

KNIVETON NEWS

KNIVETON'S ONLY PAPER

OCTOBER- NOVEMBER 2008



The Kniveton News send Alesia and Ben many congratulations on their wedding on the 30th September at Kniveton Church we also wish them every Happiness and success in the future. We must also congratulate Dannie on being such a beautiful bridesmaid .More inside

Jennifer Vaughan who received her Degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Brighton in July. Jenny has since spent a month touring Europe and as I sit here is flying to India to start a trip around Asia and the Far East until her money runs out! (So it won't be long)



OCTOBER DIARY

2. Green Bin Collection
3. Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. Tickets from John and Nancy
5. Church Harvest Service Holy Communion 10.30 a.m.
Flowers:-Mrs Marriot and Mrs Hunt
6. Church Harvest Auction
Chapel service 6.30 at Ashbourne
8. Blue Box Collection
Whist Drive
12. Chapel "Harvest Communion Service" at 2.30 p.m Rev Mills
Chapel - Harvest Service 6.30 p.m. Sister Merle
14. Church Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.
15. W.I. Heather Vickers "Christmas Crafts"
16. Green Bin Collection
19. Church – Family Service 10.30 a.m.
22. Blue Box collection
22. Whist Drive in aid of Church yard funds
26. Chapel – Joint family Service with the Church at 11.00 a.m.
Mrs Heather Garbut. This is a service especially for children
But adults are made most welcome
30. Green Bin collection
"Get Together Club" A mystery Tour with a difference. New members
are made very Welcome. Contact Liz Howe 346078.

WHIST DRIVE

The August and September Whist Drives raised £160 in aid of the Air Ambulance service which serves Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland The November Whist Drive is the first part of the annual big effort for Cancer UK, The second part being the December Whist Drive. During November and December there will be the usual Christmas raffle in aid of this good cause. Donation of raffle prizes will be gratefully received by John and Nancy Bradbury, Gwen Sergeant and Pam Stafford. Raffle tickets will also be sold by the afore mentioned. Last year we raised a magnificent £625. It would certainly be an achievement if we could top that.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Once again the residence of Kniveton deserve a collective pat on the back for its very commendable contribution of £1137.35 towards Christian Aid Week. This topped last year's total of £1045.09. Once again very many thanks to all those who contributed and very well done.

NOVEMBER DIARY

1. Community Waste – See Article for times etc
2. Church – Holy Communion at 10 30 a.m.
Flowers-Mrs fox and Mrs Methuen
5. Blue box Collection
7. Ketch “Bonfire night”
9. Chapel 2.30 p.m. at Hulland
Church – Benefice “Remembrance Service” at Bradbury 10.30 a.m.
11. Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.45 pm.
12. Whist Drive and Raffle Part 1 of the “cancer Research” see article
13. Green Bin Collection
16. Church – Family service at 10.30 a.m.
19. W.I. “Annual General Meeting and social”
19. Blue Box Collection
20. “Get together Club” Cheshire Workshops (the candle makers)
23. Chapel – Joint Church/Chapel family service Rev Tim Morris
A service especially for child but Adults are equally welcome
27. Green Bin collection
30. Church – Benefice Advent service at KNIVETON 10.30 a.m.

COMMUNITY WASTE COLLECTION - KNIVETON

On the 1st November there will be a Bulk Waste Collection in Kniveton.

Collection times are as follows

7.45am to 8.15am The Ketch

8.20am to 9.00am At Chapel Lane

9.05am to 9.45am The Hallsteads

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR ISSUE

The Next issue of the Kniveton News covers December 2008 and January 2009. It would be appreciated if all readers could start thinking and planning ahead for the Christmas and New Years activities and festivities and let us include them in the Kniveton News. There is no surer way to get your activity and events into every home in the village. We are also looking for festive articles, reports, stories, jokes in fact anything that will amuse and interest your friend and neighbours during the festive period. It would be appreciated if we could receive all contributions by the 19th November at the latest. Mary and Ray apologise for the lateness of this issue due to holiday commitments.

ELSIE CHADWICK

It is with great sadness that we learned of the death of Elsie Chadwick of Withersfield Farm. She was 84. Elsie was born, Married and lived her whole life in Kniveton, a genuine Knivetonian. She will be sadly missed by her husband John, David and Sandra and family and her many friends in the village. We send our deepest sympathies to her family. Her funeral took place on Tuesday 7th October at Kniveton Church

CHURCH OAK TREE

Fifteen years ago, My Grandad Bill Wild and I, did his usual two mile walk, 'around the block' around Hulland Ward. As we were walking around the lanes I spotted some small acorns on the ground around the roots of a huge oak tree. I picked up several of the acorns, and put them in my pocket, this was when my Grandad Bill said we would plant them. Over the past fifteen years they have grown into trees which are now big enough to be planted into the ground. My other Grandad, John Bradbury asked to plant one of the oak trees in the churchyard, and so this was done last Thursday. The tree will be dedicated to my twin brother Andrew who would have been 18 on the 1st of October and so this was perfect timing for the planting of the oak tree. Lizzie Bradbury

RESEARCHING A FAMILY TREE

If you are interested in researching your Family Tree there is an informal meeting at the Corner House cafe every second Wednesday run by Betty Hadley from the Chapel. Kniveton's contact and for further information phone Ray Frampton 346280

VILLAGE HALL MEETING

The village Hall committee met on the 24th September. A general review of the usage and well being of the Hall was carried out. There are no outstanding problems with the Hall maintenance infact it was stated that the Hall is in really good order and did not require any major maintenance in the coming year. The treasurer prepared an interim Final Accounts Balance sheet which showed a small trading loss. This is partly due to the carrying forward of a significant trading Loss from Last year. The revenue from Hirings, excluding rent from the school, was slightly up on last year. It was agreed that the Hall was fortunate in having the school rent as it enabled the committee to cover all the running and maintenance costs without having to dip into our cash reserves. An increase in the school rent has been negotiated by Mr Lewis Rose but as yet no increase has been included in the payments from the DDC. The next committee meeting will be on the 28th January 2009.

DONATIONS

Mary and Ray would like to express on behalf of the Kniveton Newsletter their grateful appreciation for the very generous donations received from Doug and Lesley McConnachie from the proceeds of the Village Barbeque, The Well Dressing Committee and Friends of Kniveton School.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was anticipated that a major item on the Parish Council meeting agenda held on the 16th September would be the recent flooding and the consequential damage, hence the significant increase in the attendance of members of the public. The routine business was carried out without incident. During the discussion on the Floods and the resultant damage, it was generally accepted and agreed that this was the worst flooding experienced in Kniveton in recent memory, although there has been instances of minor flooding in the past. The accepted cause was the unprecedented very heavy overnight rainfall. The main contributing cause to damage was the vast amount of water coming off of the fields and the inability of the streams and drainage to cope. The damage was mainly at the bottom of the village but there was flooding at other parts of the village. Riddings Farm was also badly flooded mainly in the stables and pens area. The water courses of the streams over the years have not been cleared or maintained and in some cases the flow of the water had been effected by the modification of the course of the stream by householders. Significant damage was caused by the inadequate lack of maintenance to the drainage system at the bottom of the village. There was a "lively" discussion as to "Who" and "How" corrective action should take place. The councillors agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the appropriate responsible Authorities to agree a strategy on what is needed to be done and to ensure that the appropriate authority are held accountable for ensuring that the work is properly carried out. House holders would be expected to ensure that steams flow freely through their properties, and were adequately cleared and maintained.

In the correspondence the Parish Council were requested to respond to a letter from the Highways Authorities stating that Road Humps had been installed on Stanlow Lane without the appropriate permission. Members of the public complained that they were dangerous especially in the dark and there is no prior warning signs. Some residents of Stanlow Lane expressed their approval of these humps and request they stay as they have been requesting speed calming measures for a long time but nobody is taking any notice. Speeding cars and motor cycles are using Stanlow Lane as a shortcut to Wood Lane and hence by passing Kniveton Village.

Questions were asked concerning the public use of the Playing field during school hours. This was referred to the next meeting.

In order to carry out repairs and reinstatement of the carriage way the road over Madge Hill will be closed from 8th September to 31st March 2009.

The next Council meeting will be on 11th November at 7.45 p.m.

HARVEST SUCCESS

The harvest supper this year was once again a roaring success. Ninety Seven hungry and appreciative diners sat down in our village Hall and enjoyed a two course Steak pie dinner. The dinner was followed by the traditional hymn singing. The evening made a profit of £387.23. On the following Monday Evening in the Church a well attended Harvest Auction of donated produce raised £191.12

CHURCH NEWS

Following the Family service in September a drinks and lavish nibbles get together was arranged by Debbie and Eric Broughton at their house. It was to say a big thank you to Jane Methuen from the Parochial Church Council and the rest of the congregation on her retirement from being a Church warden at Kniveton for many years. Jane's successor as Church Warden is June Lomas. John Bradbury remains the other Church Warden.

Kneelers - Even at the end, Mrs Rayworth was thinking of the village & asked for the collection from her funeral to be given to the church for the provision of new kneelers. This collection, combined with proceeds from the Welldressing, means that we will be able to buy several kits now for making up. If anyone would like to make a kit up or make a donation towards more kits, please let myself or Pam Stafford know. These first kneelers will be flowers and animals of the countryside.

Other News - The children held their Harvest Festival service in church on Friday 3rd October, starting with the presentation of their gifts, which were splendid. The church is currently alive with the colours & smells of autumn. Each class gave a recital, with Class 3 talking about the fruits of the spirit, such as love, patience, faithfulness & peace. This theme was then picked up by Jane Methuen in her talk.

THINK OF A LETTER

Recently I was overtaken by a car sporting a "P" sign stuck to the boot. I have always assumed that this was a driver who has recently passed his or her test and we should tolerate their short comings. It set me thinking why can't we have more letters on the rear of our cars indicating the type of drivers we are and those we swear at under our breath. A few things came to mind such as "S" for slow or sleepy driver. "F" for Faster than you. "U" for unpredictable. "N" for noisy radio or discs. "V" for very fast or my other car is saved for Grand Prix. "R" I need a respray but want someone else to pay. The one I would like to see more of is "N" for nutter - give me a wide birth. I have not mentioned the one that I thought would suit my driving but if you have the misfortune to follow me into Ashbourne you will immediately think of a letter.

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OTHER NEWS

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KNIVETON WEDDING

Saturday August 30th saw the wedding of Alesia Tabone & Ben Furness in the church. Both Alesia and her bridesmaid, Danielle, looked lovely in their dresses & Ben was pretty dapper too. The church was beautifully decorated with white flowers as was the gate. Lester Lowe walked the bride down the aisle with the scent of freesias in the air. The wedding party was lucky with the weather as the rain held off long enough for the photographs to be taken. Their reception was held at East Lodge in Rowsley. We wish them well in their life together

Wanted Wanted

Two 'green fingered' Kniveton residents would like to rent (or buy) a small piece of land that would be suitable for use solely as an allotment. We only have small gardens and want to grow a few 'veggies'.

If you can help at all, please telephone either Doris Banning 347497 or Carolyn Wilkes 346747

The following speech was given when an award was presented to Margaret Clark on behalf of Kniveton Get Together Club.

Celebrating People Award 2008

I was delighted and honoured when asked to be on the panel to choose this year's winner of Derbyshire Dales CVS's 'Celebrating People Award'. Little did I realise how difficult a task it would be to choose one outright winner. This year we had a record number of entries, for many outstanding organisations, all of which play a unique and very valuable role in the Derbyshire Dales. The groups nominated were:

Ashbourne 50+ Forum, Chernobyl Children's Lifeline, Sustainable Youlgrave, Eyam Half Marathon, Derbyshire Toy Library Network, Ashbourne Tai Chi, Stay and Play Baby Toddler Group, First Taste, Matlock Derwent Valley Lions Club, Ashbourne & District Stroke Support Group, Matlock & District Mencap Society and Kniveton and Area Get Together Club.

Jim Heslop, the first Chairman of the CVS, and in whose memory this award was created, would have been absolutely delighted to see that voluntary and community activity is so vibrant and diverse across the Derbyshire Dales.

After a great deal of deliberation, the panel was unanimous in its decision, and I am delighted to announce that the winner of this year's award is **'Kniveton and Area Get Together Club'**.

The club, which is run entirely by volunteers, provides monthly social contact for around 30 elderly and isolated people in the Kniveton area.

We all know that the Derbyshire Dales is a very special place to live, set in glorious countryside, boasting many attractive villages and market towns and a wide range of attractions that draw tourists throughout the year.

But, it can also be a very lonely and isolating place to live. Particularly if you are an older person, with little family contact and beginning to find that getting out and about is no longer a simple question of hopping on a bus or jumping in the car.

The 'Kniveton and Area Get Together Club' plays a very important role in helping address the loneliness that older age can bring. Being older does not mean that you have to give up being sociable, telling jokes or catching up with friends – in fact these activities are more important than ever. The 'Kniveton and Area Get Together Club' helps make these happen.

The Club's volunteers work hard to ensure that there is a varied and interesting programme of trips and lunches out for its members, as well as organising sessions at the village hall during the school summer holidays. It is not an easy task to come up with new ideas to keep your members happy – but the Group obviously does this very well and has seen its membership grow over the years and aims to further increase that membership over the coming 12 months.

All this has been done on a shoestring budget, pulled together by many hours of volunteer time.

The 'Kniveton and Area Get Together Club' is an excellent example of enthusiastic individuals creating, developing and delivering a service that is tailored to the needs of its own community.

Many congratulations to everyone involved and I would like to invite Margaret Clarke to accept the award on behalf of the Club.

Gill Geddes

'Celebrating People Award' Panel

LOCAL BEAT OFFICER UPDATE



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We've had some good phone calls from the public reporting suspicious vehicles and persons in the Tissington, Kniveton and Parwich areas. Calls relating to vehicles causing concern at Sandybrook, and at Alsop provided us with some information that was worth noting, and also a driver being reported for motoring offences. A local resident also brought in a letter received, allegedly sent from China, stating that a person who had recently died in an accident in China, had left a large amount of money but had no next of kin. The letter suggested that because they shared the same surname, if Bank details were provided, they could find a way of passing the money on to that bank account. The resident appreciated it was a 'scam', but felt it could alarm some people. There are a number of letters that circulate, that are very similar, and claim to come from different parts of the World. They can get peoples details from public registers such as Voters lists, and try to offer something very appealing, ie a large amount of money. As always if an offer is too good to be true, ignore it. Most of these also create quite ridiculous circumstances to try and tempt you. Don't be alarmed by the letters, simply file them in the nearest rubbish bin.

At Kniveton, between 8.30pm, Friday 18th July and 10am, Saturday 19th July 2008, a window was smashed to allow access to a Peugeot parked in the village. The offenders then flicked open the fuel cap, and stole diesel from the cars tank. Overnight on Sunday 10th August 2008, a tax disc was stolen from an insecure car parked in Tissington Village.

A campsite at Sandybrook had a number of cycles stolen from outside tents, overnight on Friday 23rd August 2008. At around 2100 hours, 12th September 2008, damage was caused to a house door in Kniveton village, by an unknown person banging on it.

The Community Forum took place at Tissington on 16th July 2008. The main concerns that were raised by residents attending included the speed and manner of driving of both motor cycles, and Large Goods Vehicles, along the A515. Concerns were also raised about the lack of cutting back of grass verges and roadside trees and its effect on roads safety. These points are all being looked into. Operation Focus, which is

currently running, is the annual summer operation that targets motor cyclists. Local Officers and Roads Policing Officers have been made aware of the concerns about LGVs, and I am looking at ways of reminding drivers about their driving as they pass through our area. The concerns about the verges have been raised with the Road Safety Partnership, which involves Police, local and County Council members. They are already discussing vegetation growth in relation to the A515.

The services provided by the Minor Injuries Unit at the Whitworth Hospital, Bakewell Rd, Matlock was mentioned at the meeting. Staff there have asked that we publicise their services as an alternative to Derby Royal Infirmary or Chesterfield Hospitals, where the Accident and Emergency units can be very busy with long delays. The Whitworth has a Nurse led service, 24 hour, 7 days a week, with X ray facilities at certain times. They can see and advise on minor injuries and illnesses, although you may not receive your treatment there. They can provide telephone advice on their direct line – 01629 593003, and welcome any calls.

The next Community Forum will take place at Parwich Village Hall, around 12th November 2008, (DATE/TIME TO BE CONFIRMED) and I hope to have a representative from the Road Safety Partnership present to explain more about the grass verges situation. Once details are confirmed they will be publicised in the local press, and in local notice boards. All are welcome.

A few people attended the Crime Prevention event held at Kniveton, buying a number of items. We have a small stock at the Police Station of Shed alarms, Driveway Alarms, Smartwater, Marking Kits, and other items. Please call in if interested in looking at any items. We have seen a rise generally in the theft of scrap, and outbuildings and sheds continue to be broken into.

Ian COOPER Police Constable 1525

KNIVETON WELL DRESSING

My name is Angela Holgate and I have been chairman of Kniveton Well -dressing Committee for the last two years. Unfortunately I am resigning this year due to other commitments, Sue Lang, treasurer, is also resigning this year due to other commitments. The committee is only small and there is a lot of work to do, if the Well-dressing weekend is to take place in 2009. We **desperately** need new members to join the committee. Both Sue and myself will be available to help and advice anyone that joins the committee in either role or just as a committee member. This year it is planned that the Well-dressings will return to the traditional format, which is very labour intensive during the week prior to the Well-dressing weekend. If you are not available to join the committee perhaps you could commit yourself to help with dressing the boards or helping over the weekend in the village hall. The next meeting is on Monday 10th November 2008 at 7.30pm in Kniveton Village Hall.

If new committee members and helpers don't come forward at the next meeting

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. SHOE BOX GIFTS.

As Christmas approaches our thoughts turn again to gifts, especially for children. In previous years many people in Kniveton have covered a shoe box, size approximately 5/6 ladies shoes, covered it with Christmas wrapping paper and filled it with small gifts for children in deprived or traumatised countries overseas, particularly in Eastern Europe. On the last Sunday in November at 11 am there will be a gift service in the Methodist Chapel when the boxes will be received and dedicated. Last year there were about 50 boxes in the Chapel - could we beat this total this year? Leaflets with full instructions are available from Doris Banning, and Sue Lang and Ray and Edna Frampton can also give some help. The boxes should contain gifts suitable for your chosen sex and age group, these are 2 – 4 years, 5 – 9 years, and 10 – 14 years, either boy or girl – it's your choice. It is especially important to note that liquids, food items, religious goods and anything relating to war are forbidden. These items will be removed if they are found in the boxes. **EVERY** box is checked by hand before sealing.

The leaflet contains specific instructions of what to do, and it is important that you take note of what may, or must not, be included. Additionally we ask for a donation towards the transport of the boxes of £2.50 per box. There is an envelope provided in the leaflet for this purpose, plus a label to stick on the lid of your box. Please don't wrap the gifts which you put in the box. The box should be secured with an elastic band.

Gifts need not necessarily be new, but it is important that they are in very good condition and in good working order.

Thank you for your help in the past. Will you take part again this year? You will make a great difference to a child's Christmas. It may be the only gift they have. Please ring me if you want further details. If you can persuade your family and friends to help this would be excellent.

One last thing – when you have pulled your Christmas crackers and wonder what to do with the bits and bobs which you find inside, don't throw them away, save them to put in your box next year!

Betty Hadley. 01335 300699.

THE RED LION, KNIVETON

Will be hosting the following events in the near future

Halloween Party 31st October, music, buffet & fancy dress

November we will be having another karaoke night

Christmas Eve male vocalist

The Get Together Club

Mrs Monk from the mushroom farm was unable to attend our July meeting so Dave from the Red Lion stepped in. We all enjoyed meeting Dave and his dogs and I think we were all very surprised at all the rules and regulations in breeding and showing. Thank you Dave for stepping at the last minute.

David Tideswell came to see us in August as always this was very entertaining. David will be back next year by popular demand.

We are out and about on September 18th, a trip to Blackwell, Near Alfreton for lunch.

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

THANKS FOR THE THANKS

What a simply splendid party we all had on Sunday 21st September. It was wonderful of everyone to organise it and to come to see me off so to speak, though I am not going very far!

The weather was kind and we were able to enjoy the sunshine and each others company and the children had a great time outside. Many and grateful thanks are due to Debbie and Eric Broughton for their hospitality, to June and to John for organising the party. I was most touched that you should think of honouring me in this way. It was great to see so many of the congregation and to have the leisure to chat. Particular thanks are to John Bradbury for his kind words and his great support over the years we have been wardens together.

I have very much enjoyed my time as Church Warden, and would like to thank you all for being so tolerant of my many mistakes and aberrations over the years.

There is no sinister nor political reason for my stepping down; sceptics please note! There is a push in the Church of England towards Wardens serving for shorter terms, and as I have achieved my proverbial three score years and ten this year, and have been Warden for more than ten of those, I felt it a good time to stop. June has already proved an able and efficient successor and I want to take this opportunity to offer her my support and any help I can give.

Thank you all again. Your beautiful flowers are still fresh and fragrant as I write. I shall continue to support St. Michael's of course, by being a member of the PCC, and Deanery synod representative; and also the Benefice lay representative on the steering group for the newly formed Ministry and Mission area. You have not seen the last of me yet! Jane Methuen

HOW NOT TO APPLY FOR A JOB

Allegedly genuine extracts from CVs submitted to employers that presumably didn't have much of an agonising decision on their hands...

Personal qualities:

"Here are my qualifications for you to overlook."

"Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain operation."

"Education: College, August 1880-May 1984."

"Work Experience: Dealing with customers' conflicts that arouse."

"Develop and recommend an annual operating expense fudget."

"I'm a rabid typist."

"I was proud to win the Gregg Typing Award."

"I'm married with nine children. I don't require prescription drugs."

"I am extremely loyal to my present firm, so please don't let them know of my immediate availability."

"Number of dependents: 40."

"Marital Status: Often."

"Children: Various."

Reasons given by candidates for leaving their previous job:

"Responsibility makes me nervous."

"They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 every morning. Couldn't work under those conditions."

"Note: Please don't misconstrue my 14 jobs as 'job-hopping'. I have never quit a job."

"Was met with a string of broken promises and lies, as well as cockroaches."

"I was working for my mum until she decided to move."

"The company made me a scapegoat - just like my three previous employers."

Special Requests

"Please call me after 5:30pm because I am self-employed and my employer does not know I am looking for another job."

Gareth Butterfield

School News

Find out what Class 2 got up to during the holidays!



I went to town and I got some new trainers.



By Millie Hema.

When I went to Gulliver's I went with Ben. He is six years old. We went on the log flume.

By Seb Crellin

I went on holiday to Skegness and we went to the beach. Then my cousin James asked his sister Lucy if he could bury her in the sand and she said yes so he buried her. Then she got stuck and she couldn't get up.

By Carly Lynam

I went to the sea life centre. It was fun and then we went on a roller coaster ride but then we had to go back to the cottage.

By Lydia Whieldon

I held a baby on the sofa, it was the first time that I had held a baby. I was happy.



On my holiday I went to the beach and I went in the sea and jumped over the waves.

By Max Baker

I went to Islay with my cousin and Auntie and Uncle,

Next year my cousin, Gran and Granddad are coming
and we have to take the ferries over to Islay.

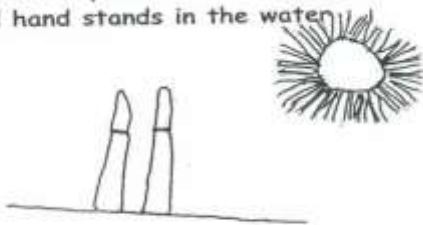


By Hannah Rose

I liked going in my boat at the beach and catching two jellyfish and one little fish. Then going to Puffin Island in my boat.

By Tom Wheeldon

I tripped over and fell in the pool .
I did roly polys and hand stands in the water.



By Alex Bell

My dad dumped me in the pool. I was soaked.



By Ruaraidh.

ON THE OAKERTHORPE ROAD TO MATLOCK

Most Monday mornings over the last year, I have driven on the B5035 road to Matlock Local Studies Library or the Derbyshire Records Office. Until the 1880s, when county councils took over responsibility for road maintenance, the prosaic B5035 was called the Oakerthorpe Turnpike, one in five toll roads radiating from Ashbourne. Unsurprisingly, the Oakerthorpe (Near Alfreton Road) Road was always the quietest. In 1845, for instance, it took £380 in toll revenue, the Belper Road £500, the Leek Road approximately £1,000 and the busy Derby to Ashbourne Road £1,750.

But the area around the road is steeped in history, even well before reaching Cromford and its World Heritage Site, centred on the cotton and silk mills of the Derwent Valley. At KNOCKERDOWN, we turn right for Kirk Ireton,

where the 'Barley Mow' Pub is a reminder that window tax could be avoided by bricking up windows. Window Tax was introduced in 1696 and finally repealed in 1851, the tax rarely raising the required revenue. The Window Tax was a testament to the resourcefulness of the British in outwitting the Taxman.

Back to the B3035 we enter lead mining country. BRASSINGTON was for many years one of the important 'liberties' in the Soke and Wapentake of Wirksworth and represents the southern extremity of the productive lead-mining field. The road into the village is flanked by fields with the ridge and furrow pattern of its medieval Open Field System, still visible. At GOD-FREYHOLE is the 'Old Toll House', the second toll gate on the road- first was Ketchams Inn at Kniveton. The delightful view over Carsington Water reminds us that the important Roman settlement of LUTUDARUM, centre of their lead mining activities, was probably inundated by the waters of the reservoir.

After CARSINGTON we reach HOPTON, with Hopton Hall a key site in the history of Derbyshire. The Hall was the seat of the powerful and influential Gell Family. During the 1642- 6 Civil War, John Gell was Colonel of the Derbyshire Regiment charged by the Parliamentary side to 'hold Derbyshire'. Gell became Governor of Derby, but also continued his entrepreneurial activities throughout the war, trading with both sides. In 1643 a Royalist Derbyshire regiment based at Bolsover was commanded by Colonel John Milward of Snitterton Hall, Gell's partner as Chief Barmaster of the Wirksworth lead mining industries.

On the road towards MIDDLETON, one can detect evidence of lead mining in the landscape, the hillocks of spoil dug by men many years ago, but at Middleton Top are the remains of one of the jewels of the route- the High Peak Railway, which ran from Cromford to Whaley Bridge, the terminus of the Peak Forest Canal, a distance of 33 miles. The line was built in 1830- 31, supported by the Cavendish, Manners and Arkwright families, amongst others, and included 9 inclined planes where steam engines pulled the trains up the hills on the route. The line finally closed in 1967, but the static steam engine at Middle Top still survives.

The road runs down to CROMFORD, Sir Richard Arkwright's village, where the many surviving 3 storey stone cottages, many of which Arkwright built, remind us that much cotton processing in the 18th and 19th centuries was carried out domestically as well as in the cotton spinning factories built along the Derwent.

KNIVETON WI



At our September meeting members enjoyed a talk given by Nancy Hawkesworth on her life as a farmer's wife. Nancy was the daughter of a farmer, married a farmer and now has two sons who are farmers. Their farm is situated in Shardlow alongside the A.6 road and is a dairy and sheep farm. She then went on to tell us about the life of a cow and how all animals have to have a passport to monitor its movements when it's sold. The amount of record keeping that is now expected from farmers we wondered how they had time to look after their animals!! It was a most interesting talk and we all went away feeling confident in how the British farming industry is producing our food.

Future events members are looking forward to attending are the Dovedale Group Social evening, a craft dabble day at Tutbury and the Autumn Council Meeting at the Assembly Rooms in Derby where the main guest speaker is Gloria Hunniford. At our October meeting we are making a Christmas Decoration – if you would like to join us we would be very pleased to see you. We did have five new ladies come to our September meeting, who hopefully will be joining us permanently.

For their August meeting Kniveton W.I ladies visited another nine ladies who were not very communicative!! They were the 'Nine Ladies Stone Circle' on Stanton Moor. The weather was reasonably kind to us and we started our walk around the edge of the moor admiring the views of the Derwent Valley. We passed Earl Gray's Reform Tower before arriving at the Nine Ladies and walking back across the middle of the moor where the heather was in full bloom. We arrived at the 'Cork Stone' which we were all tempted to climb (one member climbed a third of the way up), the worrying part was how to get down again! We finished our evening quenching our thirst at a local hostelry discussing where to go next year, along with how to drive a tractor!

Thanks to all those who attended the Coffee Morning at Willowbank on Thursday 11th September. Susan Birch came from Derbyshire Federation of Women's Institutes with copies of the plans for the proposed memorial to the WI at the Arlewas Arboretum and we raised £47 which we handed to her to be added to the fund.

Thanks to Barbara the Vice President for taking over from me whilst I was away in September and to Susan Clark for the reports of the meetings I was unable to attend.

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