

**“THIS COULD BE THE LAST TIME .....  
I don’t know.....”** as the sixties song goes!

This could be the last time the “Elsham Leader” appears in this format. It is for you to decide.

We have been approached by the publishers of the “Low Villages Newsletter” with a view to the “Elsham Leader” being incorporated into their publication.

There would be 10 issues per year and it would be delivered free as now, but cost the Parish Council through the precept £1.00 per household per year. A similar cost to the present “Leader”.

Each village has a dedicated page, but if they do not fill it, the publishers do so with adverts.

The choice is, as now, a news letter dedicated to Elsham only, or a larger one with information from Worlaby, Bonby, Horkstow and South Ferriby...

The Parish Council wants to know what you would like, so email [lquest@talktalk.net](mailto:lquest@talktalk.net) or phone 680679.



*A group photo of 103 Squadron RAF Bomber Command aircrew taken at Elsham Wolds in the winter of 1941/42. The aircraft is a Vickers Wellington. Pic: David Fell*



## **Elsham Past and Present**

*Elsham now has its own **Facebook** page! Join the 107 other members to see Elsham in superb photos of times gone by and present day photos of past residents.*

*Post your own photos of everyday life in the village.*

*Join us for a light hearted look at Elsham on Facebook at “**Elsham Past and Present.**”*

*Contact Doris Naisbitt for further information. Tel 01652 688735*

## Elsham During the Great War 1914 – 1919

*As we come to the end of 2014 and all the commemoration marking the beginning of the Great War, I'll also finish the extracts from the pamphlet named above.*

“Also might be mentioned that within the parish there was felled over 70,000 timber trees. A saw bench and timber yard was erected by the station, and the efforts of the parishioners acting as wood fellers in no small manner contributed to the Great Cause – the downfall of the German Empire.

In October 1917, the country experienced a great shortage of the necessaries of life, and it was found necessary to ration certain articles of food. Books of coupons were issued and the general public were registered at shops where they had been in the habit of obtaining their provisions.

Sugar was the first article rationed, then followed butter, lard and bacon and lastly meat. Elsham shopkeepers fell in with the new arrangements cheerfully, though the inconvenience owing to the curtailment of important foods was at times sorely felt.

Special services were offered up at all services by the two vicars, and at the 8 o'clock Communion service the names of those who had joined His Majesty's Forces were especially referred to.

The first Sunday of 1918 was ordered by His Majesty to be observed as a National Day of Prayer,

And the congregation of All Saints took part in special prayers to be used.

The church was filled with earnest worshippers on the fourth anniversary (August 4<sup>th</sup> 1918) and the services were of a particular solemn character.

The extraordinary turn of events which followed, culminating suddenly in the collapse of the Central Powers, was beyond the expectation of the most sanguine and optimistic.

ARMISTICE DAY, NOV 11<sup>th</sup> 1918

In November 1918, the Germans asked for an armistice, and on November 11<sup>th</sup>, fighting ceased.

*The booklet goes on to describe in detail the extensive celebrations in the village*

*The final paragraph states –*

There is in our little hallowed churchyard – one of the most beautiful in the country – a granite cross, imperishable for all time, and at the foot thereon are inscribed the names of those of whom truly it may be said –

Greater love hath no man than he  
Who giveth his life for another.

## Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club are having a successful season in the Bishop Norton League. At present, we are in fourth position.

In the Knock Out Cup we have reached the quarter finals after beating Barnetby (Blue Team) and Bottesford (Green Team). Our Charity Trophy was won by Annette Robinson and she has donated the money to the Guide Dogs for the Blind fund.

Our October Doubles competition was won by Martyn Clark and Martyn Robinson.

The Christmas Dinner is to be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Elsham Golf Club.

I would like to mention one of our members, Doug Anderson who has recently moved to Horncastle. In spite of this, he regularly attends our meetings and our matches. I hope the weather is kind to him over the winter months so that he can enjoy his bowling at Elsham.

## Elsham Wolds RAF Association

The RAF Elsham Wolds Association held their Memorial Service on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Elsham church. It was very well attended by veterans and their families. Members came from the south west and from the north of England. The service was followed by the laying of a wreath at the Memorial Gardens at the Anglian Waterworks site. Afterwards Sunday lunch was served at Elsham Village Hall.

John Tomlinson

## The R.A F. Elsham Wolds Museum

This is open on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Anglian Waterworks site. Our church is also open on **Wednesdays** in order that visitors to the museum can see the memorial situated in the church and dedicated to those brave young men (over a thousand) who did not return from operations.

## Elsham Parish Council

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

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

The dates of meetings are given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Graham Evison (Chairman)  
(680980)

Siobhan Hollows (Deputy Chairman)  
(07766 770056)

Sophie Dunn (680676)

Lorraine Guest (680679)

David Dent (688766)

John Taylor (680438)

Paul Richardson (688467)

Parish Clerk –

Deb Hotson (0784 2201877)

(available weekdays 10am – 2pm)

### 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.

## **Best Kept Village Competition**

We came third out of five in the Small Village Group. The certificate is displayed in the village notice board outside the village hall.

There were some negative comments from the judges which we will address next year but they were very complimentary about the village name in succulents at the bottom of Barnetby Hill, the planting around the sign posts and particularly about the troughs around the village hall.

We haven't won the competition for several years now, so it is hoped that several groups will meet in the spring to discuss plans. New volunteers are very welcome and if enough people are interested we could make this a meeting of the community every fortnight or so. If you are interested, please contact Lorraine Guest Tel 680679

Thank you to the flower planters and to all residents who trimmed their hedges and did their bit to keep the village tidy. (See below)

## **Views of a Litter Picker**

"We regularly walk round the village and up the hills, collecting litter....Richard with a bag and me with the metal grabber.

It's surprising what we find along our journey. At one time we used to find a lot of those sport energy drinks but now its vodka, mainly the half bottle size. Sometimes it's wine and cider but each time we can pick up from one to seven empty bottles of vodka. It's frightening to think people are drink driving through our village. When I worked at Stuart's shop, a man would buy half a bottle of vodka each day on his way to work.

The views of the village and as far as you can see are glorious on Newlands Hill. We always stop at a particular point and gaze at it in wonder. I even said to Richard that when I die I would like the hearse to take

me along there for one last time. You can imagine the looks I received from him!

On the corner adjoining Middlegate we've even found a discarded pair of lady's panties and recently a single mattress. The mind boggles!

People are so lazy throwing away rubbish when they could just take it home with them or dispose of it at the local recycling centre. Dog poo is our most loathed item which the bag avoids. Dog walkers even bag it up and then throw it on the side or in the trees. PLEASE take it home or empty it in the appropriate bins around the village.

We are not the only couple who are Elsham litter pickers so perhaps they have their own stories to tell."

Frances Coupland

*Thanks so much for that, Frances. I do so agree with you. Thank you also for yours and Richard's efforts and to the other people who try to keep our village clean and tidy. The Parish Council are aware of who they are and are very grateful.*



### **A note for your diary!**

By popular request the PCC of All Saints Church Elsham have organised another quiz night. It is to take place on Friday 27th of February in the village hall.

Bob Hassel has kindly agreed to once again be our quiz master. There will be the usual supper of steak pie, chips, mushy peas and gravy with a raffle and bar serving wine etc.

To reserve your tickets telephone Anne and Innes on 680705. Tickets priced at £10 per head. There will also be a raffle and raffle prizes would be gratefully received and can be given to any PCC member. ALL PROCEEDS TO ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELSHAM

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

#### **Services**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December 11am  
Rev. Alan Wright

#### **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

We hope that many parents and children will attend.

Offertory to the Children's Society.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am  
Rev. John Cole

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
The usual **Carol Service** with Holy Communion will be held on Christmas Eve at 11.15pm.

### **Are you new to the village or short of an unusual present?**

There is a very informative book entitled "Elsham Church and Parish – A Brief History". Priced £3.00 and available from Church Wardens.

### **Donations to the Church in lieu of Christmas cards**

Sending cards is getting more and more expensive. Why not consider writing just one card for friends in the village, which can be displayed in the church notice board, and giving a donation to the church which with the ever increasing cost of upkeep is constantly in need of funds.

Barbara Phipps

**Elsham Village Hall** is looking for new committee members.

If you are you interested please contact a Committee member – details on page 7.

It only involves a small amount of time in the year.

### **EMAS Defibrillator Training**

We are soon to have a defibrillator available for anyone in the village to use in an emergency. This life saving device will be situated on the balcony of the village hall. Easy to follow instructions will be attached, but if you would like to be trained in its use, come and join us at the village hall on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 7-9pm.**

### **LIVES (Lincolnshire)**

*Elsham and District first responders (Lives) are in need of volunteers. See advert in the notice board.*

### **Elsham Wine Club**

We shall be starting again on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

For further details, please contact Roland Guest (680679) for further details.

As we approach Christmas, various local choirs and bands hold concerts

- some are detailed below, including the Flood Anniversary Service at South Ferriby



**Scunthorpe  
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at  
**All Saints Church**  
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Soloist  
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**Ann Rook and Margaret Walker**

Conductor  
**Daniel Fields**

**7.00pm Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

There will be a raffle and light refreshments

**Adults: £5.00 Children under 10: £3.50**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM**

Norma Crabtree, 69 Main Street, Saxby All Saints, 01652 618228

AND

Dorothy Fagge, Mistle House, Stable Yard, Main Street, Saxby All Saints  
01652 618615

Choir Website: [www.scunthorpemalevoicechoir.com](http://www.scunthorpemalevoicechoir.com)  
Photography by Bill Ballam

## Barnetby Silver Band

Sunday		
14 <sup>th</sup> December	15.00	Barnetby Church
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> and	19.30	Barnetby Village Hall
and Saturday		
20 <sup>th</sup> December	19.30	Barnetby Village Hall

**MONDAY 8th DECEMBER  
BRIGG SINGERS CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

7.30pm  
at BRIGG METHODIST CHURCH,  
BARNARD AVENUE, BRIGG

Tickets are £5 each and include light refreshments. They are available from Brigg Tourist Information Centre, by calling (01724) 842485 or on the door

David Carrick  
Publicity Officer - Brigg Singers

For Sale:- A "P" shaped conservatory and some windows and external doors will be for sale due to building alterations, contact 01652 680679 for further details

## 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**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6.45 – 8.00pm (except April, Aug & Dec).

*Next meetings:* - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

### **Wine Club**

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. Start again 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015

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

Wednesday **Bowls Club**  
7.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday **Line Dancing** – social evening 7- 10 pm

Friday **Country Night** Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7.00pm

*Next meeting:* - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Show/ Party Night with Chris Raddings  
Please bring a plate of food.

Sunday **Bowls Club**  
7.00 – 9.00pm

## 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**

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

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