

ELSHAM LEADER

May 2011

What happened to it?

Have you seen it?

Is it too shy to come out?

What am I talking about?

The Elsham Community Spirit

It seems to have died!

In order to help revive it and for all new residents to meet with one another, with more established ones and with members of the Parish Council, Hunters Lodge Fishery have kindly offered to host a coffee morning at the cafe and shop between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 11th June.

This will be very informal. Just drop in for a coffee and a chat and a walk around the ponds.

The cafe is situated down the track alongside the street sign at the bottom of Church Street.

Do come along. All ages welcome

Best Kept Village Competition

We are again entering the Best Kept Village Competition. Last year Elsham came third in the Past Winners group. We hope to do better this year now that we are back in the “Small Villages” category.

You will see that planters have been placed at various places in the village but things began badly when less than twenty four hours after being placed, the central conifers from the planters on the triangle at the bottom of Barnetby lane were stolen. They have been replaced but we cannot afford to do so again despite generous donations from Hunters Lodge Fishery and the former Astley Corner Residents’ Association.

At the moment, we have two people who do the planting and several who water regularly. If you would like to help or, for instance, maintain a planter under a street sign, just let me know.

The village will also be judged on how free it is of litter and dog mess and how tidy hedges and gardens are amongst other things.

Elsham has the reputation of being a beautiful village. Please do your bit to maintain that.



Elsham Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th June 2011. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We are also looking for new members to the Committee, which meets a few times each year. For further details contact John Taylor, the Chairman on 680438.

Parish Elections

Alongside the other elections held on 5th May was a very close contest for the seven available parish council places. The result is shown below and from the closeness of the voting, it is perhaps a shame that there are not eight places available!

Name	Votes received
Lorraine Guest	122
Sophie Dunn	104
Siobhan Hollows	94
John Taylor	90
David Dent	90
Graham Evison	87
Paul Richardson	82
Sandra Rawlin	80

New Councillor

After the election, Graham Evison was welcomed and appointed Deputy Chairman. He can be contacted on 680980.

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.

The next two meetings will be Tuesday 21st June and Tuesday 19th July

Your Parish Councillors are:-
Lorraine Guest (Chairman) [680679]
Graham Evison (Deputy Chairman) [680980]
Sophie Dunn [680676]
Siobhan Hollows
David Dent [688766]
John Taylor [680438]
Paul Richardson [688467]

Parish Clerk – Deb Hotson (0784 2201877) [*available weekdays 10am – 2pm*]

Parish Council Meeting – May 2011

Complete minutes will be posted on the website in due course but the following were discussed:-

Onion Odour

Pollution of the Elsham village sewage system from the industrial estate has been an intermittent problem since the first complaint was made in 2002. Recently elected North Lincolnshire Councillor Rob Waltham referred the matter to Andrew Percy MP and the Parish Council discussed a letter from Anglian Water to Mr Percy which stated that they were committed to solving the problem and that they had been working in close

partnership with North Lincolnshire Council and onion producer Veg Pro. They state that further "odour logging" will take place in May 2011. A meeting is to be held in late June with the above participants to discuss results. [See also further item on page 7]

The Poppy Party

No volunteers came forward to organise a coffee morning to commemorate the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Royal British Legion so it was proposed that the Parish Council donate £50.00 to this worthy cause.

The Speed Camera

The latest statistics from the speed camera :-

Average speed	27mph
Fastest speed	57mph
Average daily flow	528
0 – 10mph	26 per day
10 – 20mph	61
20 – 30mph	212
30 – 40mph	209
40 – 50mph	19
50 – 60mph	1

The speed camera is about to be removed, but The Parish council can hire again should there be an increased problem of speeding through the village.

Further Extracts from the old Minute Book

May 27th 1949

First Aid Room – Mr Laverack a new tenant at the Manor House wished to

know who was responsible for the contents of the room used as a First Aid Post during the war which is in his yard. He could not find out who held the key to the same and did not wish to be held responsible if any accident occurred. After much discussion Mr Short proposed and Mr Dunn seconded that the Parish Council act as trustees for the time being. The clerk was instructed to find out who held the key.

Bus Service – Mr Tomlinson proposed, seconded by Mr Read, that a letter be sent to the Enterprise Bus Company asking if it would be possible for a service to be run through Elsham village from Wrawby and on to Barnetby Hill Top to link up with the Grimsby service, instead of going on the Melton Road from Wrawby to Barnetby.

Footpaths – Proposed that the clerk write to the Highways Surveyor re developments in Doll lane owing to a sewage drain from the new Council Houses being laid there. No satisfactory reply had been received to a former letter, which stated that matters had been referred to the clerk of the County Council for his opinion as to liability for repairs to same.

Telephone Kiosk – Proposed that a telephone kiosk be provided in the centre of the village.

(How things come full circle – the present Parish Council is trying to get it removed!)

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 Village Golf Competition & Social

It doesn't seem a year since the event was held, but time rolls on. This year the competition is to be played on **Saturday 2nd July 2011** (tee off after 1.30 pm please).

Current and previous residents of Elsham are invited to compete for the trophy that was first played for in 1973, won in that year by Bill Hesketh who organised and ran the event for many years. There are quite a few names on the trophy, perhaps you will be the next winner ! A 3 course meal has been arranged at Elsham Golf Club in the evening, 7.00 for 7.30 pm and non-golfers are most welcome. (Smart dress. No denim please.)

Fuller details can be found on the flyer enclosed with this edition of the Elsham Leader, or alternatively contact Roland Guest – the organiser for this year – at 5 Church Street , tel.680679.

All Saints' Church, Elsham.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our church look so lovely for its Easter Festival. We also thank the Rev. John Cole for conducting a very enjoyable service. It was good to see so many old and new members attending to welcome him also the Bell-Ringers to give the Easter morning peal. Over the centuries our village Church has witnessed many Easter Festivals and it was pleasing that the Service was once more a joyful occasion.

Music for a summer Evening -The Sine Nominee Choir conducted by Sue

Hollingworth will be performing in Church at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday, 18th June. The members of the choir will travel from many parts of the country and their performance is always of a very high Professional standard. The event is sold out and I am sure that those fortunate enough to have bought a ticket will have a superb evening.

Family Services continue on the second and third Sundays in the month details of which are set out on our church Notice Board,

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 No regular events

Tuesday

New Age Kurling 10.00 - 12.00

Low Villages Flower Club

2nd Tuesday 6.30 – 8.00pm

(except January and August)

Next meetings: - Tues 14th June,
Tues 12th July.

Parish Council

3rd Tuesday 6.45–8.00pm

(except April, August and December)

Next meetings – Tues 21st June,
Tues 19th July.

Wine Club

Fortnightly 8.00 – 10.00 pm.

Recessed for the summer.

Recommences in September.

Wednesday

Bowls Club 7.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday No regular events

Friday Country Night

Monthly on the 2nd Friday at 7.00pm

Next meetings :-

Friday 10th June – The Lyntons

July – No meeting

Friday 12th August – Carol Ann B

Sunday Bowls Club 7.00 – 9.00pm

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

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Kantara,

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John Tomlinson

2 Church Street, Elsham

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Roland Guest

5 Church Street, Elsham

Tel:- 01652 680679

John Taylor

Little Bolingbroke

5 Hall Lane, Elsham

Tel:- 01652 680438

Newly Refurbished Village Hall

Elsham Village Hall has just completed a refurbishment after the damage suffered during the big December freeze. The kitchen has all new fitted furniture and the hall and entrance foyer have been redecorated. It is once again a very attractive and reasonably priced venue for weddings, anniversaries, childrens' parties, clubs or any other interests you may have.

Contact Jim Reid (688753) or John Tomlinson (688221) for bookings

Onion odour

This is a matter which has been ongoing for a considerable period of time and which, as mentioned above in the parish council meeting subjects, is now the subject of "odour logging". It may be that the results will cause action to finally be taken or it may be that the results will be inconclusive and that the issue is again held in abeyance. It could be that the recent lack of rain has influenced the results.

There can, however, be no doubt that at times the problem exists and really should have been resolved before now. Discomfort and lack of amenity and enjoyment has been a problem for too many of our residents for too long.

An agricultural company, Fishers Seeds, based at Hutton Cranswick, had a problem with effluent discharge into a stream, caused by surface runoff during heavy rain. Yorkshire River Authority would not accept this and the company were obliged to obtain an area of an adjacent field and put in three settling lagoons to alleviate the problem. The system has now been running for over twenty years without problems. It seems that a similar solution could be adopted here. The costs of the solution at Hutton Cranswick were actually relatively low and ongoing maintenance is minimal. The land was rented on an inexpensive lease agreement.

After all this time, should we not be asking Anglian Water to follow the example set by their northern neighbours and insist on a satisfactory resolution? It is not good enough to continue talking about the

issue without effective action being taken now. The next issue of The Leader hopes to be able to report useful progress.

Out and about

Northern England is a very photogenic and interesting area. There are many hidden gems and one such lies in an enclosed valley near Hebden Bridge. In 1859, a Captain Edwards, the son of a wealthy Halifax manufacturer, began the construction of Castle Carr, a mock Scottish pile at the end of Luddenden Dean. He never lived there, being killed by fire along with all the first class passengers when the Holyhead bound "Irish Mail" ran into a runaway paraffin oil goods wagon. Nevertheless he and his head gardener, a Mr Ponto, created some magnificent water gardens which are now opened to the public once a year, by permission of the family who now own the land. The buildings were demolished in 1962 although the remains are still visible. The water gardens are rather overgrown, but relatively undamaged.

The annual "switch on" usually occurs mid to late summer, so look out for details on websites featuring Calderdale. Driving would take just over an hour from Elsham, but be careful on the small road leading through Throstle Bower to its end near the still intact gatehouse to Castle Carr. *[Grid reference at this point is SE 023292]*

**Tracy's Helping Hands
Domestic Cleaning and Ironing Service**

Unfortunately I am now fully booked for regular cleaning, but if you require a hand once in a while, please contact me to discuss your requirements.

**Do you want your ironing basket emptying?
I can collect one day and return the following morning ready for you to just pop it away.**

References available from happy clients in Elsham.

Contact Tracy on 01652 618764
Mobile 0785 775 2570
Email – tracyaj@btinternet.com

Hunters Lodge fishery



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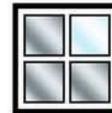
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