, the 1911 picture is a more straightforward one. Agriculture was the economic engine of the village with 64% of household heads earning their living from the land. There were 23 separate functioning farms, plus a farmer/butcher, 2 cattle dealers, 9 farm-labouring households, 1 farmer/limeburner, a farmer/insurance agent and Thomas Stanley and family living at "The Greyhound Inn", with Thomas'listed occupation (s) as innkeeper, farmer and wheelwright. A busy man indeed!

Supporting the farmers and the villagers were the village craftsmen – James Mather, blacksmith; Thomas Beard and Matthew Wigley, who were joiners and wheelwrights; John Eyre was a bootmaker and Daniel Wright a limestone quarryman. There were also 2 roadmen and a Council Labourer. Emily Baker recorded her occupation as Charring. There were 6 household heads of Private Means, including Henrietta Smith, who added the crytic comment "Husband Gone Away" to her census return.

In 1909 Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George introduced Old age Pensions for the first time; William Roome and Anne Webter, at 90 the oldest inhabitant, were the first Kniveton pensioners. There were 40 village children between the ages of 5 and 12 at the local school under the care of Headmistress Miss Leah Sutton and teacher Elizabeth Beard.

In 1911 Kniveton was a self-contained agricultural village, settled and stable, but a few months after the census was taken arose a furore when the Diocese of Southwell proposed to amalgamate Kniveton and Hognaston parishes under one priest and sell off Kniveton Vicarage. A petition was raised and sent to the Archbishop of Canterbury, many people complaining that the vicarage had been built in 1876 by public subscription and the church was to receive the proceeds from the sale, rather than the villagers. All to no avail – the amalgamation and the sale went through! John Hartle

KNIVETON WI



For our May meeting members embarked on a walk travelling to South Darley to the starting point. They first encountered the splendid remains of Watt's engine house where a beam engine was housed to pump the water from Mill Close Mine. The mine was reputed to be the richest and most productive in the country employing 800 men in the 1930's. Unfortunately, in 1938 an under ground lake was breached and the mine flooded, never to re-open. We then carried on our walk through Clough Wood and were met with the aroma of blue bells before actually seeing them. When we came across the flowers all we could see was a carpet of blue as far as the eye could see. We certainly were in no hurry to pass through the wood! Eventually we came out onto an old pack horse route along the top side of the wood. We could well imagine the packhorse teams travelling along this road. The route took us back to the start of our walk. To round off the evening we then enjoyed refreshments at the Miner's Standard, Winster, Susan Clark

PLANT SWAP WILLOWBANK 16 JUNE 7.30pm

You don't' have to be a WI member.

Just bring some cuttings, plants, bulbs and swop them for something else (you don't even have to be a woman)

Tea and biscuits provided at small charge

Please bring a friend.

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	Cubs	
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	Guides	360781
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13 NOVEMBER



Get the needles clicking, hooks hooking, cards stuck together, flowers dried, jams and pickles bottled and those ovens baking. It's time for another Christmas Craft Fair in Kniveton Village Hall. Book a stall or share it with someone, £5 each. Saturday 13th November 2010. For details contact Lesley 01335 300682



KNIVETON WHOLE VILLAGE GARAGE SALE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 30TH AUGUST 2010 9AM—3PM

Start sorting you cupboards, making your jam and baking those cakes.

Stalls will be £5 collected on the day.

The Red Lion will be open for breakfast cobs,

coffee, tea etc

The Charity this year will be the ARK animal rescue centre Ashbourne
The event is being organised by Carolyn Wilkes, James Cottage
01335 342747

