

# *Elsham Leader* - August 2012

## **The Queen's 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebrations**

If you came to either of the events, you will know how well Elsham celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and that a good time was had by all.



### **The Jubilee Committee**

Victoria Boccock, Sandra Rawlin, Lorraine Guest, Jane Evison, Graham Evison, Sophie Dunn, Siobhan Hollows and Harvey French.

The **Hog Roast and Disco** was a sellout, the hall was packed and a riot of red, white and blue of the hall itself, flags, table decorations and people's dress.

The raffle raised over £400.00 and the auction £675.00. Many thanks to all those who gave raffle prizes and to the generous people who gave such fabulous items for the auction as for instance, dinner, bed and breakfast for two at Stallingborough Grange, golf for four at Elsham Golf Club, a family pass for Elsham Hall, a magnum of champagne and vouchers from Way In, Muddy Boots, and the Beauty Clinique. The winning bidders might like to let us know how they enjoyed their prizes.

The **fireworks** were absolutely spectacular. I doubt a village of comparable size anywhere had such a fabulous show. Very many thanks to Harvey French for part funding the display.

A site meeting on the Sunday morning convinced the committee that any attempt to have the **“Picnic in the Park”** that day would be a wash out, so messengers ran around the village to let people know the event would be postponed until the following day. Urgent phone calls were made to enable the toilets and bouncy castles to remain. Some people had made other arrangements for Monday and so were disappointed at not being able to attend. Our apologies to them, but the decision proved to be a sound one because Monday was dry(!) and the sun came out in the afternoon to enable the children’s races to be run, the tug of war to be held, picnics to be had and much use made of the bouncy castles.

It was wonderful to have a real village event in a lovely setting. Our thanks again to Mr and Mrs Palmer for the loan of their paddock. A red oak has been planted there to commemorate the event.

All children resident in the village were given a £5.00 Jubilee coin. Events were funded from donations by residents, from the Julian Stevenson Trust, and from several businesses on the industrial estate, amongst others. The £1,600.00 raised by the Jubilee weekend will be added to the £500.00 from previous events. This money is being held for the construction of a playground when a site can be found.

### **Elsham Village Photo Competition**

Thank you to all the people who entered photographs and voted in the Elsham Photograph Competition over the Jubilee weekend. We had some lovely photographs to choose from, and voting was particularly close in the Junior category. Congratulations go to the winners who were: Steve Burke with his photograph of the coloured fields at the top of the hill, and Maddy Leaning with her picture of a ladybird on a flower. The photographs have been hung up in the entrance of the Village Hall.

### **Elsham Parish Council**

Your Parish Councillors are:-

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

Sophie Dunn (680676)  
Siobhan Hollows (07766 770056)  
David Dent (688766)  
John Taylor (680438)  
Paul Richardson (688467)

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

### **HELP for Heroes**

Help for Heroes are organising a motorcycle ride around the UK. The riders and pillion passengers are, or have been members of the armed forces. They hope to visit Elsham Village Hall between 9.30 and 10.00 am approx. For about 30 minutes on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2012. This is the weekend of the RAF Elsham Wolds Reunion and the riders in particular, would like to meet our Veteran Members.

## **Elsham Indoor Bowls Club**

The club held its AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> June.  
The following were elected for the coming season :-

Captain/ Chairman	Martyn Robinson
Vice Captain/ Vice Chair	Terry Leaning
Secretary/Fixture Sec.	John Tomlinson
Treasurer	Charles Knaggs

The above officers, together with Ken Simpkin, Annette Robinson and Tom Ridgeway are to form the committee.

The Presentation Evening is to be held at Elsham Golf Club on Wednesday 5th September.

Bowling is to continue on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer (What summer!), then after 19<sup>th</sup> August, on Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 7pm.

Our fixtures in the Bishop Norton League, start on 12<sup>th</sup> September with a home match against the Trentside club.

John Tomlinson

## **Low Villages' Flower Club**

Held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month(except August and September) at the village hall at 6.30 until 8.30pm.

This is a very informal flower arranging group for people with some experience to those with none.

Mrs Jane Ide, the tutor, demonstrates one or two designs at the end of the session which the members attempt to replicate the following month with Jane on hand to advise.

For further information, telephone Lorraine Guest on 01652 680679

## **All Saints' Church, Elsham**

Thank you to everyone who helped in decorating the Church in red, white and blue flowers for Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. An oak tree was planted in the churchyard to replace one which had been felled. A plaque celebrates the occasion.

The Church is open each Wednesday afternoon. This coincides with the same opening times as the R.A.F.Wolds Museum (on the site of the Waterworks). Over 1,000 young men were to die on operations from Elsham Wold and a Memorial is in Church in dedication.

Our vicar, the Rev. M. Batty will conduct his last service at Barnetby on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. There will be a joint service at 10.00am on 16<sup>th</sup> September conducted by the Rev. Andrew Ballard at our Elsham Church. We hope that the Rural Dean will be able to provide vicars to conduct our services until an appointment is made.

The lead roofing which was stolen from our church has now been replaced with a substitute material. It was suggested at the last meeting of the Parochial Church Council that warning signs should be displayed.

We are hoping that a vicar will be appointed for our Church quite soon and in the meantime, any information relating to the Church will be displayed on the Church notice board.

Barbara Phipps

### **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](http://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.

### **Dog fouling**

It has been noted with very deep concern that some owners of dogs have allowed their pets to foul pathways in the churchyard. This abuse carries a very substantial fine.

Most dog owners behave responsibly but for those who do not, we ask that you take care to supervise your dogs and make sure that they do not foul pavements and pathways. We take pride in our church and its surroundings and visitors appreciate this.

Barbara Phipps

It is some time since we have had a problem with dog fouling. A few irresponsible people may cost us the Best Kept Village award or the special prize awarded to the best kept churchyard. Much time and effort goes into keeping our village looking good and Elsham has a reputation of being a pleasant place to live. A pity that a few spoil it. If you know whose dog is responsible, or see a dog loose, please phone the dog warden on 01724 297000 or email

[customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:customerservice@northlincs.gov.uk)

Lorraine Guest

### **Hedges**

Whilst on the subject of Elsham being a pleasant place to live – now that August is here and birds have finished nesting, could residents please check that their hedges do not obstruct the pathways. **The Parish Council do have the power to have them cut and send the residents the bill!**

### **Broadband**

People in the area are being urged to support the campaign for Superfast Broadband. We need to show there is demand for Broadband, so the more residents who show their support the more attractive the development of Superfast Broadband is to suppliers.

Cllr Siobhan Hollows is Elsham's Broadband Champion and she is expecting to be able to deliver leaflets shortly. You are urged to complete these to help the campaign, or if you prefer, you can do this now online :-

Residents - [northernlincsbroadband.info/rs](http://northernlincsbroadband.info/rs)

Businesses -

[northernlincsbroadband.info/bs](http://northernlincsbroadband.info/bs)

### **What is happening on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September ?**

Further details can be found on page 7 of this edition of the Elsham Leader

## **The Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Planning**

Some of you may be aware that government legislation entitled "The Localism Bill" has come into force. Among other things, it provides for local communities to produce a "Neighbourhood Plan" to input directly into local planning policies. It will enable our local communities to make their views clear so that North Lincolnshire Council can act on our priorities.

Elsham Parish Council is a member of the "Low Villages Forum" which was "founded on the realization that we have common issues and interests and that by speaking with one united voice our views would carry greater weight than small, individual councils." (Rod Greenhough, Chairman, LVF) We are hoping that we can produce a general joint plan for the Low Villages, within which each village has a specific section.

Members of Elsham Parish Council have already undergone two training sessions to benefit from specialist advice.

When a plan has been made, the draft will be publicized, and people who live, work or carry out businesses in the area, will have at least six weeks to make comments. However, there is no reason why residents cannot let Parish Councillors know of their ideas beforehand. Any plan would have to adhere to current law and could include a wide range of considerations, such as number, location and type of housing; leisure facilities; type and site of permitted industry etc.

The final plan will be subject to a Community Referendum which will require a 50% majority to be successful.

However, we are just at the beginning of a process which will probably take two years. We will keep you posted.

### **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**

<b>Jim Reid</b>	Kantara, 4 Chapel Lane, Elsham <b>Tel:- 01652 688753</b>
<b>John Tomlinson</b>	2 Church Street Elsham <b>Tel:- 01652 688221</b>
<b>Roland Guest</b>	5 Church Street, Elsham <b>Tel:- 01652 680679</b>
<b>John Taylor</b>	Little Bolingbroke 5 Hall Lane, Elsham <b>Tel:- 01652 680438</b>



## Join other villagers on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012

Following the very successful “Hog Roast” and “Picnic in the Park” that took place over the Jubilee weekend, you are invited to join other villagers at Elsham Golf Club on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Meet other villagers and friends in the pleasant surroundings of Elsham Golf Club where you can have a drink and a chat before enjoying a delicious meal in the Golf Club dining room.

We have also traditionally held a golf competition for residents and past residents of Elsham in the earlier part of the year, but it had not been possible to do so this year. It has therefore been decided that the village golf competition will be held on the afternoon of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September followed by the social event and meal.

To help with the organisation, could you please let me know if you are able to attend the social function and / or play in the golf event by returning the tear off section – details shown below and on the enclosed “flyer”..

In the afternoon there will be the **Elsham Village Golf competition** which is open to all residents and past residents of Elsham.

Play in the afternoon in your own groups or meet at 1.30 pm to be paired up with other players.

Cost for golf is £4 per player for Elsham G C members.

In the evening there will be

**A Social Evening at Elsham Golf Club.**

Cost of £16 per person for a 3 course meal.

Dress – smart casual.

Come and meet up with other residents and neighbours.

Please let me know if you have any special dietary requirements.

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