

KNIVETON NEWS

KNIVETON'S ONLY NEWSPAPER

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2017





Wood Lane, Kniveton will be closed to traffic in both directions from 18th to 31st October 2017 to allow for the installation of ducting.

The alternative is via Longrose Lane, Ostrich Lane, Main Street, Wood Lane and vice versa.

Access will be maintained, whenever reasonably possible, on the affected length of road. The road will re-open as soon as the work is finished. This may be earlier than advertised.

Derbyshire County Council apologises for any inconvenience caused while work takes place.

Anyone needing further information should ring Call Derbyshire 01629 533190.



Hello Knivetonians,

As the season changes from summer to autumn the latest newsletter shows that Kniveton has a lot going on. The summer months saw the WI on a trip to Hardwick Hall, the Get-Together Club went on holiday to Scotland and of course our wonderful Flood Fuddle to name just a few examples of our community spirit.

We have lots to look forward to over the next few weeks, including Chris and Kievah's first anniversary celebration at the Red Lion and the Angel Festival at the Church. I know some eager folk are already planning their their angel themed scarecrow! Full details are in the centre pages - designed to be a pull out but if you wish to keep your copy of Kniveton News intact then you can download and print a copy from the kniveton.net web site.

On a much sadder note, we hear that Sister Mearle has suffered a stroke and is not well - our thoughts are with her at this time.

Hannah Barton

PS The stunning waterfall on the front cover is at Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye - just one of the places The Get Together Club visited on their tour around Scotland. Read more about their adventures on Pages 14-15

KNIVETON WI



Trip To Hardwick Hall

16th August - 18 of our members joined the Ashbourne Group for a lovely day out at Hardwick Hall. We had an amazing tour of the Hall and our guide gave us lots of information (particularly about Bess of Hardwick) that we didn't know beforehand. The weather was fine and the food in the café was delightful. Interestingly, the cost of the building alterations for the Café was £6,000,000!!



19th July - Nikki Mumford was our speaker for the evening and she gave us a very enlightening talk about Yoga and how she became interested in the meditation and exercise benefits. She demonstrated some of the positions and explained the purpose of the moves for our wellbeing. We were all very impressed and are hoping to start a Yoga class at some point with Nikki as our tutor.

29th July - Denise and Kath held the Charity Afternoon Tea for the local Air Ambulance and the heavens were very kind to us. It rained in the morning and evening but the sun managed to shine for us between 2-4pm. A big THANK YOU to everyone who came along to support the event and everyone who donated prizes and cakes. We were very pleased to send the Air Ambulance a cheque for £600.

20th September - Our speaker was Annalise from the Revival Furniture Project. This is a wonderful project that started 12 years ago and has grown enormously. They take donations of furniture, clothing, books, china, brick-a-brack and some antiques, and then recycle them at very low prices to the general public. They also give a helping hand to those in need at a bleak time to help them get back on their feet. Please pay them a visit sometime and if you have anything you need to get rid of think of passing it on to Revival, or if you are looking for something to grace your home with, look there first! It's a fantastic project, hats off to them.

KNIVETON PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER MEETING

At the Parish Council meeting on 26 September 2017 the following decisions were made:

Cats Eyes

Following discussion and input from residents who attended the meeting the Council resolved that the Cats Eyes and White Lines would not be reinstated. The Council wishes to thank residents who contributed to the discussions on this.

Parish Field

The Council are continuing to consider alternative flooring options beneath the play apparatus to prevent continued damage to the matting.

The tennis nets have been vandalised again and it was agreed that they will not be fixed over the winter. The nets need to be stored away and if anyone has the space available to help with this please contact the Parish Clerk.

Highways – B5035

Another traffic survey will be arranged and the Council is seeking volunteers to be involved – please let the Parish Clerk know if you are willing to help. The Council has requested that Derbyshire County Council reduce the speed limit from 60 mph to improve safety.

Flower Planters

The school and the village hall have supported the installation of 2 planters next Spring near the village hall will enhance the village. To help with the cost of this the Parish Council would like to hear from any local businesses that would be willing to sponsor the flower planters.

Peak Waste Planning Application CW3/0717/36

Ian Howard from Peak Waste explained that the application to erect a building and install a biomass boiler and flue stack was an environmentally friendly solution to reduce traffic and carbon emissions. He noted that the village is concerned about emissions; visual impact; noise and increased traffic. He gave assurance that they would be burning waste wood and controlled monitoring

would shut down the boiler if anything other than wood was in it. A ceramic filter fitted on the boiler guarantees there is no smoke produced. There will be a significant reduction in traffic by a minimum of 5 wagons per week and in turn this will reduce noise. In terms of visual impact, Peak Waste will ensure the buildings would be in keeping with the agriculture farm look and they are discussing more tree planting with the Woodland Trust.

Finance

Payments and balances were presented and approved. The Council are pleased to report that the 2016/2017 audit was certified.

KNIVETON PARISH COUNCIL is made up of six councillors and meets bi-monthly in Kniveton Village Hall.

The Parish Council is administered by a parish clerk/responsible financial officer. Also attending meetings in an official capacity is a DCC Councillor, a DDDC Councillor and representation from the local police force.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on:

Tuesday 14 November 2017
Tuesday 16 January 2018
Tuesday 20 March 2018

All meetings to start at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Kniveton and residents are welcome to attend and participate.

You can contact Kath Gruber, Parish Clerk, by ringing 07595515154 or emailing Kniveton.pc@gmail.com

TENNIS NET STORAGE

Following recent and repeated vandalism of the tennis nets it has been decided that these should be removed until the warmer weather returns.

Unfortunately there is not enough room at the school to store them. If anybody in the village has space in a shed or outbuilding to store this village amenity over winter please contact Kath or a member of the Parish Council. Mike Vaughan has volunteered himself and his trailer to transport the nets.

DEFIB DEMONSTRATION

The recent defibrillator demonstration at the Village Hall was very well attended - thanks to all those who attended.

KNIVETON CHAPEL NEWS

Some of you were able to attend the meeting on August 13th in the Village Hall, when we invited Ben Huxtable from Release International, an organisation which helps to support oppressed Christians throughout the world. He showed slides, which gave a good overview of their work. Although their main areas of operation are outside of this country they also keep a close eye on how Christian faith and beliefs are being observed in this country, and stressed that we must not be complacent. If any local organisation would wish to hear first hand of this important work we can give you a contact address.

October 8th is the date for our Harvest Festival service, when the preacher will be Rev Alan Griggs, who is the Peak District Rural Chaplain. This will be at 6.30 pm, and we hope that, as usual, the children and staff from the school will be able to take part. You will be very welcome to join us – this is always a warm and enjoyable occasion. Many of you will be also looking forward to the customary auction of goods on the following evening in the chapel, led as always by our brilliant auctioneer, David Bott. I hope that you, like me, have been saving up for this very

enjoyable occasion. Be warned - nothing is ever undersold – or if it is, it's only by mistake! Proceeds, as always, will be distributed to local, national, and international charities.

Our next open service is the annual shoe box service, which will be on 26th November at 11 am. Most of you will know by now what this is all about. For those who don't, we ask for donations of covered shoe boxes, filled with small gifts (unwrapped), which will then be taken from Derby (usually by lorry) to children in need in a suffering part of the world.



We have been doing this for many years now, and the gifts create a great deal of excitement and happiness. We don't know yet where the gifts will travel to this year but we hope to be able to tell you at the service.

Lastly, we will be holding our usual Candle Light Carol Service in service in December, but will publish details in the December/January newsletter.

I think that most of you will know that Sister Merle recently suffered a stroke, and as I write this article is in the Derby Royal Hospital. Our best wishes, thoughts and prayers are with Sister Merle at this time – she is a great favourite and much-loved person in this village, and also in other parts of the country, indeed the world! I still have copies of her book, ‘From Kniveton to Kenya’, if anyone would like to buy one. I will try to remember to bring them to the Harvest Festival service and auction.

Betty Hadley
Steward, Kniveton Chapel
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Chapel Diary

8th October 6.30pm - Harvest Festival
22nd October 11.00am
12th November 2.30pm
26th November 11.00am
10th December 6.30pm

VILLAGE HALL COMITTEE

The Village Hall Committee is still in need of new members to keep this amenity supporting the village as it has for the past 25 years.

If interested please contact Ian Stafford on 01335 345716 or contact any other committee member.

KNIVETON VILLAGE HALL

Ever since the Village Hall was completed in 1992 the car park and covered canopy of the Village Hall has been a popular meeting place for the youngsters in the village and their friends.

This has never been a problem in itself unless it has resulted in anti-social behaviour or damage and vandalism.

It is a credit to the youngsters of Kniveton over the years that there have been very few occasions of incidents that have been cause for concern.

There has however been a recent trend of youngsters gaining access to the roof area of the School and Village Hall which resulted in damage to the skylights and, more alarmingly, quite serious injury to one of the children!

I can understand the temptation to climb on to the roof but it would be appreciated if parents could make their children aware of the dangers of such activities and that the roof space of the School and Village Hall is a NO-GO area!

Ian Stafford
Secretary,
Kniveton Village Hall Committee

The Get Together Club

We visited Mrs Hollins and her staff at Marsh Farm on 10th August for High Tea. The weather was lovely so we were able to wander round her garden. As always Mrs Hollins made us very welcome and the food was delicious.

On 7th September twenty seven of us set off for Skye, we travelled to Bridge of Orchy for our first night and then on to Skye (via the ferry) for four nights. We travelled over Rannock Moor and through Glen Coe to Fort William, there was an accident in Glen Coe so we had time to get out of the bus and have a wander around to see the beautiful scenery.

During our time on Skye we had a free day to wander around Portree. On the second day we travelled up the west coast and visited Dunvegan Castle and gardens, the journey to Dunvegan was misty but all the waterfalls were stunning.

The rain kept off to give us enough time to see the gardens.

We came back to the hotel for dinner and welcomed Martin and Janet Wildgoose to join us, it was so nice to see them and catch up.

On the third day we travelled the east coast stopping at Flodigarry Hotel for lunch, we called at the brewery in Uig to buy beer made from porridge oats. We left Portree (via the bridge) on Tuesday 12th September for Creiff, unfortunately Glen Coe was closed due to an accident so we had to divert round by Oban.

We stayed two nights in Creiff before leaving for home. One or two of us visited the Famous



Grouse Distillery and Caithness Crystal while others just enjoyed the town of Creiff. On our final leg we called at Leyland Gold Club for lunch to round the holiday off nicely.

Thank you to Pauline and Margaret for the raffle, Cherry for the sweets on the journey and Adam our exceptional driver. I would also like to thank everyone who came on the holiday for making it a really lovely time away together and thank you for the lovely gifts received.

By popular demand we are going back to The Arlington Hotel in Bournemouth for Turkey and Tinsel on 27th November to 1st December. Last year this was excellent so we have decided to repeat and take in the Christmas markets. We have some spare rooms available so if you would like to join us please ring Liz, you will be very welcome.

Our programme for the next few months is as follows:-

- 12th October - Black Horse, Hulland Ward
- 9th November - Bridgemere
- 14th December - Christmas Meal

We are looking for suggestions for next year's programme, any ideas please let us know.

If you are interested in any of our meetings or would like a copy of the programme please contact Liz (346078) email: liz.howe1579@btinternet.com



Church Flower Rota

October

Mrs Rose & Mrs Hardy Newman

November

Mrs Lomas & Mrs Thorne

December

Help decorate for Christmas

If anyone is interested in joining the Church Flower Rota please contact Pam Stafford on 01335 345716.

The Flower Rota requires a different couple of people to provide flowers for each month and there are vacancies at the moment.

Church Diary

October 15th 10.30 am

All Age Service, Rev Phil Michell, Rev Linda Webb

November 5th 10.30 am

Holy Communion, Rev Phil Michell

November 19th 10.30 am

All Age Service, Rev Phil Michell

November 23rd - 26th

Angel Festival in Church, Daily (see centre pages).

November 26th 3.00pm

Angel Festival Service, Rev Linda Webb

December 3rd 10.30 am

Holy Communion, Rev Phil Michell

Knock Knock! Who is there?

A knock at the door signalled visitors calling. To our surprise it was Carl Wood and Amanda. This was the first time that they had visited us.

Carl is Andrew Wood's first son, born in Lincolnshire. He had come to discover as much as he could of his family tree. After digging and delving with the help of old photos we managed to go back five generations. Andrew's father, now deceased was brought up at The Closes Farm by Jim and Molly Wood along with his three sisters and one brother.

After plenty of laughs off went Carl and Amanda to Atlow Churchyard to find his great-grandparents' grave, then on to Atlow Winn Farm where his grandma's family once lived.

They returned to Rowfields Hall Farm after a while, where Surprise, Surprise! Amanda could no longer keep her secret. She was engaged. Carl had followed instructions where to find a particular place on the Winn where his granddad had proposed to grandma and there in the same spot! Underneath the same tree!! he proposed marriage.

Life is far from dull in Kniveton.

Betty Cresswell



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It is now almost a year since we took over the Red Lion....

To celebrate our first year anniversary we have The Retro Brothers performing at the pub on the 14th October. Nibbles will be available for everybody.

On the night, food will stop at 8pm so we can use the space to set up the pub for the music.

Christmas Bookings

Although it's only October we are already fully booked for Christmas Day, If you are looking to dine with us over the Christmas period then we advise you to book a table as early as possible.

Sundays Lunches

Our Sunday food service is now back to 12 noon - 4 pm, however over the school half-term break we will be serving food on a Sunday from 12 noon - 7 pm.

Closed for Redecoration

We will be closing the pub from 30th October until the 15th November. This is mainly to allow staff holidays, however it will give us chance to redecorate the pub and work on a few other jobs in the kitchen and cellar that we cannot do while the pub is open.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Cheers,

Chris & Kieyah



To make a booking or for any information you can either ring us on 01335 345554 or email us at theredlionkniveton@outlook.com

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RED LION A

As the 2017 season came to a climax the Red Lion A Team managed to pull away from second placed The Tavern to secure the top spot despite scoring less pins over the season than their two closest rivals. This means the A Team are promoted to League 1 - Congratulations to them.

RED LION B

The Red Lion B Team had a much better season than in previous years, winning 5 games of their 16 but could not catch the Black Horse of Hulland.

For much of season Frank Pilkington of the Red Lion B Team held the record across all divisions as the highest scorer from 3 balls but recently this was broken by Howard Nelson, also of the B Team, when he scored 15. Howard shares the accolade with three others - all from higher divisions.

After two years at the helm, Hannah Barton has stepped down as the B Team Captain to be replaced by Howard Nelson.

A Presentation Evening for all divisions will be held at The Postmill Centre, South Normanton on Friday 20th October 2017.

League 2 FINAL TABLE 2017

Pos	Team	Played	Home		Away		Pins	Pts
			Wins	Legs	Wins	Legs		
1	Red Lion A (Kniveton)	16	7	18	5	16	2060	88
2	The Tavern	16	7	19	7	16	2384	84
3	George & Dragon B	16	6	17	4	12	2083	66
4	Old Kings Head	16	5	16	4	11	1963	64
5	The Wheel	16	6	15	2	9	1770	60
6	Fishermans Rest B	16	5	13	1	6	1450	46
7	Black Horse	16	2	8	4	10	1778	41
8	Red Lion B (Kniveton)	16	3	11	2	4	1606	33
9	Coach & Horses (Derby)	16	2	7	0	2	1305	22

THANKS TO.....

Andy Hunter would like to thank Mark Martin and Emma Dutton for organising the recent "Booze Cruise" around the local hostelrys over the summer.

Karen and Barry Wibberley would like to thank Chris and Kieva at the Red Lion for organising the recent music night at the Red Lion.



Enjoy our Slam Poems

We have had great fun writing them. They can be written on anything and are usually performed.

VOLCANOES

*A quiet, silent moment.
A volcano ready to erupt.
Lava ready at the bottom,
Like a lion ready to pounce on its prey.
Hungry.
Waiting to devour.*

FIRE!

*Eruption...
People screaming like a lion's roar.
Bubbling lava ready to dominate.
Fire spitting. People shouting.
Silence for a minute and then.
BANG!
By Jay Foster, Year 6.*

VOLCANOES

*A flaming mountain,
A sleeping lion-
Dormant.
Ready to pounce.
Calm – for now.
A slow, quiet grumble.
It gets louder and louder,
Like a raging shout,
Then a deafening roar.
Lava pouring out.
It is a fire-breathing dragon.
Fiery-red liquid pours out.
It is a terrorist,
Destroying everything in its path.
There is noise and fire.
The burning liquid floods everywhere.
The city is no longer a city.
It is a home of destruction.
The lion continues to eat and terrorise.
It is an orange glow.
This is the most feared mountain -
a volcano.
By Lucie Wells, Year 6.*

THE RAINBOW

<i>A magical castle, Up in the sky. All the colours Shine like stars. The honey trees And candyfloss clouds. Makes evil and darkness Feel tired and cold. The shiny shimmer With the glittering glimmer</i>	<i>Sweet, sweet dreams Of the Candy Queen. Happy, love and passion Is what you feel. When unicorns and sugar Get nearer and nearer. When you look up You see pretty surprises. A rainbow looks like Happiness Heaven.</i>	<i>Here in this magical land Snow turns into sprinkles. And sprinkles turn into sand. The most amazing thing of all A RAINBOW. By Heather Smith, Year 5</i>
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THE OLD PHOTOGRAPH

*The old photograph.
It lies crumpled
With memories from the past
On the old table.
The old photograph.
Full of happiness.
Rusty and soggy-
It is like a wet piece
Of my life.
It looks different.
(To when it was new)
The faces as well
Do not look the same.
It reminds everyone
Of the good, old days.
It makes everyone proud.
Which is why it is
My favourite.
The old photograph.*

By Zachary Simpson, Year 6

THE OLD PHOTOGRAPH

*Taken by the ancient camera
Printed in black and white.
It waits,
Patiently,
Waiting to be picked up.
A cobweb covers the old memories.
Shaking off all the dampness-
Like a dog after an energetic swim.
A fading
Old man's memory.
The old photograph.*

By Dylan Lyons, Year 6.

THE SUITCASE

*Lurking in the attic for decades.
Till Grandpa dug it out.
It went on a plane;
Saw Spring in Amsterdam
Tulips pink, yellow and red.
A floral rainbow.*

*Hawaiian summers-
Sunshine-coloured pineapples
And mud brown coconuts.
Sandy beaches and crystal seas
The suitcase saw it all.*

*Autumn it spent in Canada.
Maple leaves falling around it in
Every colour-
Red, orange and gold.
It sat on top of the Rockies,
Like a faithful companion.*

*A Scandinavian Christmas,
A crackling fire,
Embers spitting,
Snow falling in the sky.
Thick and fast.*

*Then it came home.
Full of herbs and spices,
Silks from India,
Fur coats,
French delicacies.
Then one memory that was there.
The suitcase...*

By Scarlett Corbett, Year 5.



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KNIVETON DIARY

October

- Sun 8th Oct - Kniveton Chapel - Harvest Festival - 6.30pm
Thu Oct 12th - Get Together Club - Black Horse, Hulland Ward
Sat Oct 14th - Red Lion, Kniveton - The Retro Brothers Music Night
Sun Oct 15th - All Age Service, Kniveton Church - 10.30am
Sun 22nd Oct - Kniveton Chapel - 11.00am

November

- Sun Nov 5th - Kniveton Church - Holy Communion - 10.30am
Thu Nov 9th - Get Together Club - Bridgemere
Tue Nov 14th - Kniveton Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.00pm
Sun Nov 12th - Kniveton Chapel - 2.30pm
Sun Nov 19th - All Age Service, Kniveton Church - 10.30am
Thu Nov 23rd to Sun Nov 26th - Kniveton Church Angel Festival
Sun Nov 26th - Kniveton Chapel - 11.00am
Sun Nov 26th - Kniveton Church - Angel Festival Service - 3.00pm

Looking Forward

- Sun Dec 3rd - Kniveton Church - Holy Communion - 10.30am
Sun Dec 10th - Kniveton Chapel - 6.30pm
Thu Dec 14th - Get Together Club Christmas Meal
Tue Jan 16th - Kniveton Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.00pm
Tue Mar 20th - Kniveton Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall - 7.00pm

KNIVETON WASTE COLLECTIONS

If you have any enquiries regarding wate collection or your bin has been missed contact Derbyshire Dales Waste on 01629 761 122 or email: waste@derbyshiredales.gov.uk

Food Caddy & Grey Bin

- October Wednesday 11th
 Wednesday 25th
November Wednesday 8th
 Wednesday 22th

Food Caddy, Green-lid Bin & Blue-lid Bin

- October Wednesday 4th
 Wednesday 18th
November Wednesday 1st
 Wednesday 15th
 Wednesday 29th

HELP- LINES

Samaritans
01332 364444
Rape Crisis Group
01332 372545
Consumer Direct
08454 040506
Citizens Advice Bureau
01332 295711

Age Concern
01773 768240
NSPCC
01332 294652
Child Line
0800 1111
RSPCA
0300 1234 999

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We would like to thank the Kniveton Village Hall Committee for their kind donation which we recently received.

Kniveton News is produced, edited and distributed by volunteers who give their time and resources for free, however, there are printing costs involved that need to be covered each issue.

The Kniveton Parish Council grant and contributions from other organisations help enormously to cover these costs but the newsletter is still dependent on other donations to pay for the printing..

Deadline for submissions for the next edition of Kniveton News is

**Monday 13th
November 2017**

As the run-up to Christmas is a busy time for everyone involved with Kniveton News please help us by getting any submissions to us earlier rather than later.

Please send any items, submissions or diary dates via e-mail to kniveton.news@kniveton.net or by post or by hand to Hannah Barton, Dockseys, Main Street, Kniveton, DE6 1JH 01335 343808

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FLOOD FUDDLER

After seeing the week's forecast on Sunday September 3rd when it gave heavy rain for the end of the week there was much trepidation (Big Word Alert!!) for the Fuddle on Friday. As it turned out we was quite lucky as it stayed fine until about 9 o'clock when we had a sharp shower for about 10 minutes.

We was expecting to be a bit short on numbers this year as a few of the regulars was on holiday with the Get Together Club, but we had a few new faces which was great to see, so there was still about 40 pizzas ordered. It was also good to see a few "extras" who couldn't get in time for a pizza but still turned up for a drink and a natter.

We started gathering about 6 o'clock and the pizzas got here about 7pm with the usual mayhem that follows the arrival of the food!!

Without a venue there's no Fuddle so we have to say a big thank you to the Griffiths Family for letting us have the Fuddle at their home. They always makes us very welcome and create a wonderful, relaxed atmosphere and do the thankless task of ordering the pizzas, so many thanks to you all.

Next, a big thank you to Doug and Leslie McConnachie for providing the music once again and for having great foresight, because he (and his "lad" Malcom) put up two gazebos on the lawn which was brilliant shelter when we had the shower late on. Sorry Doug, that we didn't get to dance this year but it went a bit cold later on and nobody had any Deep Heat!!! But next year we'll try harder. I must mention Leslie's enormous bowl of pink mousse – one or two people were asking if Tom Daly was coming to give us a diving demonstration into it!!

Many thanks to the people who bought nibbles, cakes, cookies, flapjacks etc for the table, it's very much appreciated. Thanks to Pam Stafford who missed going to watch Derby to come to the fuddle and thanks to everyone who helped tidy up afterwards.

Lastly thank you to every one who came to make it another good Fuddle – I will keep you informed about next year's Fuddle as it will be the 10th – I know I can't believe it as well!

Betty