
FLOWER FESTIVAL 2018

ELSHAM CHURCH Sunday 1st July



Many of our villagers will not know that for many years prior to, during, and after the 1st World War, Elsham held an Annual Flower Show which brought some six to seven thousand people to the village from all over the country. Elsham was the place to be. This year celebrates 100 years since the end of the Great War, and Mel Welton is organising a Flower Festival in Elsham Church, with the theme of Peace. All proceeds will go to the church for its ongoing maintenance and upkeep.

We are asking whether anyone would be prepared to help with the cost of flowers. The flowers will be prepared by professional florists, but of course, they cannot be expected to foot the bill for the flowers and greenery. It may be that each window could be sponsored – if this could be done, this would be a great help, but any donations of any size are welcome.

There will also be some craft stalls in the Village Hall, and coffee, tea and cake will be available to purchase on the day.

We will be looking for anyone who is able to assist in the Hall with the serving of refreshments and we would like to set up a rota for this – if you are able to help (even for an hour) could you kindly let me know and we can prepare a rota.

Also, we will need one or two people to take turns on the door at the Church, to assist with the entrance. Obviously the Parochial Church Council will be in full attendance to help, but the more people available the better.

Finally, are there any wonderful people out there who would make cakes for the day?

If you are able to offer any suggestions, perhaps you can contact me (Dawn Enser) on 01652 688486, or call on me at 21 Church Street. Anything you can do, however small, would be really helpful



ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT - MAY 2018

As another year in the Parish Council calendar draws to close it is time to reflect once again on the events and achievements during the year. As always none of which would be possible without the continued hard work and support of my fellow Parish Councillors and the Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson; my grateful thanks to them all. Many thanks also goes to NLC Leader, Rob Waltham, and Councillors Nigel and Carl Sherwood for all their help and continued guidance throughout the year.

Year Highlights

After a long wait we were finally able to welcome in June 2017 a new vicar to the Parish, the **Reverend Lee Gabel**; we wish him well for the future. The monthly coffee mornings in the village hall continue to be popular and helpful in contributing to the Church funds; thanks to Dawn Enser for organizing.

Early September saw the peloton of the **Tour of Britain** pass the village by Anglian Water at Elsham top crossroads; a number residents and enthusiasts turned out to watch and cheer the riders on.

For the first time in over 20 years we were able to provide a **Christmas tree** on the Village Hall green. A big thank you to Mr & Mrs Philip Dunn for kindly donating the tree and to everyone especially Chris and Christine Busby who helped me erect, light and eventually dispose of the tree. The Reverend Gabel switched on the lights and blessed the tree and lead the Carol Service which was attended by 70/80 residents. A big thank you to all those who provided the mince pies and mulled wine which raised £82.25 for the Church funds. I hope this will become an annual event.

Elsham Play Park

The park has been greatly enjoyed by the children of the village and some from other villages. Apart from one minor issue with paint there have thankfully been no other vandalism issues. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who diligently unlock and lock the park on a daily basis and to my wife, Jane, for organizing the rota. We still have a drainage problem during the winter months and after heavy rain but we now have quotes and are seeking funding for putting in drainage before next winter.

Planning

There was an increase in planning applications this year evenly split between commercial and residential.

Commercial: Redevelopment of Barnetby Top filling station, various extensions on the Elsham Industrial Estate, & a mobile mast and signage on Wootton Road.

Residential: Three extensions (all approved), two new builds (both approved), two barn conversions (subsequently withdrawn),
Development on Woodland Drive (subsequently withdrawn),
Development at the Old Smithy, Barnetby Lane (still awaiting decision)

Highways

Unfortunately after this year's severe winter the roads have suffered badly both locally and nationally. NLC are aware of the repairs that need attention in the village and we will continue to chase and monitor progress.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

Thankfully there have been no significant incidents this year in terms of thefts or break-ins. However, we continue to suffer from fly tipping, cold callers and occasionally suspicious vans driving slowly past property. Again, I would ask all residents to be vigilant and should they see anything suspicious to report it immediately to the Police using the non-emergency number **101**.
Fly tipping should be reported to NLC on 01724 297000.

Elsham Nature Reserve (The Old Quarry)

The management agreement with NLC, mentioned in my report last year, is now in place and we will be working with NLC on improving all aspects of the Nature Reserve to enhance everyone's enjoyment. We received £2,000 from the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme, which will go towards improving the pathways, thanks again to Cllr Sandra van Oosterhout for her work in submitting the application. I am afraid that it is not all good news as there has been some evidence of poaching in the quarry, which is a criminal offence, and also of cyclists ignoring the 'No Cycling' signs. Again, I urge everyone to report any incidents or suspicious behaviour.

Best Kept Village 2017 Competition

Finally, after much effort and dedication by Cllr Lorraine Guest, the 'Elsham Elves' and many residents' efforts in their gardens, Elsham was rewarded with First Place in last year's competition. So a big well done and thank you to all and good luck again for this year.

Many thanks to Cllr Christine Busby for organizing the Village **Litter Pick** on the 17 April 2018 and to those who helped. Cllr van Oosterhout, Di and Andy Horner, and Jane and Graham Ousby. They collected an unbelievable 23 bags of mostly food and drink-related rubbish, as well as 11 motorbike tyres, a boat buoy, a large cooking pot and a 5ft length of flue pipe! Well done to all.

Dog Fouling

This is becoming an increasing problem again and I would earnestly ask all dog owners to please be courteous to other residents and clean up after your pets and use the numerous dog bins provided.

The Elsham 'Leader'

After many years of editing our Village newspaper, Cllr Lorraine Guest has decided to stand down. Thanks must go to Lorraine for all her hard work in putting the paper together. Cllrs Christine Busby and Sandra van Oosterhout have now taken on the task and we wish them well in producing future issues. They will be pleased to receive contributions for inclusion.

Current projects and future events

The **Bus Shelter** is still to be installed. At the present time we are at odds with NLC on the type of shelter that can be provided. Hopefully, a resolution will be reached before too long.

We have now adopted the village **telephone kiosk** and this will be cleaned up and refurbished in the near future by willing volunteers, Vee Harness and Helen Farrow. Suggestions as to its usage will be gratefully received.

This year is the **centenary of the ending of the First World War** and as part of the celebrations it is planned to have **beacons** lit across the country in November. The PC is looking to be part of this celebration by having a beacon; more information will follow in the next Leader.

As part of the **NLC in Bloom** project the PC have commissioned a steel model of a **Lancaster bomber**. This will be positioned in the flower bed outside the Village Hall. Hopefully, this will help boost our chances of securing first place again in the Best Kept Village competition by securing an extra point, as we did with the new Play Park last year, which got a special mention.

A Flower Festival will be held in the Church, with a theme of 'Peace', on Sunday 1st July 2018, with refreshments and craft stalls in the Village Hall. This is being kindly organized by Mr Melvyn Welton, with monies raised going towards Church Funds.

Parish Council Personnel

We have had three changes on the PC this year: Christine Busby joined the council in October and has already made a significant contribution to the village. Vee Harness regretfully decided to leave the PC during the summer but we were pleased to welcome her husband, Dave Harness, to the council in November. Congratulations and best wishes to Christine and Dave; we now have a full complement of Councillors.

Past and Present Residents

Sadly, during this year a number of our dear residents and past residents have passed away. Our thoughts and sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Mrs Judith Richardson, Mrs Sue Palmer, Mr David Nundy, Mr Michael Goodwin and Mrs Lila Roberts.

Graham Evison
Chairman, Elsham Parish Council
May 2018

Church coffee mornings

The church is now holding regular coffee mornings in the Village Hall, starting at 10.30am, £2 for a drink and biscuits. It is hoped to raise money for the Church and give friends and neighbours a chance to catch up and have a chat. Here are the dates for the next few months: **July 19th, August 23rd, September 20th, and October 25th.**

Readers' contributions

We would like to start a section for readers' contributions and encourage residents to send us any information they think may be interesting to other villagers, such as a book/film/pub review, favourite recipes, interesting hobbies etc. Please email candcbusby@gmail.com or sandra.rawlin@sky.com

Did you know?

The Elsham Leader is available online on the Parish Council website – useful for friends and family who have an interest in the village. Simply Google 'Elsham Parish Council' or go to <https://e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil/>

Elsham Village Golf

The 2018 event will take place on **Saturday July 14** with tee off at 2pm at Elsham Golf Club. As before it will be stableford 18 hole competition for all Elsham residents past and present and immediate relatives.

Depending on numbers playing plus partners and friends it may be possible to arrange an evening meal and get together at the golf club in the evening – as used to be the tradition.

Please let Graham Evison know of you interest in the golf and/or an evening function- tel. 680980 or via Email at graham.evison@btinternet.com.

Elsham Parish Council

Did you know that you can attend Parish Council meetings?

Public participation time, when you can air your views, is from 6.30 to 6.45pm

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)
Dave Harness	(688005)
Christine Busby	(688770)

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

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 on 01652 680679

ELSHAM VILLAGE HALL – A G M

The AGM of the Village Hall Committee will take place on Tuesday 19th June at 4.30 pm in the Village Hall.
Everyone is welcome – do come along if you are interested in joining the committee.

ELSHAM PARK NEWS



The Park is open for everyone's enjoyment from 9am until dusk (or 8pm latest during summer months).

We are very grateful to our rota of volunteer keyholders. If you would like to join our team of volunteer Elsham householders then please let anyone of us know.

The keyholders' rota for the coming weeks/months is as follows:

Commencing Saturdays:

2 June – Ian & Charlie Yeo 9 June – Ian & Charlie Yeo

16 June – Jane & Graham Evison

23 June - Vee Harness

30 June – Helen Mann & Michelle Fazakerley 7 July – Helen & Michelle

14 July – Leanne & David Hunt 21 July – Leanne & David

28 July – Jules & Rick Middleton 4 August – Jules & Rick

11 August - Helen Richardson 18 August – Helen R
25 August - tbc

1 Sept – tbc

8 Sept -Jo Leaning 15 Sept - Jo Leaning

Should any adults wish to use the fitness equipment before 9am, just let us know as this can be facilitated after 7am.

The Parish Council are currently obtaining quotations for land drainage and seeking additional funding to cover any costs.

The Parish Council have a weekly/monthly safety-check form to complete so should you be aware of any problems with the equipment in the park or wish to report anything else, please let Graham Evison or the Clerk to the Parish Council (Deb Hotson) know asap: theparishcouncil@outlook.com

Thank you everyone for taking such pride in our wonderful village play park.

Jane & Graham Evison (680980)

Pavement Parking

The **Parish Council** requests that residents and their visitors refrain from parking half on the pavement and half on the road. It serves no useful purpose and means that people with prams/pushchairs and wheeled mobility aids have to leave the footpath and walk on the road around the parked vehicle, which is not safe.

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club had a very successful season in the newly formed “Kirton Lindsey & District Short mat Bowls League”. We finished second, losing out again to our old rivals, the Trentside Club from West Butterwick. We had many competitive games during the season; all played in a very friendly spirit.

In our club competitions the winners were as follows:- Singles – Martyn Clark, Doubles – Martyn Clark & Bill Hindle, Triples – Terry Leaning, Lynn Clark & Martyn Clark, and The Charity Trophy – Martyn Robinson. The winner of this trophy chooses the charity the money taken that day goes to. Martyn selected “The British Heart Foundation”.

Unfortunately we are losing six players for the coming season. We would like new players to come and join us – they will be assured of a warm welcome and will be given tuition, if required.

The new season starts the first week in September, until then we will be taking a well-earned rest.

The RAF Elsham Wolds Association

This year the annual reunion weekend will be on 1st and 2nd of September.

On Saturday 1st, the reunion dinner will be held at Elsham Golf Club – 6.30 for 7.00pm.

On Sunday 2nd, the AGM will be held at Elsham Village Hall at 10.30 am, followed by a buffet lunch.

At 2.30 pm on the Sunday, a memorial service will be held at the Anglian Water Plant on Middlegate Lane.

The Sunday Supper will be held at Elsham Village Hall – 6.45 for 7.00 pm.

The entertainer will be the singer Jayne Darling – who covers music from the 1940’s and other decades.

The number of veterans still attending can be counted on one hand, but thanks to their sons and daughters and now their grandchildren attending, the Association is still in a very healthy position.

John Tomlinson (688221)

Wine Club

The Wine Club does not meet in the summer. Meetings resume in September. Look out for the dates in later editions of the Elsham Leader:

We meet at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Please contact Roland Guest for further details (01652 680679)

Chip Van

The fish and chip van is still visiting the village every Friday evening from 6.45 to 7.30pm.

Suggestions please

The Parish Council has some funds available to enhance village amenities. Does anyone have any ideas? An example - the bench at Astley Corner is looking rather sorry for itself – it could perhaps be renovated or replaced? Any suggestions, please contact one of the Parish Councillors – their phone numbers are listed on page 5.

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 3rd Tuesday 6.30 – 8.00pm (except April, August and Dec).

Next meetings: -

Tuesday 19th June 2018

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Tuesday 18th September 2018

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm

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

Wednesday **Bowls Club** (not in summer) 7.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday **Line Dancing** 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Friday

Saturday

Sunday **Bowls Club** (not in summer)
7.00 – 9.00pm

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

Sandra van Oosterhout
3 Doll Lane, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 681899

Dawn Enser
21 Church Street, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 688486

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 Christine Busby on 01652 688770. Fees are £8 per edition.

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Visit us at www.hunterslodgefishery.com or call 01652 680691

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
Alison.clayton@humberside.pnn.police.uk
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