

# *Elsham Leader* – August 2017



## **The Best Kept Village Competition 2017**

**WE WON!** Elsham came first in the “small village” category of the Best Kept Village competition. Last year we were third, the year before second, but we haven’t won it for many years.

Very many thanks to my “Elsham Elves” team – Karry and Dawn Enser, Sandra van Oosterhout, Christine Busby and Catherine Bowmer for their hard work in planting, weeding and watering. Thanks also to Martyn Clarke for the grass cutting and to our “womblers”, people who litter pick on their walks around the village, and to everyone else who contributed in any way.

We received donations from Hunters Lodge Fisheries, Holme Farm Residential Home and Blended Products on the industrial estate. These gifts supplemented the money received from the parish precept and enabled us to revamp the “triangle” and buy more attractive planters.

All areas of the village are judged for tidiness and general attractiveness, so thanks also to all residents who maintain their properties, keep their hedges trimmed and have tidy and colourful front gardens.

Information about the other competitors and the judges’ full critique of our entry will be posted on the notice board.

## **ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL** **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2017**

Once again this last year has proved to be a challenging and interesting year with some long term goals being achieved, none of which could have been achieved without the continued hard work and support of my fellow Parish Councillors and Parish Clerk Deb Hotson my thanks to them and also to NLC Leader Rob Waltham and Councillors Nigel and Carl Sherwood for all their help and guidance through the year.

### **Year Highlights:**

#### **Elsham Play Park**

This was the most significant and satisfying event of the year seeing 4+ years of planning and hard work finally coming to fruition with the opening of the Elsham Play Park on the 15 October by our local MP Andrew Percy. The opening was well attended by Elsham residents and by NLC Leader Rob Waltham and Councillor Carl Sherwood.

This is a fantastic amenity for the village and I hope it will be enjoyed by all present and future residents for many years to come.

#### **Planning**

Planning applications have been very light this year with only a couple of extension applications and two new builds from previous applications.

Stoneledge continues to be monitored by both the Parish Council and NLC planning for any breach of planning conditions.

#### **Highways**

General Maintenance work has been carried out through the year by NLC, verges have been cut back and overhanging hedges trimmed back.

HGV's looking for the Industrial estate and using the village as a cut through continue to be a problem, we are still waiting for improved direction signs to be displayed at Barnetby Top.

#### **Crime and Neighbourhood Watch**

Unfortunately there have been a number of incidents this year, including car break-ins, two house burglaries and more recently a bench seat taken from the Quarry, All incidents were reported to the Police and I would ask all residents if they see anything suspicious to report it using the non-emergency number **101**.

We have recently had a spate of fly tipping on Middlegate Lane, again I would ask if you see anything suspicious please report it to NLC on 01724 297000.

#### **Astley Corner**

I'm afraid the parking around Astley Corner continues to be a problem and a safety hazard. Therefore in the interests of safety I ask all the residents of Astley Corner to please use the parking bays.

## **Quarry**

The management agreement with NLC is taking longer than anticipated but I hope that this is concluded before too long. In the meantime we have installed two new picnic benches, a new Jack & Jill gate at the Middlegate Lane entrance and overgrown areas along pathways were cutback. We have recently applied for funding to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme for community projects and we have been told we have been successful and will find out in July how much has been awarded, at least a minimum of £1000, which will go towards the maintenance of the Quarry, a big thank you to Sandra for her work in submitting the application. On a negative note as mentioned earlier I'm afraid thieves broke through a fence on Vicarage Lane and stole a bench seat.

## **Best Kept Village Competition**

We will be entering this competition again this year having achieved third place last year. We were hoping for first place and there was only one point between the first three, still a fantastic achievement so well deserved thanks to Lorraine Guest and her 'Elsham Elves' and fingers crossed for this year. *(This was written in May 2017 – see the front page for 2017 results)*

We were also pleased to receive the unexpected CPRE Environmental Award for purchasing the Quarry and exploring its potential as a Nature Reserve.

## **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Celebrations**

The weekend celebrations in June went very well, the weather was kind and it was great to see the community come together. A big thank you to everyone involved in making the weekend such a success and in raising £1279 for the Play Park fund.

## **Current Projects**

We are waiting for a much needed Bus Shelter to be installed by NLC on New Street and new Village signs at either end of the Village. We are also working through the process of adopting the telephone box on New Street. Any suggestions for a future use would be very welcome,

This year we had a change in personnel on the PC, Siobhan Hollows after several years' service as a Councillor and Vice-Chair resigned from the Council in July due to work commitments, my grateful thanks to Siobhan for all her hard work and support.

Two vacancies on the PC were advertised but only one application was received, Vee Harness joined the Council in September and Councillor Sophie Dunn was voted to Vice-Chair in October, congratulations to you both.

We still have one vacancy on the PC should any resident be interested in joining please contact the Parish Clerk Deb Hotson or myself.

Finally it is with great sadness that I must report that one of our most respected residents Anne Dodds passed away on the 23 March, our sincere condolences go to Anne's husband John and her family. Anne was a dedicated supporter of the Elsham community serving as the Parish Clerk for over thirty years and as a Trustee of the Julian Stephenson Trust.

Graham Evison  
Chairman, Elsham Parish Council

May 2017

## Bug Hunt in the Quarry Nature Reserve

Kay Perry from North Lincs council came to do a bug hunt for the children in the quarry on 15th August, it was very well attended and both children and adults had a great time hunting down minibeasts. We found common blue butterflies, gatekeeper butterflies, meadow browns, red admirals, several different types of grasshoppers, ladybirds with varying numbers of spots (maximum I think was 14-spotted ladybird) and many spiders and beetles - one beetle in particular kept being caught and as it wasn't on the charts we had, we decided to name it the Elsham beetle! It was great to see the diversity of wildlife, most of which you don't see as you walk through, and I think we all learned something and had fun doing it. Thank you to everyone who came along.



## Best Kept Village

More colourful views from around the village – all helping to gain 1<sup>st</sup> place.



We are always looking for articles of interest for insertion in the Elsham Leader – please Email your comments / articles to [lquest@talktalk.net](mailto:lquest@talktalk.net)

Thank you

### Chip Van

In case you haven't heard, a fish and chip van is now visiting the village every Friday evening from 6.45 to 7.45pm.

Judging by the queue across the village hall car park, it is proving to be very popular

## **Elsham Parish Council**

### **Did you know that you can attend Parish Council meetings?**

#### **Public participation time, when you can air your views, is from 6.45 and 7.00pm**

The dates of meetings are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Graham Evison (Chairman)  
(680980)

Sophie Dunn	(680676)
Lorraine Guest	(680679)
John Taylor	(680438)
Sandra van Oosterhout	(681899)
Vee Harness	(688005)

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

### **Tour of Britain Bike Race**

This is to take place in our area on Tuesday 5th September. It will pass by Village Farm on Wootton Road where a specially painted bright green bike will be displayed. The route will then turn at Five Lane Ends and head for Barrow. There is still time to acquire an old bike to paint up and show your support. Contact a parish councillor

### **Extracts from Parish Council Minutes**

#### **June 2017**

A memorial stone has been placed in the quarry in memory of a resident's dog. While the Parish Council do not wish to remove the stone, this will not become the precedent.

#### **July 2017**

The clerk has submitted paper work to transfer the BT **telephone kiosk** to the Parish Council.

The clerk has requested that the **post box** be repainted.

**Bus Shelter** – Cllr. C. Sherwood informed the Council that NLC would be unable to provide a bus shelter as located by the hedge it would be a health and safety issue with regard to its maintenance, and to locate it on the grass verge would also be a health and safety issue as it would impede visibility when exiting Chapel lane. Clerk to ask NLC for a further site meeting to review any other suitable areas.

### **The Playground and Adult Exercise Area**

It is gratifying to see that our year old playground is still well used and that it is generally taken care of. Sadly, we have had a recent incident of paint on some of the equipment.

Thanks to the committee who organise the daily opening and locking of the gate.

Opening times are:-  
0800 - 1900 in the winter  
0800 - 2000 or dusk in the summer.

A sign has been erected to remind users that ball games and dogs are not permitted.

### **Thefts**

Residents are urged to report any thefts, however minor, as they will be logged and provide statistics and maybe a pattern, for the police to act on. Phone 101

**The Airfields of Britain Conservation Trust** are to place a plaque in the Anglian Waterworks museum to honour WW1 Home Defence Fighter Flight stations.

## **Tai Chi**

For the last few months, a small group have enjoyed a tai chi class in the village hall every Wednesday morning at 10.30. This is led by village resident Mr David Nundy.

Classes begin again on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September and new members will be very welcome. Come and watch a session if you are unfamiliar with this gentle form of exercise which is suitable for all ages.

## **Barbeque**

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, a very successful barbeque was held at the village hall. The weather was kind for once and residents were able to eat outside. The proceeds of £100 are to go to the church.

## **Elsham Indoor Bowls Club**

The new season will start on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm in the village hall. New members welcome.

## **All Saints' Church Elsham**

RAF Elsham Wolds Association will have their reunion weekend this coming weekend – 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August. There will be the usual service at the Anglian Water Treatment Works on Sunday afternoon. All are welcome. The church will remain open in the afternoon, after the normal service at 11am, for members of the Association to view the memorial to those who lost their lives in the war.

## **Wine Club**

The wine club starts again on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 after its summer break. We meet at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Please contact Roland Guest for further details (01652 680679)

## **BRIGG SINGERS**

Brigg Singers are currently looking for more male members to boost their tenor and bass numbers. The choir perform a wide repertoire (including show medleys, Beatles and traditional pieces) at a variety of concerts and festivals during the course of a year.

If you would like to be part of this active group you would be made to feel very welcome. The ability to read music is an advantage but not essential.

Brigg Singers rehearse every Monday evening between September and July at Brigg Methodist Church at 7.30pm so feel free to come along and give it a try - alternatively you may want to call Chris Walton (Secretary) on 01724 842485

## **Tesco Community Grant Funding Scheme**

You will have noticed the boxes for tokens at the entrance of the supermarket for you to vote for a choice of three local projects.

Cllr Sandra van Oosterhout had the idea to apply for this scheme and submitted an application which was accepted by the organisers. We competed with two other projects. We came second and received an award of £2,000.

Well done Sandra. The money will be used for development of the Quarry as a Nature Reserve.

### **Hire of the Village Hall**

*The village hall can seat up to 120 and with its full kitchen makes an attractive venue for wedding receptions, children's parties and other such events.*

*The rates are very reasonable - for full details and bookings contact Sandra van Oosterhout on 01652 681899 or Roland Guest 01652 680679)*

## Information about the village and events

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

Events which take place in the village hall are :-

Monday

Tuesday **New Age Kurling**  
10.00 - 12.00

### **Parish Council**

Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6.45 – 8.00pm (except April, August and Dec).

*Next meetings: -*

Tuesday 19th September 2017

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017

### **Wine Club**

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm starts again on 19<sup>th</sup> Sept..

*New members are welcome – tel. Roland Guest (680679) for further details.*

Wednesday **Bowls Club** 7.00 – 9.00pm – starts again on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday **Bowls Club** (not in summer)  
7.00 – 9.00pm starting again from 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

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

**Sandra Rawlin**  
3 Doll Lane, Elsham  
**Tel:- 01652 681899**

**John Tomlinson**  
2 Church Street, Elsham  
**Tel:- 01652 688221**

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

**Chairman**  
Tony Steeper  
**c/o Holme Farm Residential Home**  
**Tel:- 01652 688755**

The revenue from adverts pays for the printing of the "Leader" so that it costs the Parish Council (and indirectly, you) very little. If you would like to advertise your business or a social event, please contact me, Lorraine Guest on 01652 680679. Fees are £8 per edition.

# KEVIN BILTON

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### To contact members of your NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

**Telephone:** **101** ext 2190 and explain the reason for your call. (Emergency call **999**)

**Call in:** at the front desk at Brigg Police Station  
Mondays to Saturdays: 9.0 am – 1.0 pm and 2.0 pm – 5.0 pm

**Email:** [Amanda.barnett@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Amanda.barnett@humberside.pnn.police.uk)  
[Alison.clayton@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Alison.clayton@humberside.pnn.police.uk)  
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