

# KNIVETON NEWS

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KNIVETON'S ONLY PAPER

OCTOBER– NOVEMBER 2007

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## CONGRATULATIONS

**Matt and Celia  
Dutton**  
who live on the  
Hallsteads and were  
married at  
Ilam Church on  
18th August 2007



### CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Lesley and Doug McConnachie on the celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary .

Please see the back page for more details



**THE RED LION  
KNIVETON**

2 MEALS FOR £10 WEEKDAY  
LUNCHTIMES

**OCTOBER DIARY**

4. Green Waste collection
5. Harvest Supper in the Village Hall.  
Tickets from John and Nancy Bradbury
7. Church – Harvest Festival Communion Service 10.30 See Article  
Flower Mrs Fox and Mrs Methuen
8. Harvest Festival Auction in the Church 7.00p.m.  
Chapel - No service
10. Whist Drive. Details to be decided  
Blue Box collection
14. Chapel – Harvest Festival John Turner 2.30 p.m.  
Sister merle 6.30 p.m.
15. Chapel Harvest Auction ( see article)
17. W.I. “Wine Tasting” Alison Williams
18. Green waste collection
21. Church – Family Service 10.30 a.m.
24. Blue Box collection
25. Get Together Club “Harvest Meal” venue to be agreed
28. Chapel – Joint Church Chapel family service.  
The Rev Tim Morris will take this service. A good  
Opportunity for Kniveton Families to greet the  
New Minister. Children made most welcome.

**WHIST DRIVES**

The August Whist Drive raised £73.60 and the September Whist Drive raised £64.64. The October Whist will be for the Church Yard Fund, however, November is the first part of the annual concerted effort for Cancer Research. Raffle tickets will again be on sale during November and December. The donation of raffle and whist prizes are greatly appreciated. These donations can be given to Nancy Bradbury and Gwen Sargeant at any time.

**NOVEMBER DIARY**

1. Green waste collection
4. Church – No service at Kniveton. Confirmation service - see CHURCH NOTICES. And Notice board and Church Church Flowers for the month Mrs Hall and Mrs Charlesworth
7. Blue Box Collection
11. Church Remembrance Service 10.30 at Atlow  
British Legion service 12.15 p.m. at Hognaston
11. Chapel Remembrance Service 2.30 p.m. at Hulland
- 13<sup>th</sup> or 20 Parish Council Meeting to be advised
14. Whist Drive The “Biggy” Cancer Research . See article
15. Green Waste collection
15. Get Together Club “David Tideswell (Robins)
18. Church Family Service 10.30 a.m.
20. Parish Council Meeting 7.45pm village hall
21. Blue Box Collection  
W.I. A.G.M. Meeting and Social
25. Chapel – Joint Church/Chapel service at 11.00 a.m.  
A service especially for the families with Sister Merle  
Everyone made welcome especially the children
29. Green Waste collection

**CHRISTMAS IS COMING**

Christmas is still a fair way off. Thank goodness most parents will say. Unfortunately this is the last opportunity for the Kniveton News to remind everyone of the next edition which covers Christmas and the New Year. We like to have a bumper issue and include all the happenings, festive or otherwise, in the December and January 2008 issue. Please could you please think and plan ahead and let us know details and dates of your Christmas and New Year happenings, in fact anything that is happening during December and January by the 21<sup>st</sup> November.

## CHAPEL NEWS

Kniveton Methodist Church now has, along with Sister Merle, a new Minister. Rev Tim Morris, his wife Alison and two sons Samuel (6) and Jacob (3) moved to Ashbourne on 1st August. Tim comes from Hampshire, but has ministered in Lancashire and Yorkshire for the past 15 years. Tim says: "I feel very privileged to be living in this beautiful part of the country and ministering with others to the town of Ashbourne and the surrounding villages. I am looking forward to working with Christians from all churches, serving their community and seeking to share the Good News of Jesus. I hope that our Churches can continue to grow and support one another in ministry and outreach and am glad to be coming to work alongside Sister Merle and Rev Mitchell". *Rev Tim Morris*

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### **Community Self-Help Fund**

The County run this fund to help groups involved with organising activities with a social care aspect for children, young people and adults.

"Over the years they have helped many groups with one-off grants as they provide an invaluable service to their communities and can help combat social isolation.

"Once projects are up and running they usually find funding from other sources but the self-help fund can help them get started or pay for one-off expenses."

Cash from Derbyshire County Council's community self-help fund is used to help groups which have a social care link, either organising activities or offering services.

The fund is designed to help communities help themselves and is mainly intended to enable groups to get started, with grants being spent on equipment, setting up costs, initial publicity and rent.

Funding is also provided to established groups in order to cover exceptional expenditure or to give one-off grants, for example to help with buying equipment.

I look forward to seeing some grants being applied for in my ward.

Cllr Irene Ratcliffe

## BOB'S BIT

I was pleased to learn that the pond in Washpool Lane had been cleaned out. This is the forth time that this has had to be done since it was dug out in 1981. The problem is silt. The pond is fed by a small stream, which has never dried up as far as I know, but in summer times it gets low. In winter, or after heavy rain or a thunder storm, it becomes a torrent laden with silt. I spent most of one winter with a portable generator and a mixer putting a culvert under the pond. A concrete sill diverted the normal flow. The idea was that when the stream was in flood the flood water and the silt would go over the sill and into the culvert. It has not been a great success. The flood water and silt still go into the pond. One solution would be a ball valve to close the four inch feed pipe when the water rises. The source of the problem is higher up the stream. A few concrete blocks where the erosion is taking place is all that is needed, but no one is responsible. It was intended that the pond would help the school children to study pond life, but that is disturbed when it has to emptied so frequently.

Bob Goodall.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Mike and Mary Vaughan are delighted to announce the Engagement of their daughter Elizabeth to Craig Machin. Elizabeth now lives in Hampshire and is training to be an Actuary. Craig is presently at Dartmouth Navel College . Elizabeth and Craig met at Sheffield University.



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Extensive discussions took place on the current and future use of the amenities Building (Barn) at Stanlow Farm. Both the public in attendance and the Parish Councillors expressed concerns. One party causing noise, nuisance and concern has already taken place and a copy of an internet site and an advert from the Ashbourne Telegraph were produced advertising the Barn as a venue for parties etc. The council was in receipt of a letter from the Planning department stating the current and proposed usage was in contravention of the planning agreement. The Planning Authority is pursuing the matter. There was also concern by users of Stanlow Lane that their right of passage was being obstructed by inconsiderate parking by the holiday residence who seemingly are unaware that Stanlow Lane is a Public Highway. Concern was also expressed over the bright lights which are on throughout the night at the Stanlow Lane holiday development.

There was no further information on the Car Park at the bottom of the village or the Village Playing Field. Both projects are still on going.

Councillor Irene Ratcliffe gave a progress report on the activities and meetings concerning the access road at Madges Hill. Meetings and discussions are still on going.

Finance is available for the provision of street lighting where none exist at the moment. It was agreed that Kniveton was not interested.

The footpaths around Kniveton were discussed. A cheque was given by Councillor Ratcliffe from one of her funds to assist the Parish Council to clear and maintain the footpaths especially the Gitty. A local person has been employed to undertake repairs and cut back all the vegetation etc that is growing over the footpaths.

## CHURCH NOTICES

The Church Harvest Festival service is on the 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 a.m.. Harvest gifts can be brought to the church at the Harvest Festival Service or taken to the Church on Saturday morning when the Church will be decorated. If the Church is locked leave your gifts in the porch. The school children will be taking their gifts at the school Harvest service. The very popular traditional Harvest Supper will be held on the Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Contact John or Nancy Bradbury to obtain tickets. The Chapel Harvest Festival will be on 14<sup>th</sup> October.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> November the Deanery Confirmation will be held. The Venue is yet to be decided. It is very pleasing to note that Ben and Alex Taylor – Grout from Kniveton will be Confirmed. It is anticipated that details will be announced in Church and displayed on the Church notice board.

At the recent Parochial Church Council meeting the plans for the provision of a toilet and tea and coffee facilities was discussed at some length after receiving letters from the Cathedral Authorities, English Heritage and The Local Authority. The Cathedral Authorities suggested that the moving of the Font to the place occupied by the organ be considered as an option. But the committee were in agreement that this would be too costly and would have a detrimental effect on our picturesque and ancient Church.

This year the Annual Benefice Remembrance Service will be held at Atlow Church at 10.30 am. There will also be a British Legion Remembrance Service at Hognaston at 12.15 p.m.

## CHAPEL HARVEST SERVICES AND AUCTION

The Chapel has two Harvest services at 2.30 pm and 6.30 pm all will be made most welcome to either or even both. The younger children from Kniveton school will be attending the 6.30 pm service and will be performing a Harvest Dance. They look forward to your support. The Harvest Auction will be on the next day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October in the Chapel at 7.30 p.m.. Dave Bott will be the Auctioneer. It is worth going to this auction if only to be entertained by the antics of Dave.

**LOCAL BEAT OFFICER UPDATE – Oct / Nov 2007**

We've had a number of crimes reported these past 2 months, with some stolen property being recovered, and a number of people being arrested. We've had reports of suspicious people and vehicles around Thorpe, Fenny Bentley, Sandybrook, Parwich, and Tissington. Also a report of a suspicious trailer. A number of people have been checked out, some were all in order, and some received words of advice. Many of the calls related to people offering cheap tarmac. Please continue to tell us about anyone who concerns you.

At lunchtime on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2007, a grey Citroen car was broken into whilst parked at a pub at Fenny Bentley. A window was smashed and bags stolen. The following day in the same area, whilst swapping over drivers, a lady left her handbag on the car roof and drove off. She realised and returned but the bag had gone. The bag, minus its cash, has been found in the Great Yarmouth area.

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007, at around 11am, a house at Newton Grange was broken into. We believe no access was gained. It seems the burglar alarm, and a large dog, both did their job well. In the early hours of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007 a male was disturbed looking into a window at a property alongside the A515, Sandybrook area. He has not been traced.

During the evening of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 someone collided with one of the stone pillars at Tissington Gates, causing a considerable amount of damage. Some witnesses have come forward, and enquiries are ongoing.

Between Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September



2007, damage was caused to a caravan parked at Highfields Caravan Park, Fenny Bentley. On the other side of the village, between Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2007, someone has damaged some fencing that runs alongside a footpath from Ashes Lane, towards the Tissington Trail. There is no apparent motive for these offences.

Another theft has occurred from Standlow Lane, Kniveton, the second in recent months. Between 5pm on Tuesday 11th September and 7.45am, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2007, a trailer was taken from Holiday lets on the lane. Please try and secure trailers and similar items of plant.

A couple of people have been dealt with this past two months on our area. A check by Police Officers on a vehicle passing through Thorpe, resulted in a person being dealt with for Possession of Cannabis. A number of people have been dealt with for a fall outs amongst a families / friends visiting our area and staying on campsites or in hotels. Others have received a Caution for theft, and a Penalty Notice for Damage (£80).

A person at Tissington reported receiving a suspicious email, similar ones are being reported more and more. People offer to pay items or services over the internet, but offer to send a cheque for an excessive amount. They ask that you take your portion out, plus a bit more for your inconvenience, and send them a cheque back for the difference. They are often sent from other countries, and they give varying tales as to why they want to do this. Please be very cautious, and never reply or deal with emails you are not happy with.

Elsewhere on the Section we have had a couple of Land Rovers stolen. Others have also gone from Swadlincote Section. Please

be aware that they seem to be targeting these vehicles. We will stop and check out Land Rovers that are moving during the early hours, so please bear with us if you do get pulled over.

I have booked the **Village Hall at Tissington** for **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2007, from 4pm to 8pm**. I hope to have a variety of **Crime Prevention** items, such as Smartwater, Personal Attack alarms, Shed alarms, Padlock and Hasp, Driveway Monitors, all for sale, and some items for free. I shall be there for the 4 hours, and may be joined by Police Community Support Officers. **Please call in to see what is on offer, and feel free to talk about any issues that concern you.** The Hall has been picked as it is central to my area. The event is for all of the area, not just Tissington village. I am going to try and twist the Inspectors arm so we've even got Tea and Biscuits.

**Ian COOPER Police Constable 1525**  
**19th Sept 2007**



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## VILLAGE HALL MEETING

The Village Hall committee met on the 5<sup>th</sup> September. The Committee were not aware of any structural or operational problems in the operation and management of the Village Hall. The Financial situation was discussed at some length. The Local bookings were slightly up on the last financial year but it was felt that more local use would reflect the significance of the Hall to the community. Discussions on an increase in the rent for the school use was progressing with the Educational Department of the Derbyshire County Council. An offer has been received but it was hoped that an increase on this could be negotiated. A review of the cost of the electricity supply has been carried out and it is felt that a cheaper supplier could be found. The Trustees are in the process of opening a new Bank Account with a local Bank that allows Direct Debit facilities. It is hoped that this would assist in the negotiations with a cheaper supplier of Electricity. The Ash tree on the bank of the car park is causing concern. Enquiries will be carried out to ascertain the possibilities of chopping it down before it grows too large or possibly causes a hazard.

# KIDS PAGES

**Year 5 thought about what makes  
Kniveton such a special place to live.**

## Kniveton

**K** is for **KNIVETON**  
**N** is for nice people  
**I** is for intelligent children  
**V** is for the village hall  
**E** is for everyone here  
**T** is for the teachers at the school  
**O** is for the oblong field  
**N** is for New House Farm

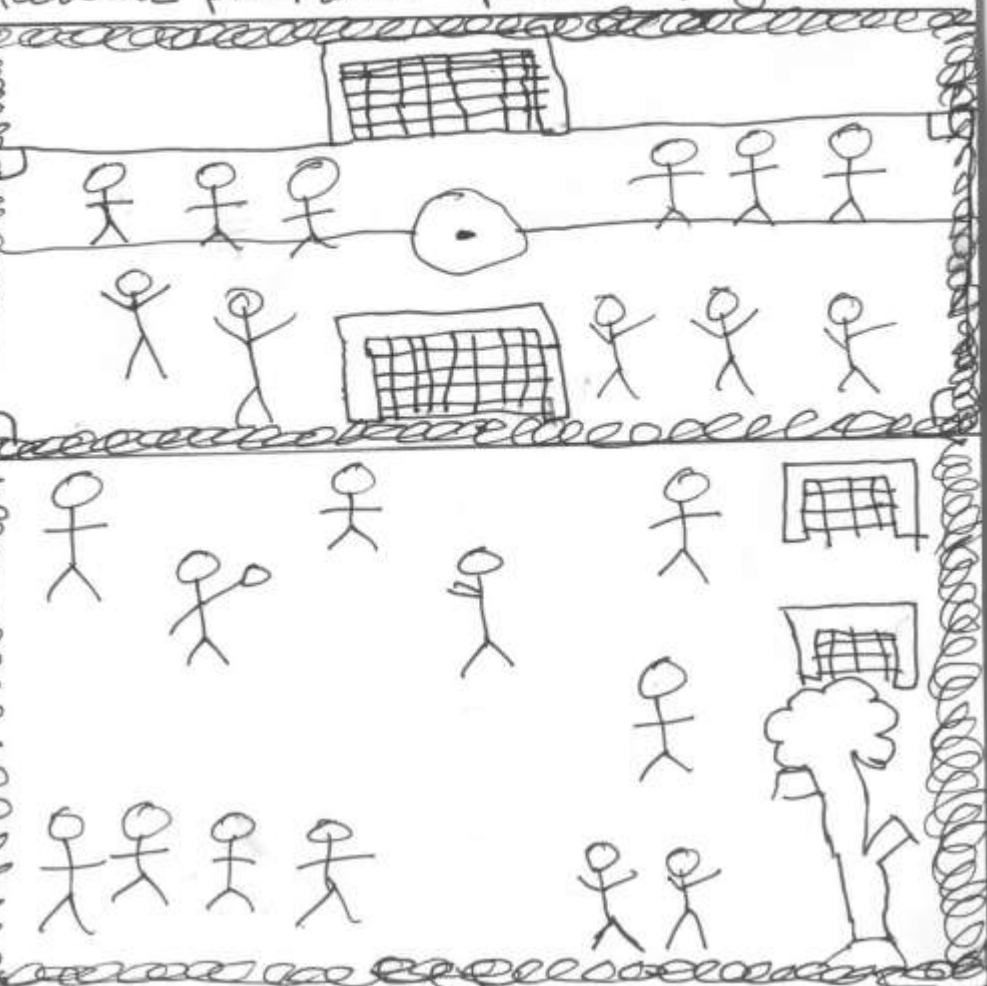
By Amy Griffiths  
Class 3





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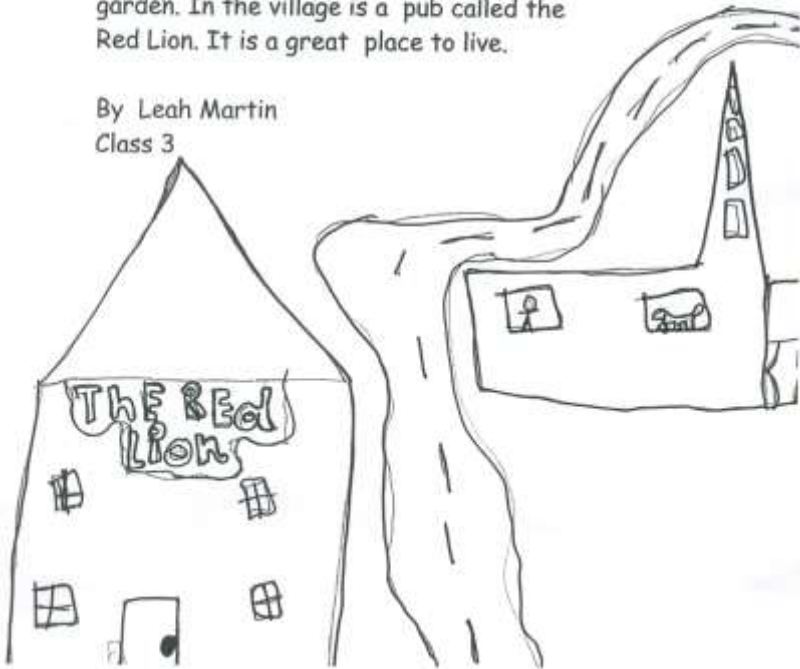
In Kniveton there is a field. The school uses it but it's a public field. Everyone likes it because there is a football pitch and space to play in.



# KNIVETON

Kniveton is good because it has a school in it.  
Lots of kids go to the school. It is a church  
school. The school has a garden and it is a lovely  
garden. In the village is a pub called the  
Red Lion. It is a great place to live.

By Leah Martin  
Class 3

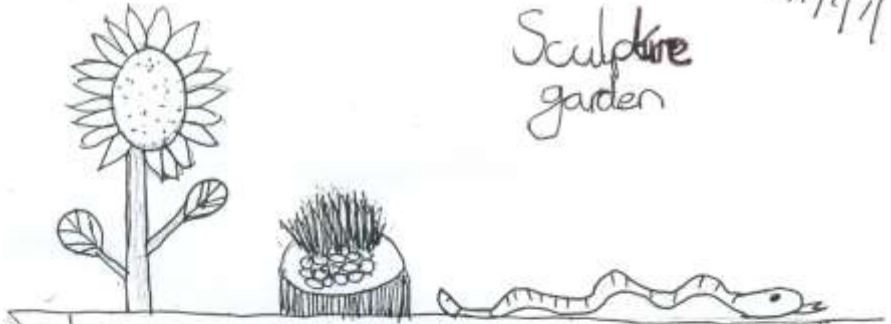


George Flint

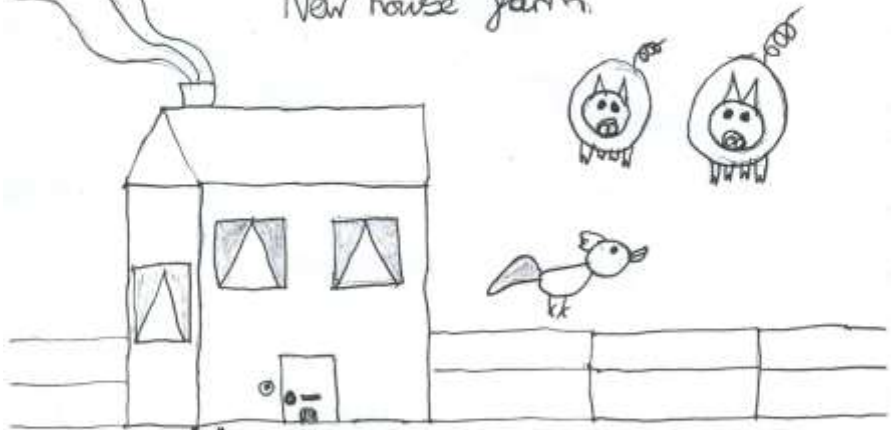
My Special place



Sculpture  
garden



New house farm.



Church



## *Kniveton!*

*Kniveton has horses in the  
paddocks.  
Most of them the colour of burnt  
haddock,  
We go to school. It's kind of cool!  
Our brains work to the brim.  
Autumn lights getting dim.  
Pumpkins being picked by farmers  
on the farm,  
I bet they eat some but they do no  
harm!  
Kniveton is a special place.  
But in just one word Kniveton  
village is ACE!!!*

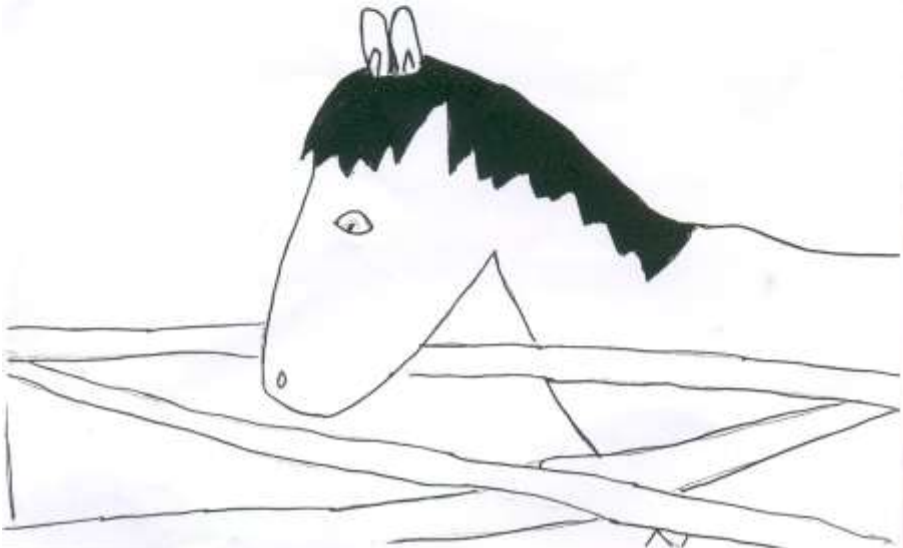
**BY IMOGEN GREEN  
CLASS 3**



# Kniveton

K. Kniveton is a lovely village.  
N. Never boring and always fun!  
I. It's always nice to run in the fields in the sun.  
V. Veronica's garden is a peaceful place.  
E. Everything is gorgeous here!  
T. Tents in fields, people camping out.  
O. On top of the hills you can see everything!  
N. Never alone, there's friends everywhere!!!!

By Corinne Lakin  
Class 3



# **Our trip to the National Stone Centre**

## **My Report**

I went to the National Stone Centre in Cromford as our Science project.

We learnt about rocks and soils. We did gem panning, fossil casting and went on a Guided walk.

I liked the gem panning best. We had lunch then we did more activities. Then we did the quiz then we shopped before we went home in cars.

By Alex– class 2

### **My Report**

One day I went to the National Stone Centre in Cromford for science, on rocks and soils. I did gem panning it was fun. At the end of the day we went to the shop and bought a piece of quartz. My mum liked it.

Before children went to school they went in mines. We went on a walk to look for fossils in rocks. My favourite thing was gem panning. Then we went home in cars.

By Laura– Class 2

### **My Report**

First we left school at 9.30am. It was only about 10 minutes drive and soon enough we arrived.

We were at the National Stone Centre. We went there to learn about rocks and soils. Then we learnt about rocks, like Igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary. We also Did gem panning and a quiz. My favourite bit was gem panning and going in the shop. I bought a mood ring for £2.00, it really works.

By Josh Young– Class 2

## **My Report**

We went to the National Stone Centre. First we got into cars prepared. When we got there we took out our lunch bags. We went there because of our Science, we were learning about rock and soils. When we put our lunch bags away the lady took us on a walk. She showed us types of rock like sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous. Then we made fossils. Then we had lunch. Then we did gem panning. After that we learnt about soils. I learnt a lot. Then we did a quiz. After that we went to the shop. I bought a mood ring and a toy dinosaur.

By Nathan– class 2

## **WELLDRESSING MEETING**

A review of the Village Well Dressing and Scarecrow weekend was carried out by the committee members attending the AGM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September. There was a general air of disappointment among the committee members. After all the efforts put into the organisation and the decoration of the wells, the support and visitor numbers was very poor. The amount raised barely covered the costs. This was emphasised by the revelation on the Balance Sheet that only £41 was collected in the Collection Boxes by the wells.

It was the general view that there were too many local villages doing Well Dressing. It was the feeling that if Kniveton wished to hold an open weekend next year some other form of attractions should be devised.. In open discussion some imaginative ideas came to the fore. It was agreed that these ideas would be kept under wraps to prevent other villages copying our ideas. The secrecy is regretted but it is going to a case of “Watch this Space”

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## **THE KETCH *at Kniveton***

After an extensive make over the Ketch is again open “But not as we know it”. It is still a Pub but not a restaurant. Everything has changed and to the majority of visitors very much for the better. Mike and Paul the new Landlords and Marston’s Brewery have extended the exterior building and designed an interior with a very definite flair of artistry with a clever balance between modern and traditional. Much of the materials such as the furniture was either supplied or manufactured locally. The various menu boards cater for all occasions from the very appetising sandwich board, meals include chips and salad, to the main menu board which has a variety of dishes to suit most appetites. Regrettably no meals are served Sunday evenings. Apparently entertainments are being scheduled such as Jazz nights etc and of course dominos on a Monday evening. Everyone receives a very warm welcome and the beers and wines are well up to the standards expected by the Kniveton’s discerning diners and casual drinkers. Opening times are 12 to 3pm and 5.30ish to 11.00pm.

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# KNIVETON WI

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In August we went for a walk. Might sound boring but it wasn't at all. Susan Clarke organised it and we walked from Kniveton to Bradbourne through the fields on a beautiful summers evening. We also stopped at the churchyard in Bradbourne and had a talk about those who had been buried there and peoples memories of them.

Our Next meeting will be a craft night led by the indomitable Mrs Vickers who every year treats us to a new skill no matter how bad some of our members are at it (are you listening Edna!).

In October we have a Wine Tasting evening with our resident expert (WI member Allison Williams).

In November we have our Annual General Meeting. We are having an Adviser from Derbyshire Federation this time and we hope for as much support as possible.

Our Web site came to a sorry end when the WI changed their web master without telling us and just dumped all the web sites. During the next few months Mike and I are going to rebuild it on our own web space and link it to the WI so that this will not happen again. If anybody has any old pictures or memories about the Kniveton WI we would be pleased to receive them. If you have photos please give me your address with them so that I can return them.

Mary Vaughan

President



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# Kniveton Contacts

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Neighbourhood Watch	Situation vacant	-
Kniveton WI	Pam Stafford	345716
Kniveton Welldressing	Sue Lang	344093
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	Allison Williams	345908
Ashbourne	Scouts	
	Cubs	
	Beavers	343059
Ashbourne	Rainbows	
	Brownies	
	Guides	360781
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(Suspicious incidents etc. requiring prompt  
attention and routine calls)

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## Thank You

Doug & Lesley would like to thank everyone who helped to make their Silver Wedding Anniversary in August, such a wonderful day. Thanks.

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful gifts, and to those of you who gave money or donated directly to our chosen charity, the **"Make a Wish Foundation", for Children. You may like to know that donations we received topped £550.00. Again, thank you very much!**

Diary date for 2008:                      August Bank Holiday Saturday  
   Village B-B-Q at Church  
   Farm  
   (proceeds to charity)

Details nearer the time



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