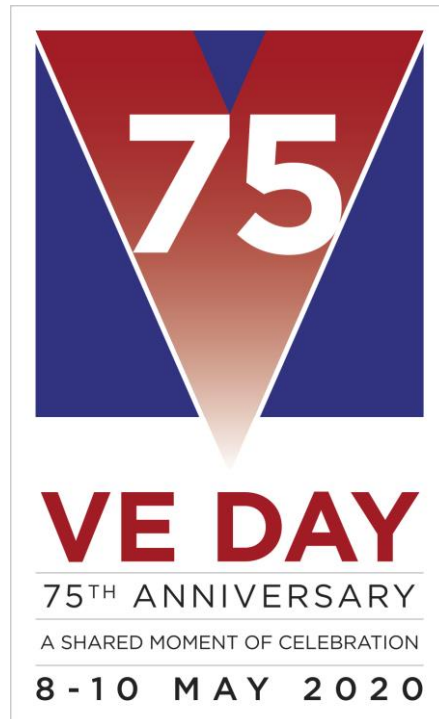


# Elsham Leader Spring 2020



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day – the end of World War 2 in Europe.

Celebrations over the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May will mark an international celebration of peace – a time to remember, reflect and pay tribute to the millions who played such a vital part in achieving it. For further information on events taking place please go to [www.veday75.org](http://www.veday75.org)

### **Elsham's celebration**

There will be a 'Bring Your Own Picnic', to be held at the Village Hall on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, a Bank Holiday, from 2pm – outside if the weather is fine, inside if not!  
3pm is the time that Winston Churchill officially announced the end of WW2 from the Cabinet Office at 10 Downing Street.

Pipers from around the World will open VE Day 75 by playing Battles O'er at 3pm local time, and there will be a 'Nation's Toast' throughout the UK, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man, including one at the Elsham Picnic.

**Do come along.**

## **Elsham Parish Council**

### **Changes to the Parish Council**

After almost seven years as Chairman of the Parish Council, Graham Evison resigned from the council in February. Cllr van Oosterhout was elected Chair and Cllr Horner was elected Vice Chair. We also welcomed Jane Ousby onto the council.

We thank Graham for his work on the Parish Council -- the purchase of the quarry and the play park in particular have made a big difference to the village. We wish him all the best in his future ventures, in particular the London Marathon in April.

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested, please contact Deb Hotson, the Parish Clerk for an application form - contact details below.

### **Parish Council Web-site**

If you would like to find out more about the workings of the Parish Council, do take a look at the web-site – [www.elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Here are posted the dates and Minutes of meetings and the Agenda of the next meeting – given with three clear days' notice. (The Agenda is also displayed on the Parish Noticeboard at the Village Hall.)

Accounts for the Parish Council are also posted, with clear evidence of expenditure and income – a precept is set each year, which is the council's share of the Council tax each household pays. Other sources of funding are also sought – e.g. £30K from North Lincs Council Community Fund and £45K from Able UK towards the purchase of the quarry, £30K again from NLC Community Fund and £20K from MondeGreen EB Ltd towards the cost of the playpark, £2K from Tesco's token fund towards bird and bat boxes in the Nature Reserve and laying chalk on the paths. The Parish Council also funds items such as the new bench at Astley Corner, refurbishment and acquisition (for £1) of the old BT telephone box and all of the planting in and around the village.

### **Your Parish Councillors are:**

Sandra van Oosterhout (**Chair**) - 681899, [cldr.svanoosterhout@elshamparish.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.svanoosterhout@elshamparish.gov.uk)

Andrew Horner (**Vice Chair**) – 680471, [cldr.ahorner@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.ahorner@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Lorraine Guest - 680679, [cldr.lquest@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.lquest@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

John Taylor - 680438, [cldr.jtaylor@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.jtaylor@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Christine Busby - 688770, [cldr.cbushy@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.cbushy@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Jane Ousby – 680827, [cldr.jousby@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.jousby@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Parish Clerk** - Deb Hotson - 07842 201877, available weekdays 10am – 2pm  
[clerk@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## ELSHAM CHURCHYARD

This is a photo of our February. It was a colourful including wild daffodils, the snowdrops, celandines, There was evidence of the (windflowers) and aconites to

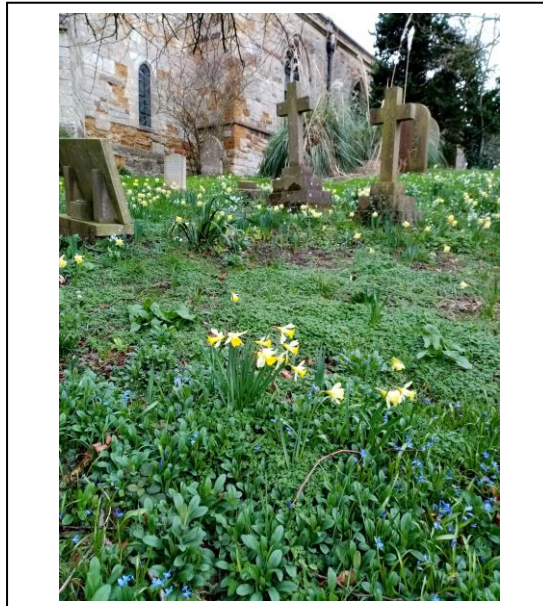
A walk up towards the quarry and blue violets, and in the are many species of wild which we hope will be catalogued soon.

Do you know the book "God's Francesca Greenoak and Roberts? It shows how "over have established themselves

where an abundance and diversity of indigenous and naturalized wildlife flourishes undisturbed". Not only flowering plants but ferns, mosses lichen and fungi. Also, insects, including rare butterflies; frogs, toads shrews and mice. We are struggling to keep our church and "God's acre" open. To help raise money, there is a coffee morning in the village hall every other Wednesday from 10.30 until 12.00. £2.00 for unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits. It's a great opportunity to meet other Elsham residents.

Also, on **Sunday 12th July**, five Elsham gardens will be open. The proceeds will go to the church. Please advertise and support these efforts.

**Lorraine Guest**



churchyard taken on 19th picture of spring flowers little bright blue chionodoxa, primroses and pink primula. forget-me-nots, anemones come.

revealed patches of white quarry nature reserve itself flowers common on chalk identified, recorded and

Acre" (the churchyard) by beautifully illustrated by Clare many centuries churchyards as unofficial nature reserves



Hi All,

You may have seen me recently running round the village I am in training for the London Marathon on the **26 April** to raise money for Children with Cancer UK. This Charity not only supports research, it also supports families with children who are facing this frightening illness. Many thanks to those of you who have already donated. If you would like to donate you can use the link below, no matter how small, I would be very grateful! Thank you for your support for this very worthwhile Charity.

**Graham Evison.**

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=graham-evison-SAVMLMBONDS333-2020-194704&pageUrl=1>

## **Elsham Heritage Trail and Nature Reserve Information Boards**

Look out for two new additions to the village – the Parish Council has been busy collecting photos and information for two new sign boards, currently being manufactured by MD Signs in Barton.

One will be sited at the Village Hall and will be a 'Heritage Trail' around the village, pointing out structures of interest and giving a brief history of Elsham.

The other will be sited just inside the Elsham Parish Nature Reserve (the old quarry), with a history of the quarry, photos of the changes from quarry to landscaped nature reserve, and examples of the flora and fauna to be found.

The boards have been funded by the Parish Council, with a contribution from North Lincs Council's Community Fund.

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As part of our research for an information board at the quarry, I visited the Lincolnshire Archives in Grimsby to look through some Singleton Birch files. These included the minutes of board meetings from the establishment of Elsham Lime Products Co. Ltd in 1930 up to 1965 and they contained some interesting facts.

For example, the land was originally rented from King's College, Cambridge, as I understand were other plots of land in the village.

Elsham Lime Products Co. Ltd rented sidings and a loading dock at Elsham station and on average 49 tons were sent down there by lorries every day. The company supplied lime and limestone to various places including local steelworks, but in 1933 it was noted that 'There does not however appear to be any possibility of selling lime to the farmers – they have no money'. The company seemed to look after its employees – in 1940 it was noted that 'We have made adequate air raid shelters for the men' and in the one recorded case of a fatal accident, which was obviously regretted, the company voluntarily gave the widow some money to 'tide her over until affairs were settled'.

World War II interfered with imports of Swedish ore, and English ore had to be used instead. It was low in iron and high in calcium carbonate, which meant that less lime was needed and orders were very much reduced. However, the company won the contract for supplying the foundations for the runway at Elsham Wolds and between October and December 1940, 78,292 tons of limestone and 3,635 tons of lime were supplied. After the war it was noted that 'The steelworks are able to take as much as we can get' and the following years were therefore good ones for the company. The quarry we now know as the nature reserve was called 'School Hill Quarry' and the quarry opposite, opened as the first quarry was coming to the end of its viable life, was referred to as 'Church Garth'.

You can search the Lincolnshire Archives online and visit for free. They are located at the side of Grimsby Town Hall and open 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to Saturday.

**Sandra van Oosterhout**

## **ELSHAM INDOOR BOWLS CLUB**

The club are having a mixed season in the Kirton Lindsey & District Short Mat Bowls League and are in a mid-table position.

Our Charity event (which was postponed in November) took place on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020. This is an occasion when we give something back to people who are worse off than ourselves, with members raising money by providing an excellent buffet and donating generously.

The winner this year was Christine Brewer; she was awarded the trophy and she selected to give the money raised to the Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

The Club meet on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm in the village hall with tea / coffee and biscuits at half time.

New members are urgently required and will be made most welcome; tuition will be given if required.

**John Tomlinson 688221**

## **POPPY APPEAL – November 2019**

The amount collected in Elsham for the above appeal was £298.88.

The district total for the Barnetby area was £4,024.45.

Without your help, the Royal British Legion would be unable to continue its vital welfare and benevolent work.

Very many thanks

**John Tomlinson**

## **ELSHAM WINE CLUB**

The wine club runs fortnightly on Tuesdays, with remaining dates 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March, reconvening after the summer.

Meetings are held in Village Hall commencing at 8.00 pm and finish by 10.00 pm. We taste white and red wines from a country or region enabling you sample different wines.

New members are welcome. For more details contact Roland Guest (680679)

## **VILLAGE PLAY AND EXERCISE PARK**



The Parish Council would like to thank Jane Evison, who (together with her husband Graham Evison) was the driving force behind the park's creation and has coordinated the upkeep and maintenance since, keeping the team of volunteer keepers organised and championing the park, culminating in the park receiving The Best Playground in the Small Villages of North and North East Lincolnshire Award last year. Jane has now stepped down from responsibility for the park, and Jane Ousby will now take on these duties.

Thank you to the families who continue to do the park keeping duties and thank you also to those who have bowed out recently, having been great supporters of the park since it opened three years ago.

We would love to have some new volunteers for park keeping duties – the more people there are, the fewer turns everyone has to take! The park needs to be opened each morning around 9am and closed at dusk (or 7pm as we get to the lighter evenings). It remains locked on days when the weather is very bad.

Please give **Jane Ousby** a call on 680827 or 07989 844013 if you'd like to help – it's a great community facility with adult exercise equipment as well the children's play area.

### **Park Rota –**

Changeover dates - Saturdays week commencing:

07-Mar-20	Sandra Van Oosterhout
14-Mar-20	Charlie Yeo
21-Mar-20	Charlie Yeo
28-Mar-20	Lucy Gillchrest
04-Apr-20	Lucy Gillchrest
11-Apr-20	Helen Machin
18-Apr-20	Helen Machin
25-Apr-20	Julz Middleton
02-May-20	Julz Middleton
09-May-20	Charlie Yeo
16-May-20	Charlie Yeo
23-May-20	Jane Ousby
30-May-20	Jane Ousby
06-Jun-20	Katie Wilson
13-Jun-20	Katie Wilson
20-Jun-20	Jo Leaning
27-Jun-20	Jo Leaning



## All Saint's Church Elsham

### Easter Sunday

There will be a Full Communion Service at 11am on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April



### **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

Dawn Enser  
Lay Minister and Church Warden

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### Church Open

From Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April the Church will be open to the public on Wednesdays from 9.30am – 4.30pm

### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

The tree lights were switched on again by Reverend Gabel, who led us in singing a few Christmas carols.

A huge thank you to Simon and Suzanne Halmshaw who very kindly donated the actual tree.

Thanks as well for all of the mince pies that were donated (and some sausage rolls), greatly enjoyed, along with the mulled wine and squash. There were quite a few mince pies left over – much appreciated at the Church coffee morning the following day, which happened to be the last one before Christmas.

A thank you as well from All Saint's Church for the donations made towards Church funds.

### The Village Golf Competition

This year the Village golf competition will be held mid September, hopefully on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Further details will follow in the Summer edition of the Leader.

The competition will follow the normal format of a full handicap Stableford and is open to all residents present and past.

Kind regards,  
Graham Evison  
Tel 01652 680980



The Low Villages Quiz was held in December at Worlaby Village Hall, with the team from Horkstow winning handsomely.

This means that Horkstow will host this year's quiz, but will not be fielding a team.

This was the first time that the village sent a team.

Team Elsham – Harvey French, Steve Moir, Sue and Geoff Lockwood – got into their stride once they had got their 'fingers on the buzzer' – well done for taking part.

## 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, [www.elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk). Events taking place in/at the Village Hall:

Monday	<b>Pilates</b> <b>Pilates</b>	10.30 – 11.30am 4.30 – 5.30pm (Phone Helen, 01652 680568)
Tuesday	<b>New Age Kurling</b>  <b>Parish Council</b> Monthly on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	10.00am - 12.00pm  6.30 - 8.00pm (except April, August and Dec).
	<i>Next meetings: -</i>	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March <b>MONDAY</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> May Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
	<b>Wine Club</b>	Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 -10.00pm. (Details given earlier – not over the summer)
Wednesday	<b>Church Coffee Morning</b>  <b>Bowls Club</b>	10.30am -12.00pm (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday in the month)  7.00 - 9.00pm (except May - August)
Thursday	<b>Upholstery</b> <b>Pilates</b> <b>Line Dancing</b>	10am - 4pm 4.30 - 5.30pm 7.00 - 9.00pm
Friday	<b>Fish and Chip van</b>	6.45-7.30pm
Saturday		
Sunday	<b>Bowls Club</b>	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**  
2 Dunn's Paddock, Elsham  
**Tel:- 01652 688785**

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

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



**Elsham Golf Club**

**PRESENTS**

**THE DIRTY PITCHERS**

**Lincolnshire's Finest Britpop Tribute Band**

**Saturday 7 March 7pm - midnight**

**FREE ENTRY Food available to purchase from 7-8.30pm**

**THE HAYMAKER RESTAURANT-ELSHAM**

**'Thrifty Thursday'**

**20% DISCOUNT on food Thursdays in March**

**Call 10652 680291 opt 3 or 07543 563535**

**GARY BARLOW TRIBUTE ACT**

**Saturday 4 April 7pm - midnight**

**TICKETS £23 includes one course meal**

**Dress code smart casual**

**Non members welcome to all events ring and book tickets 01652 680291**

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