

Elsham Leader

February 2009



Childrens' Christmas Party 2008

Elsham Parish Council News.

Telephone Box.

Last autumn the Parish Council was given the option to either “adopt” or “sponsor” the public phone box. Sponsoring it would mean that for an annual maintenance cost of £500 we could retain the facility but since there had only been one call from there in the previous year, it would have made calls very expensive.

An alternative was to adopt the kiosk without the mechanism and retain it as a heritage feature. Great thought was given to this idea. However, our box is not in very good condition, the Parish

Council would be responsible for its maintenance and if we wished to move it, to outside the village hall, for example, it would cost over two hundred pounds to disconnect the electricity supply besides the cost of actually transporting it.

The Parish Council has decided that it will not take up either of these options so presumably, British Telecom will remove the kiosk at some point.

Sneak - in -Thefts

Usually this type of crime is more prevalent in the summer, but we are told there has been an increase in this area recently. Take care to keep

doors, windows and cars secure and to report any suspicious persons or vehicles.

It is also suspected that hare coursing takes place in the vicinity. Again, please report anything suspicious, especially any late night sightings of a Subaru vehicle.

Capital Funding to Support a Rural Project

Northern Lincolnshire Rural Local Action Group are holding a number of surgery events to identify rural projects seeking funding of £1,000 and upwards that will provide new or enhanced services in rural areas to promote heritage and tourism.

Interested parties should complete a Preliminary Interest form and book an appointment before attending a surgery.

Elsham Village Hall Surgery - Monday 9th February 2009 - 3pm – 7pm

For more information or to book, call Liz Bennett at The Ropewalk on 01652 660380 from 9am to 5pm or email Leader@the-ropewalk.co.uk

See the poster on the village notice board for other venues.

Councillors

The Elsham Parish Councillors are

Lorraine Guest Chairman (680679)
Bob Andrews. Deputy Chairman (688720)
Sophie Dunn (680676)
Siobhan Hollows (681967)
David Dent (688766)
John Taylor (680438)
Paul Richardson (688467)
Parish Clerk Deb Hotson (0784220187)
---available weekdays 10 am. - 2 pm.

The North Lincolnshire Councillors are

Cllr.. John Berry
Cllr.. Colin Sherwood
Cllr.. Nigel Sherwood

The above councillors hold a surgery every Thursday at Hewson House Brigg 10a.m.– Noon.

Lorraine Guest
Chairman

All Saints' Church Elsham

Thank you to everyone who helped in the decoration of the Church for its Christmas Festival –many favourable comments were made.

Our Christmas Concert with the Wolds Singers, under their Conductor, Mrs. Avis Tossell, was a great success. The tickets were sold out well in

advance and the proceeds from this amounted to £486.86. We are indebted to all those people who contributed raffle prizes and helped with the refreshments and of course the preparation and cleaning up of the Village Hall.

Our Carol-Singers braved the elements and the amount raised was £195.13. Thank you to everyone concerned.

These fund-raising efforts are much needed as our Treasurer has been informed that our Parish share to the Diocese will be increased in the coming year to £5145.00 - a tremendous amount with the additional cost of lighting, heating, insurance, etc. Our Services continue to be held at 10 a.m. on the second Sunday of the month and at 6 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month.

Mothering Sunday – 22nd March. A very special Service to celebrate Mothering Sunday will be held at 10.00 a.m. We hope to welcome lots of young people, bring your mothers and fathers with you. Everyone is very welcome – let us all give thanks for the family.

Easter Sunday - The Service will be held at 10.00 a.m. hoping to involve our young people and their parents. Easter is a very special time in our Church Calendar and we hope that this will be a very special occasion.

Both the Mothering Sunday and the Easter Sunday Services will include special items for our young people.

The Flower Rota is now available. Everyone is welcome to contribute flowers.

Mrs. Avis Tossell sends her appreciation to everyone for their kindness and generosity in making the Christmas Concert so enjoyable. It was so nice to finish her career with the Wold Singers in her own Village.

The times and dates of our Services are available on the notice Board outside Church.

A very warm welcome is extended to everyone – do come and join in our Services.

Barbara Phipps

Christmas and New Year Parties

Stuart and Jane would like to thank everyone who supported them with the Christmas parties.

The children had a wonderful time participating in party games and had a party tea of hot dogs, ice-cream and as much cake as they could eat. This was followed by a special visit from Father Christmas with every child receiving a selection box. Special thanks go to Kasia and Pawell who



Senior Citizens' Christmas Party 2008

helped to decorate the hall to make it look extremely festive and to Paul Thornton who made fantastic balloon models for all – of which we saved two swords for the senior citizens party where John Taylor and Colin Mee went head to head in a dual and had as much fun as the children!

The Senior citizens party was extremely successful and thoroughly enjoyed by those attending and those who also helped. We would like to thank Andy Horner, as Father Christmas made yet another special visit to the Village Hall. Special thanks go to Anne Dodds for providing the lovely table decorations – they always finish off the tables so well and to Sue Palmer for making the wonderful sherry trifles – a Christmas party would not be the same without these! Other thanks go to all our other helpers who continually support us and make these events possible. Raffle prizes and monetary contributions were much appreciated.

New Years Eve

New Year's Eve was another successful family evening and saw in 2009. Thanks once again to all who attended and helped with this event.

Ajay and Eddie entertained with magic and dancing and games made the evening fun filled and enjoyable. We hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did!

Stuart and Jane

Elsham Welcomes in the New Year at the Golf Club

Saturday 17th January saw many Elsham residents, both past and present, gather together at the Golf Club to welcome in the New Year, the evening was such a success and, by popular demand, Roland and myself will be organising another evening on Saturday 17th October 2009, again at the Golf Club with a meal and disco, more details to follow soon. There was a small surplus of money and £50 will be donated to the church funds.

Siobhan Hollows

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The Members are enjoying another season in the Bishop Norton League and are holding a mid-table position. At a recent tournament held at South Kelsey, our team finished in the Runner Up spot.

Our Annual Dinner was held at the Golf Club, and was enjoyed by all.

During our last match before Christmas, we were visited by the Elsham Carol Singers which added to the festive spirit. (We won that match. Did the Carol Singers help us, or did they put the opposition out of their stride? We shall never know).

John Tomlinson

The Royal British Legion

The Legion would like to thank the residents of Elsham for raising the sum of £175.72 during the Poppy Appeal. Thanks go to Roger Frankish who did the House to House collection. Without this help, the British Legion would be unable to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

John Tomlinson

The Elsham Website

The Elsham Website, set up and managed by the Parish Council, is now up and running and can be accessed at :-

HYPERLINK

“<http://www.e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil/>” (e-voice is a government funded body that provides the structure and facilities for public bodies, like Elsham Parish Council, to set up and run a Web-site.)

The site contains brief historical and geographical details, the names and telephone numbers of the Elsham Parish and North Lincolnshire Councillors, the Parish Council agenda and minutes and a copy of the latest “Leader”.

There is also a calendar of events, a “Useful links” page with details about planning applications and where to find information on waste collection dates.

A link is provided to “Traveline East Midlands” where you can get information about bus and train timetables together with a link to “National Rail “. Please have a look at the web site.

The Website aims to provide information about the village for residents and other interested par-

ties. If you have ideas about other information that could be included, please contact Lorraine Guest on 680679.

Wildlife around the Village

Sadly, Angela Brookes who used to write the interesting articles about the bird and plant life around the village, has moved on to pastures new. If anyone else would like to fill this spot, please let me know. You don't have to be an expert, just report what you observe.

For instance, I noted that the snowdrops were out in the churchyard in the week commencing 26th January. In previous years the daffodils have been in flower the week before!

There have been several sightings of foxes in the Quarry Park, but despite this there still seem to be plenty of rabbits about. They are causing havoc in my garden.

The weekend of 24/25th January was the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. You are asked to record and report the highest number of each species you see at any one time over one hour. We saw 2 blackbirds, 4 goldfinches, 1 greenfinch, 7 house sparrows, 2 robins, 3 starlings and 2 pigeons. Did anyone else count? It would be interesting to collate the results for the village.

Lorraine Guest

Coming Events

Valentine Night.

We are organising a Valentine's Evening on February 14th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Karen Leshone – female vocalist will be singing, bring your own drinks and nibbles, tickets £5.00 with proceeds to Elsham senior citizens and children's Christmas parties. It will be another enjoyable evening so if you are interested please contact Stuart or Jane on 688422 or 07951106887.

Jane and Stuart

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