

# *Elsham Leader* - February 2012



**The Christmas Party** held for Elsham residents in the village hall on December 9<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Entertainment was led by “King of Rhythm” Stuart Binns, with virtuoso performances by George Eva on his violin, who has, until now, been hiding his talents from most of us.

So that no one was confined to the kitchen and all could participate, this was a “do it yourself” bring your own food and wine event. It proved successful enough for us to consider repeating it next year and, in addition, we made over £480.00 which will go towards the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

## **Quiz Night**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February a quiz night was held in the village hall to raise much needed funds for the church. Over a hundred people attended the highly competitive and very enjoyable event. Very many thanks go to Bob Hassall of Worlaby who compiled and compered the quiz. A pea and pie supper was provided by “A Salt n’ Battery” from Barnetby.

£1182.23 was raised, £240.00 of that was from the raffle. Thanks to those who gave prizes, to all those who helped with arrangements and to everyone who supported the event.

The Parochial Parish Council

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

As you can see from the **attached flyer**, a great deal is planned to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee here in the village so "Save the Date" as they say.

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, there will be a function in the village hall, followed by fireworks. We are still looking for a suitable disco/ master of ceremonies for this.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June lots of different activities for all age groups are planned. These will be held on the paddock belonging to Mr and Mrs Palmer on Church Street.

The Jubilee Committee hope as many residents as possible will take part. Even if you do not attend the events, we hope you will dress your house as a "Right Royal Residence" in some form or other and enter into the spirit of the weekend.

Red, white and blue will be the theme for plants around the village this year when we enter for the Best Kept Village competition yet again and although we know they won't be fully in flower by the beginning of June, they will be there to celebrate the Olympics in late July.

We hope to give all children in the village who will be sixteen and under on the date of the Jubilee, a commemorative £5.00 coin. To fund this and all the other planned activities we have some money from the Parish Council, some from the Julian Stevenson Trust and some from fund raising activities. We hope you can help by putting a contribution in the envelopes attached to the flyer. These will be collected about a week after distribution.

Many thanks in advance.

A further update of arrangements will appear in the May edition of the "Leader".

## **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.

Next meetings:-

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

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)

## **Thank You Tony**

On behalf of the people who attended this party organised by Tony, his family and staff of Holme farm Residential Home, I would like to say a big "THANK YOU".

Holme Farm residents, their family and friends (almost 100 in all) were given an excellent meal, drinks and entertainment in the village hall.

Thank you for giving us this excellent Christmas party and thanks also to Stuart Binns who organised the entertainment and kept things moving during the afternoon and evening.

From John Tomlinson

## Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club continues with its Wednesday and Sunday night meetings in addition to the league fixtures. We are at present in the lower half of the league table but hoping for better results in the second half of the season.

It is a different story in the Knock Out Cup where 26 teams entered and we are still there in the last four. After beating two of the top teams, Bottesford and the Trentside club we are now in the semi finals and will next play the winner of the match between Cherry Willingham and Middle Rasen.

We have four new members and have reached our limit of 25 players with three people on our waiting list.

We entertained the South Kelsey club to a match and party just after Christmas in return for the hospitality they showed us just before the festive season.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner was held at the Golf Club on January 4<sup>th</sup> and was once again a great evening enjoyed by all.

John Tomlinson

## All Saints' Church

Thank you to everyone who contributed or helped in the decoration of our Church for the Christmas Festival.

It was most rewarding to see such a large congregation at the Midnight Mass. This has become a village tradition.

As from 28<sup>th</sup> March, our **Church will open every Wednesday afternoon**. This will coincide with the opening of the Elsham Wolds R.A.F. Museum so that visitors can combine the two. If you have not seen the R.A.F. memorial in our Church, this is an opportunity to do so.

Plans are going ahead to decorate our Church and organise a **peal of bells** to celebrate our Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Sadly it was necessary to fell a large tree in the churchyard as this constituted a danger to the public and traffic. An **oak tree** will replace it and when planted will be **dedicated to the Diamond Jubilee** with a suitable plaque.

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold a service every Sunday in our Church, but the times are available on the Church Notice Board and on the back page of the Church Newsletter. Everyone is very welcome, particularly at our Easter Day service.

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## The Snow Code

Fortunately, the snow fall last weekend was not enough to cause major disruption and hopefully we will not have any more. However, should we do so can I remind you of a few points.

The village has been provided with 3 new salt bins situated at the bottom of Barnetby Hill, at the top of Hall Lane and at the top of Church Street. In general terms, the salt is for use on public areas only. It is not intended for the general public to clear driveways, paths etc.

The emphasis is on the clearance of snow from footpaths and then spreading a very thin layer of salt once the area is clear of snow. However, if we get temperatures below -6C salt is no longer effective.

I have put a copy of "The Snow Code" on the village notice board. Here are a few extracts from it.

- Start early: it is much easier to remove fresh, loose snow compared to compacted
- ice that has been compressed by people walking on it.
- Pre salting an area prior to snow is useful in preventing the compacted snow from
- bonding to the pavement surface, but it will not remove snow on its own.
- **Do not use hot water.** This will melt the snow, but may replace it with black ice, increasing the risk of injury.
- If shovelling snow, consider where you are going to put it, so that it does not block people's paths or drainage channels. This could shift the problem elsewhere.

- Spreading some salt on the area you have cleared will help to prevent any ice forming.
- Table salt or dishwasher salt will work, but avoid spreading on plants or grass as they may be damaged by it. A few grams (a tablespoon) for each square metre you clear should work.
- Further information regarding North Lincolnshire Council's Winter Servicing Policy 2011 can be found on the village web site.

Emergency information will also be posted on the village website (see details below) otherwise phone me on 01652 680679.

Lorraine 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](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.

## Brigg Heritage Centre – Volunteer advert

Interested in history, heritage and the local community? We need people to get involved in developing a new heritage centre for Brigg and the surrounding areas, based at The Angel, Brigg. We are interested in hearing from people who would have an interest in shaping the services the heritage centre delivers. The aspiration is for the centre to be led, managed and run by volunteers as a community venue.

An induction and training will be provided, and you will receive ongoing support from the Council's Tourism team. There are a range of opportunities to get involved: from organising displays, acting as guides, providing talks and leading workshops to the administration and coordination of the centre itself.

Whether you are looking for work experience and new skills, or interested in local history and heritage, we want to hear from you. Please contact **Sean Brennan** on **07717 587612**  
[sean.brennan@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:sean.brennan@northlincs.gov.uk)

### About the project

A variety of services are being relocated and developed in The Angel, Brigg. From summer 2012 the library and Local Link will relocate to The Angel ground floor from their existing premises. The first floor of this building is being freed up for community use through development of a heritage centre. This centre will house the Bronze Age Brigg Raft, an ancient raft unearthed along the River Ancholme in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We are looking to celebrate the history of all the surrounding areas within the heritage centre, so are looking to hear from people from Brigg and beyond.

# SNOWDROPS

Come and see the snowdrops in all their glory at



Elsham Hall Gardens &  
Country Park  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 12 – 4 pm  
Entrance £3.00 (under 15 free)  
All proceeds from the entrance  
and teas to **Save the Children  
& Elsham Church**

### 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.

**CLUB NAMED**  
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**CLUB OF THE YEAR**

The **Elsham Country Music Club** in North Lincolnshire has been named UKCountryRadio.com's Country Music Club of The Year.



The small club, held at the Village Hall in Elsham, was chosen as the best venue visited during 2011 by UK Country Radio.com's club reviewer Big Jack. Lynn Whiteley, who runs the club with her husband Tony, said, "I'm speechless, but absolutely delighted" after being told of the award.

It follows another successful year of trucker Big Jack reviewing country music venues around the UK for his monthly programme on online radio station UK Country Radio.com.

Each venue was assessed for its professionalism, atmosphere and welcome given to strangers.

Second and third placed winners were Eden Valley Country Music Club in Kent and the Ricki Sylva Country Music Club in South Lincolnshire.

*3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012*

**Further Extracts from the old Minute Book**

From the AGM minutes held on **1<sup>st</sup> July 1952** (i.e. six months after the Queen came to the throne)

Election account - £1.14.6

In comparison, the fee last year was £475.23!

**31<sup>st</sup> July 1952**

Now that the RDC have completed the footpath in Doll Lane, Mr Short proposed that the RDC put up notices at each end to stop people from riding bicycles on it. This matter has been reported to the local policeman, but it is still a danger to pedestrians.

A complaint was brought before the meeting about the state of the drain at the bottom of the garden of the tenants of Back Street (now Church Street). After much discussion as to whose responsibility this was and much diversity of opinion, the clerk was instructed to see the RDC and get the Ordnance map and information from them and report at the next meeting.

Proposed by Mr Tomlinson and seconded by Mr Elson that Mr Whitehead be asked to cut down the hedge overhanging the footpath on Spout Close side of New Road. (Where was Spout Close, I wonder?)

**19<sup>th</sup> December 1952**

Before business began the members expressed their regret at the death of their late chairman Mr G Elson. The clerk was asked to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs Elson expressing the council's vote of sympathy on the death of her husband. (Mr Elson had chaired the meeting above)

It was agreed that the vice chairman act as chairman until the end of the year. The minutes of the last meeting were read, passed and signed. Mr Read proposed and Mr Dunn seconded that Mr G Dodds be asked to fill the vacancy on the council until the annual meeting.

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

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

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

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

**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.

Events which take place in the Village Hall are :-

Monday **Zumba**  
7.30pm £3.50 per session Contact 07771 599461

Tuesday **New Age Kurling**  
10.00 - 12.00  
**Parish Council**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6.45 – 8.00pm (except April, August and December)  
Next meetings – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012

**Wine Club**  
Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (Tel 680679 for details)  
Next meetings – Tuesdays 14<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Wednesday **Bowls Club**  
7.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday **Zumba**  
7.30pm £3.50 per session Contact 07771 599461

Friday **Country Night**  
Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7.00pm  
Next meetings :- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Carol Ann B  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Johnny Holland  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Hayden's Country  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May - Chris Raddings

Sunday **Bowls Club**  
7.00 – 9.00pm

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