# Elsham Leader - May 2013



#### **PRESENTS:**

# A FAMILY FUNDAY AND PICNIC ON THE GREEN

**At Elsham Village Hall** 

Saturday afternoon, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, 2-5pm

**Activities for everyone from 2pm to include:** 

Bouncy Castle, Tug of War, Wheelbarrow Race, Traditional Village Games, Egg and Spoon Race, Dressing-up Race, Family Village Treasure Hunt, Cake stall

Bring your own picnic and drinks (no tickets required)

### And for the evening

# **ELSHAM'S SUMMER DISCO**Saturday Evening, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013

From 7.00pm in the VILLAGE HALL (over 18s only)

Lincolnshire's Pink Pig Sausage Burger, Bring your own alcohol

With music by "Groove Disco"

Raffle and proceeds in aid of the Elsham Children's Playground
Tickets £8 each

#### **Tickets available from the Elsham Entertainments Committee:**

Victoria Bocock: 680531, Sophie Dunn: 680676, Jane Evison: 680980 Harvey French: 680719, Larraine Guest: 680679, Siobhan Hollows: 07766 770056 Sandra Rawlin: 681899

#### **RAF Elsham Wolds Association**

On Easter Sunday the association entertained a party of French visitors. They were members of the Mailly le Camp Commemoration Support Group.

Towards the end of the war, in May 1944, the Germans had assembled large numbers of tanks, lorries and other military equipment at Mailly ready to invade Britain. Our intelligence got to know about this and so a large number of Lancaster bombers were sent on a massive raid to destroy the equipment. Regretfully, in just over an hour, 42 bombers were shot down, many from Elsham Wolds. Over 300 young men failed to return from the raid but thanks to them, we were not invaded and we enjoy the life style we have today.

The village of Mailly luckily escaped any damage even though one Lancaster crashed on the outskirts. The RAF Elsham Wolds Association has kept in touch with the villagers of Mailly and district, so it was a great occasion to see them in Elsham. We provided refreshments, including French wines and champagne and were entertained by the Scunthorpe Air Cadet Band.

John Tomlinson

#### **Speed Limits in the Village**

The statutory speed limit within the built up area of the village is 30 miles per hour. However, because of the lack of pavements, the large number of children in the village now and elderly residents of Holme Farm in wheel chairs, it is recommended that:-

#### 20 IS PLENTY

Please make sure that all drivers in your household and all visitors are aware of this.

#### **Elsham Indoor Bowls Club**

The club have completed their matches in the Bishop Norton League and finished in a creditable fifth position. We have had many friendly evenings competing with other teams from the villages in North and North East Lincolnshire and in the Lincoln area. The fixture list for the 2013 /2014 season has been completed and we start with an away match at Bottesford on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The club held a charity trophy competition amongst its members on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Members provided refreshments and numerous raffle prizes. The cup was won by Martyn Robinson after a very close final against Christine Brewer. The money raised (£200.00) will be given to the First Responders. The club wish to thank all who helped, including the Village Hall Committee.

John Tomlinson

#### **Elsham Parish Council**

Your Parish Councillors are:-

Graham Evison (Chairman) (680980) Siobhan Hollows (Deputy Chairman) (07766 770056)

Sophie Dunn (680676) Larraine Guest (680679) David Dent (688766) John Taylor (680438) Paul Richardson (688467)

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

#### All Saints' Church, Elsham

Thank you to everyone who helped in decorating our Church for the Easter Festival Thank you also to the Rev John Cole for visiting our church to conduct the Easter Family Service.

At present no vicar has been appointed. Services are held whenever it is possible for a vicar from another church, or a retired vicar, is available to conduct a service. The dates and times of these services are listed and also available on the church notice board.

Do come along to our services so that we may welcome our visiting vicars with a large congregation. We will be delighted to welcome everyone.

"Elsham Church and Parish – A Brief History" The remaining books are now priced at £3.00

Lincoln Cathedral now offers a gift aid scheme. If you are a UK tax payer and are able to gift aid your entrance fee you will receive a free annual pass. This pass enables free entry into the Cathedral for a whole year and includes grounds, roof and tower tours when they are available. If you are not able to gift aid, you can make your entrance charge a donation and still receive a free annual pass.

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Barbara Phipps

#### **Christian Aid Collection**

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the Christian Aid Week collection. Our village as a whole raised £283.53. A fantastic sum!

Helen Moir

## Advanced Notice - Open Gardens

On **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2013** several gardens in the village will be open to raise money for the church which is desperately in need of funds.

The gardens will be open from 10.30am until 5.00pm. Adults - £3.00, Children free.

Refreshments served at the village hall where maps will be available.

Please support this event.

#### Race for Life

June of Astley Corner would like to thank the residents of Elsham for their help in her efforts to raise funds for Cancer Research over the last four years.

A grand total of £3,275.00 has been donated.

With many thanks
June

#### Whose Dog Is It?

The parish council have had several complaints recently about a dog fouling footpaths and grassed areas in the village. "Evidence" suggests that it is a large animal which is particularly active around the post box and on Front Street. It is suspected that the dog is let out at night alone.

Whoever is responsible (or should that be "irresponsible"), be warned – residents are so disgusted that they are on the look out for the culprit and as we have said before, the parish council has taken action previously and will do so again.

#### **Best Kept Village Competition**

We are again entered for this. Everyone can do their bit to help by keeping their hedges cut and the area in front of their houses tidy. We have a couple of very public spirited residents who regularly "womble" (pick up litter) around the village. Please help by doing the same if others, who have less community pride, have left their debris around.

If you would like to help further by looking after a flower planter, we would be very glad to hear from you.

We have had problems with large vehicles churning up the grass triangle at the bottom of Barnetby Lane. North Lincolnshire Council has put the posts in for us to try to prevent this and the area has had a "makeover", which we hope will be easier to maintain and look good all year round.

#### What's in a Name?

We believe we are the only village in the country with the name "Elsham". Neither, as far as I know, are there any properties in the village worth nearly £4 million. However, there is an "Elsham Road" in London W14 with a house up for sale at a mere £3,950,000. Any takers?

See advert below.

5 bedroom town house for sale Elsham Road, London, W14 £3,950,000



#### **Parish Council Web Site**

Elsham Parish Council uses the following web site to display council minutes, agenda and other useful information. <a href="https://www.e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil">www.e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil</a>

(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**

There were insufficient numbers last year to hold the traditional meal after the golf.

As the organization seems to have fallen on me, I propose that this year we arrange to play the golf matches and make a presentation in the clubhouse on the day.

Possible dates for 2013 are:-Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July or Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July (pm) or Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July,

I will circulate further details as soon as possible.

I would ask all interested parties to contact me by telephone (01652 680679) or Email (<u>r8alg@tiscali.co.uk</u>) – there is no commitment but it will make it easier to circulate further details to people who are considering participation.

Roland Guest

**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 7.

It only involves a small amount of time per month.

#### ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT May 2013

Although they have taken a long time to achieve, a number of long standing issues have been resolved this year.

#### **Onion Odours**

The first meeting of the council's "new year" in June 2012 brought good news. The company alleged to be the cause of the onion odour which has plagued the village for ten years, were leaving the industrial estate. Mr. Peter Joyce from Anglian Water and Mr. Steve Coulman from NLC Environmental Health addressed the Parish Council and explained the procedures carried out at the "wet well". It was agreed that Anglian Water will inform NLC and the parish council of new occupiers and that they would be controlled via a discharge and consent licence and periodic checks would be carried out and I am pleased to report that there have been no further incidents of obnoxious odours in the past twelve months. Elsham Parish Council is indebted to Cllr. Rob Waltham for his considerable help in this matter.

#### Flooding

For many years we have had problems with flooding in several places in the village. In the last two weeks, work has taken place which it is hoped will have solved the nuisance. The soakaways on Front Street have been dug out, drains have been inspected and work under taken on Maltkiln Lane to alleviate the flooding there after heavy rain and a channel has been dug along the road in front of the church to direct water into cleared drains. We are hopeful that this will prevent water spreading across and along a considerable length of Church Street – a particular hazard when it freezes. No progress, however, has been made on solving the flooding problem at the Wootton underpass.

#### **Planning**

The public enquiry regarding the application for 10 wind turbines at Saxby Wold is ongoing. Elsham Parish Council's opposition is being expressed jointly with that of other Low Villages. There have been eleven planning application this year regarding houses within the parish including one for a replacement dwelling at Rennison Carr, six for extensions, one for change of use and two for new builds. None of these were objected to by the parish council and all were granted by NL.

Another new build on Front Street was objected to by Elsham Parish Council but has been granted by NL on a second application.

#### Neighbourhood Plans

Craig Fotheringham came to the July2012 meeting to update us on the progress of Neighbourhood Plans. The "Localism Bill" provides for local communities to produce a neighbourhood plan to input directly into local planning policies. The parish council had two training sessions last year but there have been no further developments recently.

#### Golf Club Signage

It is almost a year since a local resident requested improvements to the signage for the golf club. We are hopeful that this will be in place in the near future.

#### Superfast Broadband

There has been no progress on the provision of Superfast Broadband for the village and neither has the copper cable for telephone land lines been superseded by fibre optics, leaving the village still vulnerable to cable thieves.

#### The Triangle

The problem of double decker buses getting lost in the village seems to have been solved and, hopefully, so has the problem of vehicles churning up the triangle at the bottom of

Barnetby Lane. Posts have been installed and the Best Kept Village group hope to give the area a face lift.

#### Future Playground

After many years of trying, we have at last, had the offer of land for a playground. The Elwes estate have offered us an area off New Street for which we are very grateful. A committee is looking into grants but have already begun to raise funds. The very successful Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations of almost a year ago raised £1,600 and there is an Elsham Village Funday planned for 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

My thanks to NL councillors for attending our meetings, to our own parish councillors, and to the few residents who have taken an interest in our proceedings. Very many thanks also to Deb, our parish clerk, without whose constant badgering of the various council departments, little would be achieved.

Cllr Mrs. L Guest May 2013

The above report was prepared for the Annual General Meeting of Elsham Parish Council after which Cllr Guest stood down as Chairman and Cllr Graham Evison was elected.

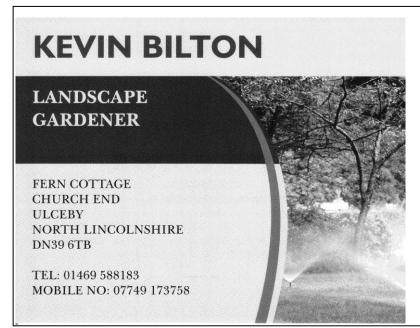
SUNDAY 30th JUNE 2013

#### HIBALDSTOW OPEN GARDENS & SCARECROW DAY

10.00am - 5.00pm

At least 12 gardens will be open together with a scarecrow trail around the village. Admission £3 per adult (Accompanied children free) with all proceeds being divided between St Hybalds Church, Hibaldstow Methodist Church & Hibaldstow Village Hall. Pay at the Village Hall where car parking and refreshments including light lunches will be available.

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#### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 6.45 – 8.00pm (except April, August and Dec).

Next meetings: - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (Tel 680679 for details)

A new term starts again in September 2013 – watch this space for details.

Wednesday Bowls Club

7.00 - 9.00pm

Thursday Line Dancing – social evening 7- 10 pm

Friday Country Night Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 7.00pm

Next meetings: - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013 – Chris Raddings

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – T B A There is no Meeting in August

Sunday Bowls Club

7.00 - 9.00pm

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

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Roland Guest
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Little Bolingbroke
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5 Hall Lane, Elsham

Tel:- 01652 680438

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