

Elsham During the Great War 1914 – 1919

Whilst tidying our study, I found a little booklet with the above title that was given to me by a previous resident of the village. Here are some extracts :-

“ Throughout the month of July the villagers were in a special manner so concentrated in preparing for the great annual Flower Show, which was being held up on the Bank Holiday, that the ominous cloud that was everywhere engaging men’s attention all over Europe, was perhaps less noticeable here than at many parts of the country. The Elsham Show had enjoyed a fame such as might be envied by many a County Show Committee, and the efforts of the villagers this year were concentrated in that one great Bank Holiday social function which was to bring, and which actually brought, some six to seven thousand people from all parts of the county to an event which, in the opinion of many, constituted the most enjoyable day throughout the whole year.

Many will remember on the following day the local Reservists in the Yeomanry were summoned to the colours, and our throats were very full as Regie Isaac and Arthur Johnson &c., were escorted by the nicest girls in the parish up the hill and a long way on the road towards their camp at Grimsby.

Those and others who bade them God speed on that fateful Tuesday, little thought what was in store for them in the coming years.

The first to cross the channel and to meet the enemy..... was Captain Astley Corbett (of Elsham Hall) who, with his regiment the Scots Guards, sailed from Southampton to Cherbourg in September.He was at Mons and in the retreat to the Marne. Subsequently returning to England invalided, afterwards again in France being badly wounded, and distinguished himself in a manner that won the love and gratitude from all in the dear old land of his father.

Altogether about 70 of the men actually in the village at the time war was declared joined H.M. forces in some branch or other.

Of Elsham inhabitants, past and present, no less than 160 men were drafted into the Navy or Army, a total that may well make the little village be justly proud”

Further extracts to follow in later editions



NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY 23RD -24TH
AUGUST 2014

RAF Elsham Wolds Association will be holding their Annual Reunion in our village over the
AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 2pm – 3.30pm

A dance with light refreshments is proposed. This will give the villagers & veterans a chance to meet & dance to the music & vocals of “Lancashire Belle”
Tickets will be available at the door £6 per person (includes tea/coffee; cake/biscuits)

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST LANCASTER BOMBER FLYPAST

Scheduled between 3.15 & 4.30pm
All welcome to join Service & Flypast
Flypast always depends on weather & serviceability of the aircraft

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club are having a good season in the Bishop Norton League.
We have only four matches left and are in the top half of the table.
We had an excellent run in the cup competition and reached the quarter finals after beating some good teams.
We lost to Barnetby, who in turn lost to Cherry Willingham. They will now play the Trentside Club from West Butterwick in the final.

John Tomlinson

It's closing for three months!

We have been informed by North Lincolnshire Council that the **bridge by Melton Ross quarry on the A18** will be closed for three months from the beginning of May for major renovation.

Local traffic will be able to divert via Croxton, but an alternative route has been determined for HGV's, since they could encounter problems negotiating tight bends.

Brigg and District Horticultural Society

The club continues to hold their monthly meetings. The next one is 3rd April and the topic is that scourge of every gardener – SLUGS! The speaker, Chris Dufen, has a hundred species and has promised to waive his fee if attendees bring him new species from their garden! So, go hunting, gardeners. It must be a first. Slugs worth money!

On 1st May Mr N Greenwood will give a talk on “Uncle Henry's Walled Garden”.
There is usually a plant stall at the meetings for which members bring their spare plants to sell for society funds.

Admission is £2.00 for non members.
Annual membership is £5.00
Tea and biscuits are served at all meetings.

The venue is the Methodist Church Hall, Barnard Avenue, Brigg at 7.30pm.

John Tomlinson

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)

Dog fouling Yet Again!

The monthly crime report from the police contained a note that an Elsham resident had reported dog fouling. The Parish Council would like incidents to be reported to them also. We may have “insider knowledge”.

Contact details of all Parish Councillors are always printed in this newsletter and they are on the village notice board.

Best Kept Village Competition

The Parish Council has been given a grant to replace the ageing planters around the village hall. The new ones are very smart so the little band of gardeners is going all out to win the Best Kept Village competition this year. As soon as the spring bulbs in the old planters have finished flowering, the new ones will be put in place and filled with summer bedding.

Because this year is one hundred years since the start of the First World War, poppy seeds have been scattered in several places in the village and rosemary shrubs, for remembrance, planted behind the seat nearest to the village hall.

Most of the street signs have been cleaned and some residents have already responded to requests to cut back overhanging trees and we would appreciate if everyone could do their bit by trimming hedges and removing litter. Elsham has the reputation of being a very pretty village. We need to keep it that way.

The fact that we have so little litter in the village itself is due to our resident “womblers” who take a bag and collect rubbish on their daily walks. Many thanks to them. Litter on Barnetby Lane continues to be a problem as people throw out their rubbish as they travel through

Elsham Village Hall is looking for new people to assist with Hall bookings.

Can you help?

If you are you interested please contact a Committee member – details on page 6.

It only involves a small amount of time per month.

All Saints' Church, Elsham

In the absence of a vicar, it is difficult to maintain our church. At present, a few members continue to organize services. This involves asking vicars to come from their own parishes to visit our church and conduct services. To make their visit and the effort involved worthwhile, it would be rewarding to have larger congregations. Again, with more members of the congregation we could justify the need for a vicar to assist in the needs of our village church.

Do make an effort to join us in our services. Unfortunately, they are not as regular as we would wish, but we do extend a warm welcome to everyone.

Our church dates from the 13th century and we are endeavouring to maintain it.

The following services have been arranged:-

Sunday 13rd April Palm Sunday
Family Service at 11.00am

Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY
Family Service at 10.00am

Do try to come along and join in.

Details of all services are displayed on the notice board outside the church.

Barbara Phipps

Sunday Lunches at Worlaby Village Hall

The last Lunch of this session will be Sunday 13th April. They will then resume in September.

Cost - £6.50 for three courses and coffee.

Contact – Jill Odlin 01652 618321

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

(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

Elsham Wine Club

The Spring Term of Elsham Wine Club has now come to an end.

The Wine Club meets fortnightly for 6 sessions in the Spring and the Autumn. We shall be starting again in September 2014.

If you enjoy wines and would like to expand your knowledge and taste different wines from different regions of the world, then come along and join us. There is no obligation so please contact Roland Guest (680679) for further details.

Classic VW Car Show at Elsham Hall

Local Volkswagen enthusiasts will be making tracks to a camping weekend at Elsham Hall on 2nd & 3rd August 2014 where they plan to get together and share their love of their Volkswagens. On Sunday 3rd August the classic VW's will be on show to the public at Elsham Hall (normal Elsham Hall admission fees will apply) where the cars will be competing in a "show & shine and rust & prime" contest for not so pristine cars. Members of the public will be invited to vote on the "best in show" and other categories including best air-cooled, water-cooled, modified, camper/split screen and best rust/rat. Don't worry if you don't understand these terms, there will be somebody more than willing to explain them to you.

Grimsby & Northern Lincolnshire Volkswagen club supported by other local VW enthusiasts' clubs (VWScunny Scunthorpe, Bomber County Dubs Lincolnshire, Lincs VAG, RULE VW Doncaster, Outcast VW Hull, Pan Slamz Beverley & DeadHaus Lincoln) will be presenting the event. This will be a camping weekend for the participating clubs, VW enthusiasts and their families with something for everybody! Entertainment such as a bouncy castle, bungee run, face painting and disco on Saturday evening, as well as a BBQ, will be provided. Various trade stands will be in attendance throughout the weekend. People are welcome to come for the Saturday, Sunday or for the whole weekend. Admission is by ticket only please see the show website for details. You don't have to be a VW nut to attend, just have a passion for classic vehicles and bygone days.

Robert Hartland, main organiser for the event said, "We meet regularly as individual clubs. Following the success of a BBQ last summer in Cleethorpes to which all the clubs were invited and over 60 classic VW's turned up, GYVW (Grimsby & Northern Lincolnshire Volkswagen Club) felt that it would be a good idea to see if we could expand on this. As there is no weekend event such as this locally, a group of us decided to organise one for the enjoyment of our members and to tighten affiliations made over the last year. Not only will the VW enthusiasts have a good time but also in the process they will be supporting Lindsey Lodge Hospice (Scunthorpe) in their fund raising efforts. Lindsey Lodge Hospice (Scunthorpe) will have a stand during the weekend where the public can also show their support of this worthy cause. We have been bowled over by the support we have received from our members and fellow VW enthusiasts. We are anticipating 150 Volkswagens of all types; one enthusiast is even coming with his 1972 VW Kharman Ghia from Preston in Lancashire!"

This is going to be a wonderful weekend to meet old friends, make new ones or see some truly classic 'VDubs' in the beautiful landscaped setting of Elsham Hall Country Park and Gardens.

If you would like to know more about the weekend please visit www.elshamhallvw.com or visit the Facebook page for the event: The Elsham Hall VW Collective 2014



Information about the village and events

Elsham Village Hall :- 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** 10 – 11 am

Tuesday **New Age Kurling**
10.00 - 12.00

Parish Council

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

Next meetings: - Tuesday 20th May 2014
 Tuesday 17th June 2014
 Tuesday 15th July 2014

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. Meetings start again in September
New members are welcome – tel. 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 2nd Friday at 7.00pm

Next meeting: - Friday 11th April – John Aston
 Friday 9th May – Hayden
 Friday 13th June – Darren Busby
 Friday 11th July – Mick James
 Friday 8th August – Mick Denver

Sunday **Bowls Club**
7.00 – 9.00pm

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

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2 Church Street, Elsham
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Roland Guest
5 Church Street, Elsham
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John Taylor
Little Bolingbroke
5 Hall Lane, Elsham
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Message from the local Police

. It has been brought to our attention by Headquarters that a Theft From Motor Vehicle occurred in South Yorkshire where Yorkshire Water clothing and ID Badges were stolen. Although this was not within West Yorkshire, criminals have the means to travel and we would like to remind everyone of the importance of checking people who call at your doors unannounced and/or without an appointment.

Here is some advice;

DO BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU ARE AT HOME AND AN UNEXPECTED CALLER KNOCKS AT YOUR DOOR.

REMEMBER.....

Before you open the door check to see who it is by looking through your front window or by using a door viewer if you have one.

Only open the door when you have put the chain on.

Get a good look at their clothing. Some official callers will have a uniform bearing their Company or Organisation logo.

Utility services may operate a password system, contact your local branch to find out more

Suggest that the caller should come back later, you can then check their story by telephoning the Organisation or Company they claim to represent

Check any phone number they give you in your own telephone directory.

Do not rely on the number on their card - it may be the number of their partner in crime.

Always keep your doors locked, even when you are in the property.

Let the Police and your neighbours know if you have had a suspicious caller at the door.

Locks and chains are only a deterrent if they are used!

Emergency situations can arise. Do not leave the door chain on all the time as this may cause a delay. Only put the chain on before answering the door.

Remember if in doubt....**KEEP THEM OUT!**

On the subject of safety...

The roads and lanes around the village are very narrow so residents are reminded to walk facing the oncoming traffic.

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