

Elsham Leader – May 2016

The Queen's 90th Birthday edition



IT'S NEARLY TIME!

And all is ready for a fantastic celebratory weekend beginning with the red, white and blue themed disco and fish and chip supper in the village hall on Saturday 11th June. Tickets are available from the Entertainments Committee but going fast so give one of them a ring to secure yours.

The photos for the "Crowning Glories of Elsham" photo competition will be on display at the disco so that voting can begin. (Details are on page 3). Entries will also be on display at "The Picnic in the Park" on Sunday 12th.

Details of all competitions and activities are in the enclosed leaflet, so with plenty of activities for all age groups, get into the community spirit and begin your preparations to celebrate this milestone birthday of our Queen.

All proceeds for this event are to go towards the planned Children's Playground and Adult Exercise Area.

We still need volunteers to help on the day to erect gazebos etc.

We also need raffle prizes.

If you are willing to help in any way, please let a parish councillor or member of the Entertainments Committee know.

Elsham's Best Royal Scarecrow Competition

Have you thought about making your Royal Scarecrow yet? If not here are a few simple instructions to inspire you.

*Originally used by farmers to keep birds away from important crops, in times gone by scarecrows were very much part of the landscape. They are not expensive to make, and you can have fun by easily making a scarecrow from everyday items that are around the house, they can be as crazy or silly as you like but the hint is a **royal** scarecrow!!*

This easy set of instructions may be of help in making your scarecrow, and it only requires cutting and tying.

Here is a list of what you will need for a basic scarecrow:

- *stake about 2m long (6ft)*
- *stake about 1m long (3ft)*
- *1 - stake about 30cm long (12inches)*
- *Old clothes (shirt or jumper, trousers, hat)*
- *An old pair of tights, some straw or hay, string*

How to make your scarecrow

- *First of all tie the 1m stake to the 2m stake, about 15cm from one end, in a cross shape and then tie the other stake in the same way about half way down.*
- *To make the head cut one leg from the tights and fill with some straw.*
- *Push the straw firmly to the end and make it into a ball shape.*
- *Tie a piece of string around the tights to stop the hay falling out.*
- *Now tie the ball shape around the top of the frame.*
- *The scarecrow can now be dressed placing the shirt on the top crossbar and the trousers on the smaller bar.*
- *The scarecrow can be stuffed with old clothes, hay or straw, and then tied with string at the cuffs of shirt and bottom of the trousers.*
- *Place the straw under the hat and leave it dangling out like hair.*

This is a pattern of how to make a basic scarecrow; you can then use your own design with different clothes and make-up, etc. to make a royal scarecrow!!

When you have made your scarecrow display it in your front garden in the morning of Sunday 12th June for the Judges to see and then listen out for the winning scarecrow at the awards ceremony at the "Picnic in the Park"

HAVE FUN !!!!!

If you do make a scarecrow please let any member of the Elsham Entertainments committee know so the judges know where to look, they don't want to miss it!!

Elsham Entertainments Committee:

Sophie Dunn: 680676, Jane Evison: 680980, Harvey French: 680719, Lorraine Guest: 680679, Sue Hartland: 07946 722711, Siobhan Hollows: 07766770056; Helen Moir: 680568, Sandra Rawlin: 681899,

Elsham photograph competition

'The Crowning Glories of Elsham' - we will be holding a photograph competition again as part of the Queen's birthday celebrations. There will be two age groups, under 14's and 14 and over, and the winning photograph will be judged by the good people of Elsham on the 11/12 June. The winner has their photograph displayed in the village hall. The photographs can be of anything/anyone that you think fits the title! You can enter more than one photo, they just need to be handed to Sandra Rawlin at 3 Doll Lane (printed out) with your name and contact number written on the back by Wednesday 8th June. Happy snapping!

Elsham Golf Club – Get into Golf 9.30 am till 6.00pm Monday 30th May

On Monday 30th May Elsham Golf Club are hosting a “Get into Golf” day. This is an opportunity for all ages – at no cost and no obligation – to try golf. There will be various fun competitions for children and adults. Free mini lessons will be available, but please book these (01652 680679). Come along and enjoy the day – snacks& lunches available all day. You will also have the chance to see the David Edwards famous trick show. So come along and join the fun. Special membership discounts will also be available.

The Quarry Park now renamed Elsham Parish Nature Reserve

We still need more volunteers to form a Management Team under the leadership of a North Lincolnshire Nature Reserve Officer. This team would oversee maintenance of the paths, record the trees and plants and monitor wildlife etc. If you are interested, please contact Councillors Sophie Dunn or Sandra Rawlin, who are the parish council representatives.

We have recorded the names of those who have already expressed an interest. This would be a good way of meeting like minded people and being of great service to the community.

Community Emergency Plan

The Local Authority are encouraging parishes to have a Community Emergency Plan in case of a disaster and we still need to know the following :-

- 1) Priority would be given to residents of Astley Corner and Holme Farm Residential Home, but if you also consider yourself in need of special assistance, we can add you to a confidential list which will only be used in emergency situations.
- 2) Any more owners of 4x4 vehicles.
- 3) Owners of generators.
- 4) People with skills useful in an emergency.
We have people with medical qualifications, but if you have first aid skills we would like to know.

Several people did contact us and we thank them.

Please contact one of the Parish Councillors whose details are elsewhere in this “Leader”, regarding 1 to 4 above.

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2016

It is that time of year again when as Chairman of the Parish Council I can reflect on the achievements of the past year and look forward to the challenges of the next. None of which could be achieved without the continued support and dedication of my fellow Parish Councilors and a special thank you to our Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson, who has worked tirelessly throughout the year. Thanks also for the continued support from our three NLC Councillors, Nigel and Carl Sherwood and Deputy Council Leader Rob Waltham.

Year Highlights:

Items Completed

Speed alert 'white triangles' at either end of the village. Extra posts on triangle at the cross roads.
New kerbing at Front Street and Barnetby Lane Junction.

Planning

This year has seen a drop in applications; the majority received were for extensions/alterations to existing businesses on the Industrial estate with only one residential application for a new property which was granted by NLC.

As reported last year I'm afraid Stoneledge continues to be a problem on the airfield as they continue to breach conditions attached to planning consent, the Parish Council has repeatedly requested NLC to enforce compliance of the conditions and recently an appeal by Stoneledge to use the Wootton Lane entrance as a main entrance was rejected by NLC.

Highways

General Maintenance work has been carried out through the year by NLC; unfortunately the white lining down Barnetby Lane Hill cannot be done as the road is too narrow, also the requested footpath will not happen as there is insufficient land available at the side of the road.

HGV's continue to be a problem and we have again asked NLC for their suggestions and assistance, meanwhile the new kerbing and extra posts on the triangle will hopefully deter vehicles from turning round at the cross roads and causing damage.

Outstanding items:

Some resurfacing work is required around the village.

Extra signage warning of no access to HGV's

Repair of finger post at the junction of Middlegate Lane and Front Street.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

Thankfully this has been an uneventful year.

The Neighbourhood Watch Team continue to advise us of the various scams and bogus callers that do the rounds on a regular basis.

Astley Corner

Despite various conversations and meetings on this subject, parking continues to be a problem. Extra parking is still being considered by NLH but the answer, I'm afraid, lies mainly with the residents in parking sensibly by using the parking bays and not where it can cause a safety hazard to other road users.

Quarry

We are currently in discussion with NLC into making the Quarry a designated Local Nature Reserve status, which will provide us with advice and physical help in getting the best from this great asset.

Play Area

I am pleased to announce that we have now applied for planning permission for the Play Area, chosen our preferred contractor and secured funding for the project. I am hopeful that the area will be open by the summer holidays.

Best Kept Village Competition

Well done to everyone and particularly to Lorraine Guest and her 'Elsham Elves' in securing second place in last year's competition.

We will be entering again this year and I'm sure with a big effort from everyone we can secure that elusive first place this time.

Defibrillator

We now have our own defibrillator on the side of the village hall, thanks to all the residents who attended the training session in December.

Neighbourhood Plan

The response to the questionnaire was very good; we are now considering the views and suggestions and will be producing a report in due course. I can say, however that in the main residents appear to be happy with the village as it is and would not wish to change too much.

John Tomlinson

In November last year we acknowledged one of our oldest residents Mr. John Tomlinson for his outstanding service to the Elsham community, John was one of the longest serving Parish Council Chairman.

John planted a tree by the village hall and was presented with a 'Victorian' chair.

The Queen's 90th Celebrations

As we did in 2012 for the Jubilee we are celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday this year on the weekend of the 11/12 June. There will be a disco on the 11 June in the village hall with a party in the park with fun for all on Sunday 12 June.

So please come along and celebrate with us, all proceeds will go to the Play area fund.

Graham Evison

Chairman, Elsham Parish Council 17 May 2016

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 10th July

10.00am to 5.00pm

Tickets, maps and refreshments at the village hall.

Several gardens will be open and the proceeds will be for equipping the proposed new playground and exercise area

We still need **helpers with the refreshments** in the village hall that day. You don't have to be there all day. Just an hour would be appreciated. We also need lots of **donations of cakes and biscuits** because if it is a fine day we could have several hundred visitors.

For helpers and donations, please contact Jane Evison 680980

Whether you are a gardener, a helper or a spectator, "Open Gardens" is a great way of seeing a different aspect of the village and meeting new people.

Elsham Parish Council

Did you know that you can attend Parish Council meetings?

Public participation time, when you can air your views, is from 6.45 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)

John Taylor (680438)

Sandra Rawlin (681899)

Parish Clerk –

Deb Hotson (0784 2201877)

(Available weekdays 10am – 2pm)

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The Club have just completed their most successful season for many years, finishing runners up in the Bishop Norton league.

Our presentation evening was held at Elsham Golf Club and the winners were:-

Singles: - Martyn Robinson Doubles:

- Ken Brewer and Martyn Robinson

Triples: - Christine Brewer, Tom Ridgeway and Martyn Robinson.

THE JT Trophy, which is our charity event, was won by Ken Brewer and he has decided to give the money raised at the event to LIVES First Responders.

The club are now having a well earned break and will resume again in September

John Tomlinson

All Saints' Church, Elsham

In the absence of a vicar we are endeavoring to arrange two services a month with the help of vicars from adjoining parishes. Details are on the notice board outside the church. We thank everyone who helps in any way to keep our church open: those who clean our church, flower arrangers, sides persons, our organist, secretary, church wardens, treasurer, those looking after the planters at the church door and the memorial, maintenance of the churchyard and the clock winder. Financial help is very much appreciated as with so few services there is much less offertory.

Mr. & Mrs. Sutherland – due to illness and relocation, our very efficient treasurer, Innes, is no longer able to continue. Anne too, due to the relocation, is no longer able to continue as church warden. Anne and Innes have been a tremendous help and contributed so much to the life of our church and we do thank them so much and wish Innes a speedy return to good health and that they both find happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Dawn Esner has kindly volunteered to take over the duties of treasurer and we welcome Dawn into the life of our Church.

The RAF reunion will be held on the weekend of 28th and 29th August. Our Church will be open and the time of services displayed on the church notice board. During the summer months the church is open on Wednesdays.

24th July - The Rev. Syd Andrews

All Church Services commence at 11.00 a.m.

Barbara Phipps

In the March 2016 edition of the Elsham Leader, we asked if you recognized where an old photo of Elsham was.

The answer in – Dodds' Farmhouse on Front Street

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

On the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6.45 – 8.00pm (except April, Aug & Dec).

Next meetings: - Tuesday 15th March 2016
Tuesday 19th April 2016

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (**March 2016 on the 8th and 15th**)
The club will then start again in September 2016.

New members welcome – telephone 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

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

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

Sandra Rawlin
3 Doll Lane, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 681899

John Tomlinson
2 Church Street, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 688221

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

Chairman
Tony Steeper
c/o Holme Farm Residential Home
Tel:- 01652 688755

Village Hall Management Committee Members wanted

If you have a little time to spare have you considered becoming involved with the Village Hall Committee.

Could you help with various aspects – bookings, maintenance, events, keeping an eye on things etc.? There won't be a great demand on your time

If so please contact a committee member for further information.

KEVIN BILTON

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