

Elsham Leader - August 2011



The Parish Council thank John and Rachel Porter for hosting a most enjoyable coffee morning on 11th June. Almost fifty people attended, several of them new residents, so we hope new friendships were made and old ones renewed. For another opportunity to meet fellow residents see below.

Roland and Lorraine Guest
invite you to a

COFFEE MORNING

in the garden at

**Oakdale, 5 Church Street
(in the Village Hall if wet)**

on

Saturday 27th August

10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Entrance fee £1.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

Donations of cakes gratefully accepted

Theft of lead from church roof



unscrupulous and selfish people responsible.

The theft of the lead from the church roof was discovered when it rained heavily after the long spell of dry weather in the spring so we are not exactly sure when it was taken. Unfortunately the discovery was just two weeks before the church was to be the venue for the Sine Nomine concert.

After much discussion with the authorities at Lincoln, it was agreed that a non lead replacement could be used on the listed building. The cost was £3000.00. Our little church is an ancient architectural gem and could have been severely damaged by the

Metal / cable thefts – a message from the Police

Theft of metal and cable not only cost the economy millions every year, the disruption this type of incident causes impacts on our day to day life. The global rise in the price of metal has led to a massive increase in associated thefts. Particularly common incidents include theft of lead from rooftops, theft on railway lines, BT cables and power lines.

We really need the help of the local community if we are going to stand any chance of catching those responsible.

We would encourage you to ring in with details of any unmarked vehicle near to construction sites, electrical sites and uncovered manholes. BT has had many incidents where thieves remove manhole covers then cut and drag the cable away.

Railways are another common area to be targeted, any personnel working on the network should be in the approved uniform clearly displaying the organisation that they are working for.

Please be aware that most construction and building sites have their hours of work restricted by planning consent; if there is activity on the site outside of these hours then alert the police.

Reports of black or acrid smoke can indicate offenders are burning the sheath off cable. Cable commands a greater price when sold if the sheath is no longer on the cable.

Remember if in doubt ring the police you could be preventing a whole community being without power, telephones and other services not to mention helping us to catch a thief! We will not mind in the least if you report something in good faith, which turns out to be a false alarm.

For an incident in progress ring 999 otherwise contact us on **0845 60 60 222**

Many thanks
Sgt Liz Staff, Brigg Neighbourhood Police Team

Best Kept Village Competition / Stolen Plants

Observant ones amongst you would have noticed that our village plants were targeted several times by thieves. First the central conifers from the planters at the bottom of Barnetby Lane were stolen. They were replaced, then stolen again. Then the hanging baskets from under the "Elsham" signs at either end of the village were taken, despite being chained and wired in place. Quite apart from the cost of replacement, these thefts are so disheartening to the people who tend the plants. Some of the money to fund the flowers comes from the precept (the money asked for by the village as part of the Council Tax) so every family pays. If anyone has any information as to the culprits, please speak to one of the Parish Councillors.

Parish Council Meeting July 2011

Complete minutes will be posted on the website in due course but the last meeting representatives from Anglian Water, Veg Pro and North Lincolnshire Council attended to discuss the problem of onion odours in the village. It was agreed that representatives of the Parish Council would visit Veg Pro's processing plant on the industrial estate to view the dosing and drainage systems. NLCllr Rob Waltham has asked NLC, Anglian Water and VegPro that there should be a time limit and a report on action should be available by September.

Reports from North Lincs Councillors – Cllr Sherwood informed us that free parking for initial periods will commence in Brigg on 1st, in Ashby on 7th and in Scunthorpe on 8th September. He also

informed us that the Brigg Tourist Office will be staying in its current location and the library would be relocating to the Angel.

NLCllr Rob Waltham informed us that Andrew Percy MP has raised the question of the cable thefts in the Commons and work is being carried out to ensure measures are put in place to deter the thefts.

It was decided not to create a Parish Emergency Plan but residents should contact any Parish Councillor in an emergency such as flooding or severe weather.

Future Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are usually held on the third Tuesday of the month in the village hall, at 6.45pm. We do not meet in December, April or August. The next two meetings will be Tuesday 20th September and Tuesday 18th October

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Lorraine Guest (Chairman) (680679)
Graham Evison (Deputy Chairman)
(680980)

Sophie Dunn (680676)
Siobhan Hollows
David Dent (688766)
John Taylor (680438)
Paul Richardson (688467)

Parish Clerk –

Deb Hotson (0784 2201877)
(available weekdays 10am – 2pm)

The Queen's 60th Jubilee Celebrations

The Parish Council agreed in principle that there should be some form of celebration in the village to commemorate this. If anyone has ideas as to what form the celebrations should take or if you are willing to help in any way, please contact a Parish Councillor.

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Further Extracts from the old Minute Book

March 26th 1950

Proposed...that the Clerk write to Mr Eccles about the state of the grass verge along New Road and suggest a footpath be laid down.

April 15th 1950 AGM

The Chairman read a letter from Mr Eccles stating that a footpath will be made along New Road and it is proposed to have it ready by the autumn.
(Note New Road is now known as New Street)

Manhole – Mr Short reported that a manhole in Doll Lane was in a very dangerous condition owing to the recent rain having caused subsidence in the surrounding soil. The Clerk was instructed to write to the RDC re same to find out if it was the responsibility of the contractors of the council houses.
Street Lighting – Now that a supply of electricity is available...proposed that that the clerk finds out from the RDC office what progress is being made re same.

March 3^d 1951

Footpaths Survey – This matter was discussed and unanimously decided to be left over until the warmer weather when a survey could be carried out in better weather conditions.

It was decided to leave the appointment of school Manager and Parish Councillor in place of Mr T J Scott recently deceased until the annual meeting.

April 28th 1951

Election to fill Mr Scott's Vacancy – proposed that Mr Wilkinson be elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Scott.

Proposed... that Mr Laverack be elected to represent the Parish Council on the Managing Body of Elsham County School.

August 7th 1951

Street Lighting – It was unanimously agreed that six sites for the erection of street lamps should be chosen. These were marked on the RDC map as follows:-

- 1) Manor House corner
- 2) Chapel corner
- 3) Good Lane corner
- 4) Bottom school gate
- 5) Halfway between P>O and Church Lane
- 6) Bottom of Doll Lane

March 22nd 1952

Water on Back Street (now Church Street) Sluice pipes were laid for the water supply in Back Street. There is a continual stream running down almost across the road. (There still is 60 years later!) Proposed... that a letter be sent to the RDC. (We are still sending letters!)

Footpaths – The two main footpaths – Doll Lane and School Hill footpath were recorded on the RDC plan and the document signed in accordance with the RDC Right of Way and Access to the Countryside plan.

Results from the Elsham Village Golf Competition that took place on 2nd July 2011

Unfortunately, this year’s event was not as well attended as in previous years and only 8 golfers competed, with 21 people attending the evening meal at Elsham Golf Club.

Ruth Rutter came second with 34points, but the winner with 36points was Jon Cook. He was obviously delighted to have won as can be seen from this photograph.

Jon looks forward to defending the trophy next year – when we hope to have many more residents attending the evening meal.

(Jon, on the left, is seen receiving the trophy from Roland Guest)



Parish Council Web Site

Elsham Parish Council uses the following web site to display council minutes, agenda and other useful information.

www.e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil

(the “e-voice” web site is available for use by charities & Parish Councils, and saves the council money and a lot of effort because it is free and uses a standard template.)

Take a look at the web site and let us have your comments.

If you have any additional items than can be usefully added please contact a Parish Councillor, in the first instance.

RAF Elsham Wold Association - Service of Dedication 2011

A special service is to be held in church on Saturday 27th August to dedicate the York stone plaque commemorating those service personal who were stationed at Elsham Wold and died in the War. All are welcome.

Harvest Festival

This will take place on Sunday 9th October at 10am at All Saints Church, Elsham.

Other services are listed on the notice board outside the church.

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The AGM was held on 8th June and the following were elected for the coming season:-

Captain/Chairman Martyn Robinson
Vice Cap/Vice Chair Terry Leaning
Secretary/Fixture Secretary

Treasurer John Tomlinson
Charles Knaggs

The above officers along with Ken Simpkin, Annette Robinson and Tom Ridgeway are to form the committee. The Presentation Evening is to be held at the golf club on Wednesday 31st August.

Bowling is to continue on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer, then after 24th August, on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 7pm.

Our league fixtures with the Bishop Norton League start on 16th September with a home match against Hibaldstow.

The cost of the evening is £1.50 to include tea and biscuits at half time.

New members would be very welcome. Anyone interested should contact me on 688221.

John Tomlinson

Brigg and District Horticultural Society

The next talk is on the 6th October in the Methodist Church Hall in Brigg at 7.30pm when the subject will be "Cactus and other Subjects" by Rob Stevenson of Caistor.

The 3rd November talk is by Mr Darcy of Manby and his subject is "Various Species of Apples".

He will be pleased to identify any variety of apple that you may take along. All will be made welcome.

John Tomlinson

Hire of the Village Hall

The village hall can seat up to 120 and with its new kitchen makes it is an attractive venue for wedding receptions, children's parties and other such events. The rates are very reasonable - for full details and bookings contact Jim Reid on 01652 688753 or John Tomlinson on 01652 688221.

Contact details re Keys / Booking etc. for Elsham Village Hall

Jim Reid Kantara,
2 Church Street, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 688753

John Tomlinson 4 Chapel Lane,
Elsham
Tel:- 01652 688221

Roland Guest 5 Church Street,
Elsham
Tel:- 01652 680679

John Taylor Little Bolingbroke
5 Hall Lane, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 680438

Information about the village and events

Apart from this newsletter, information can be found on the new notice board situated at the end of the Village Hall car park and also on the website.

Saturday 27th August 2011 at 10.00 am

- a Coffee Morning at 5 Church Street
- a chance to meet fellow residents for a chat.

Events which take place regularly in the Village Hall are :-

Monday No regular events

Tuesday **New Age Kurling**
10.00 - 12.00

Low Villages Flower Club 2nd Tuesday 6.30 – 8.00pm
(except January and August)
Next meetings :- Tues 13th September, Tues 11th October

Parish Council 3rd Tuesday 6.45 – 8.00pm
(except April, August and December)
Next meetings – 20th September, 18th October 2011

Wine Club
Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm.
Recessed over the summer. Recommences on 20th September 2011.

Wednesday **Bowls Club** 7.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday No regular events

Friday **Country Night** Monthly on the 2nd Friday at 7.00pm
Next meetings :-
Friday 12th August - Carol Ann B
Friday 9th September – Arizona Wes
Friday 14th October – Billy Leonard
Friday 11th November – Nancy Ann Lee

Sunday **Bowls Club** 7.00 – 9.00pm

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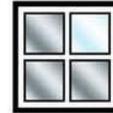
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