

Elsham Leader Winter 2019

Best Kept Village Competition

This year we did a little better and came equal second with Amcotts, who were last year's winners. Low Burnham, a "village" of just fifty houses, was a worthy winner. Their community really came together and every house took part and had a hanging basket or planter outside.

Our Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson, and I, recently attended the presentation ceremony. For being **equal second** and having the **best playground**, the village received £125 in garden vouchers. We hope to put the relevant plaque on the barrier outside the playground. The equal second plaque and the full results are currently in the village notice board.

At the ceremony David Rose, Chairman of the Council for Rural England, said that the Best Kept Village Competition was more wide ranging than Britain in Bloom because it took all aspects into consideration not just flower displays. In particular, he said a huge accolade was due to litter pickers, in our case, mainly Andrew and Di Horner.

The Elsham Elves have already started to refurbish the triangle at the bottom of Barnetby Lane and are about to begin the planting for the spring display. Besides the usual areas, we also plan to plant daffodils along the grass verge between the Elsham sign and the playground. Next summer, the Elves will be going all out to win the Best Kept Village Competition, but there will be stiff competition. The new entrants have really "got the bit between their teeth"!

So.....we intend to plant new areas and have more tubs around the village. We very much hope Elsham residents will get behind us by, for example, volunteering to water nearby areas, keeping their hedges trimmed and generally making their properties as tidy and floriferous as possible.

We would like to incorporate the odd "artefact" to fill with flowers. Something like an old wheelbarrow if anyone has one. Also, if you want suggestions, or alternatively have any ideas, we would be only too pleased to hear them.

Lorraine Guest

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MISGUIDED & FAKE INFORMATION

It always surprises me how much misguided and fake news is portrayed on the internet, and it is for this reason I have very little to do with it. Obviously for me, I am always concerned about information that may be out there, which people truly believe, but is incorrect. I would like to try and dispel at least one of those incorrect assumptions.

Like all households, once, every so often, you dread something you know you must either do, or that will happen.

Believe it or not, the Church is no different from your home. Every five years each Church in our Diocese of Lincoln must have carried out what is called a "Quinquennial Report" – this is a complete and accurate report on the condition and structure of the church building and the required repairs. This report is not a request, but a formal requirement of the Diocese.

A specialist Surveyor is required, and the cost for his service is in excess of £900 + VAT – who pays – well, it is each individual Church. A lot of money for a small rural Church.

Our report this time, like most of the other churches locally, was a shock. I do not know why it was a shock, as we all knew it was coming, BUT!!

I have heard so often when money for the church is mentioned, (and in the past have said it myself) – "Oh come on now, the church has plenty of money". This is one of the fake facts I would like to dispel, and although I cannot comment on that remark, all I can say is that they may have money, but it is not given to our churches for repairs and the like. The rules are clear – you can use the churches, (which are owned by the Diocese), but you must pay for all upkeep, services, repairs and requirements.

Repairs under our Report will be in the region of £100,000.00, and we will have to find this ourselves. We will be making efforts to raise these monies from charitable bodies, but this takes time, and a lot of work.

Not only do we have to deal with these repairs, but each year each church has to pay the Diocese what is called "Parish Share". This pays for the priest and back-up facilities which the Diocese offers to us. The amount is worked out on the amount of households in the village – so you can see larger villages pay more.

It is not worked out on who comes to a Sunday Service – to be honest if this were the case, Elsham would probably be paying only about £100.00 per year, or less. As it is our fees, at present, are £3,518.00 per annum. One thing I should mention is that if the Parish Share is not paid, then ultimately the Church will be closed.

As you can see the few people in our church work hard to keep it going, so that we can offer our services, weddings, baptisms and funerals to the people of our village. Such fees as lighting, heating, and incidental fees also have to be found and paid for.

We are fortunate in that there are a number of people who give regularly to the church funds, which keeps our church open. Not all of them come regularly to church, but they are there, helping in their own way to support our church. Our bi-monthly coffee mornings help, and we have a wonderful collection of people who come to chat, have a coffee, and catch up.

One good thing did come out of our recent report on the church. At the front of our church are two friezes. One is disappearing very fast with decay and age, but the other is still visible. We understand they are European and not very common. It has been suggested we promote these friezes on the internet, which may generate interest for people who have interests in church architecture and archaeology.

We hope shortly to start the huge task of obtaining charitable funding, and the friezes possibly may help us to achieving our goal of getting the works carried out to the church, and other facilities, like toilets, added to the church.

My reason for writing, is not to ask for funds (although any help would be appreciated for the church), but the hope I may be able to dispel the age old belief that our churches are given monies to keep us going – this is done by volunteers, and those who do not wish to see our churches vanish.

Thank you for listening, and God Bless.

Dawn Enser
Lay Minister
All Saints Church, Elsham

Elsham Parish Council

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.

A candidate must be over 18 and, currently, at least one of the following:

- a UK or Commonwealth citizen
- a Citizen of the Republic of Ireland
- a Citizen of another member state of the European Union

A candidate must state on their consent for nomination form their qualification for election, which must be at least one of the following:

- they are an elector of the parish
- during the whole of the last 12 months they have occupied, either as owner or tenant, land or premises in the parish
- their principal or only place of work is in the parish
- they live within 3 miles of the parish boundary

Your Parish Councillors are:

Graham Evison (**Chair**) - 680679, cldr.gevison@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Parish Clerk - Deb Hotson - 07842 201877, available weekdays 10am – 2pm
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**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**

Following a meeting in April, Diana Connolly has volunteered to be Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for Elsham.

Approximately a third of households have signed up to receive any relevant notifications. This would usually be by email, but for those who don't use the internet Diana can keep people in touch in person by delivering any written information. She also posts on Elsham Past and Present Facebook page, where information is shared around the village quite quickly – e.g. photos of the man in an unmarked white van selling fish recently!

If you would like to join the scheme please email Diana – [**Elshamneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com**](mailto:Elshamneighbourhoodwatch@gmail.com) or contact one of the Parish Councillors who can pass your details on if you don't use the internet.

Be part of the conversation - join the North Lincolnshire Residents' Panel

Residents in North Lincolnshire can now register their interest in joining the 'Residents' Panel' to have their say on living in the area.

The online panel is due to launch in early 2020 and will be made up of local people who the council will contact to get a better understanding of residents' views on local issues.

Panel members will be sent regular surveys asking for views on a range of topics. Members will be regularly updated on how the results are being used to shape and improve local services. Around 1,500 people will be recruited from across North Lincolnshire to join the consultative body of local people. Members will help identify priorities and shape future developments.

The panel members, who will be periodically refreshed, will be invited to take part in a rolling programme of research and consultation including regular surveys, focus groups and workshops. To register your interest in joining the Residents' Panel, go to [**www.northlincs.gov.uk/residentspanel**](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk/residentspanel).

Anybody who is aged 16 or above and lives in North Lincolnshire can apply to join the panel. To ensure that the panel is representative of North Lincolnshire's diverse population, acceptance onto the panel is not automatic. People will be contacted in early 2020 to let them know if they have been accepted or not. Anyone who is not accepted will be added to a reserve list. People whose work brings them in to contact with North Lincolnshire residents' can also help by supporting the promotion of the panel as widely as possible.

Further details are available by emailing [**residentspanel@northlincs.gov.uk**](mailto:residentspanel@northlincs.gov.uk).

ELSHAM INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

The Club is again playing in the Kirton Lindsey and District Short Mat Bowls League.

It is early in the season and we are having mixed results, losing two matches but winning three - all matches being played in a very friendly spirit.

Our Charity event is on Sunday November 17th in the afternoon and evening. 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, awarded the trophy, chooses the Charity the proceeds go to. Last year's winner was Martyn Clark and he selected The Lyndsey Lodge Hospice.

The Club meet on Wednesday and Sunday evenings from 7pm to 9pm in the Village Hall, with tea/coffee and biscuits at half time. New members will be made welcome and tuition will be given if required.

John Tomlinson
688221

ELSHAM WINE CLUB

The wine club runs fortnightly on Tuesdays until we break for Christmas on 26th November.

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)

We start again in January

ELSHAM PARK NEWS



It is exactly three years since the village Play Park was opened.

I understand from the Parish Council that our Play Park has recently received The Best Playground in the Small Villages of North and North East Lincolnshire Award.  What a splendid accolade!

Huge thanks must go to all of the group who generally keep a watchful eye over the Park, as well as keeping it locked at night, opened up in the mornings, and safe from vandalism.

Thanks also must go to Andy Sissons who maintains the Park for us, keeping the grass cut and the hedges trimmed.

Park Rota -
Changeover dates - Saturdays week commencing:

9 Nov & 16 Nov Lucy Gillchrest
23 Nov Julz Middleton
30 Nov & 7 Dec Michelle Fazakerley
14 Dec Helen Mann
21 Dec *Xmas week TBC *
28 Dec Julz Middleton

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4 Jan & 11 Jan Helen Machin
18 Jan & 25 Jan Jo Leaning
1 Feb & 8 Feb Jane Ousby
15 Feb & 22 Feb Jane Evison
29 Feb & 7 Mar Helen Richardson
14 Mar & 21 Mar Charlie Yeo

If you would like to join this group, the more the merrier. Please do get in touch with me.

Thank you everyone

Jane Evison  680980

RAF ELSHAM WOLDS ASSOCIATION

The Association held their 2019 Remembrance Service on the 3rd November at All Saint's Church Elsham.

After the Service, a brief act of Remembrance and wreath laying was held in the Memorial Garden in the grounds of the Anglian Water Treatment Works on Middlegate Lane.

Afterwards, lunch was served in Elsham Village Hall.

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The Village Golf Competition

This year the Elsham Village Golf competition was due to be held on Saturday 27th July, but was postponed until Saturday 14th September due to inclement weather.

There were thirteen players and the results (once again, very close) were:

1st place Ian Carr with 36 points

2nd place Ben Cook with 35 points

3rd place Brian Eaton with 34 points.

Kind regards,
Graham Evison
Tel 01652 680980

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE

There will be a Christmas tree outside the Village Hall again this year, with the tree lights being switched on at 6pm by Reverend Lee Gabel, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Village Hall (juice for children).

Come and join us!

(Any donations of mince pies would again be very gratefully received!)



FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER WORLABY VILLAGE HALL 7pm

This is the first time Elsham will be sending a team to the Low Villages Quiz night.

Team members are Steve Moir, Harvey French, Ted and Bendi Willis, with Sue & Jeff Lockwood in reserve.

Everyone welcome to come along and support/cheer on the team.

Worlabby Village Hall will be doing tea/coffee etc but people are requested to bring their own alcohol if they prefer.

GOOD LUCK TEAM ELSHAM

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.org.uk. Events taking place in the Village Hall:

Monday	Pilates	4.30 - 5.30pm
Tuesday	New Age Kurling	10.00am - 12.00pm
	Yoga	4.30 - 5.30pm
	Parish Council	
	Monthly on the 3 rd Tuesday	6.30 - 8.00pm (except April, August and Dec).
	<i>Next meetings: -</i>	Tuesday 19 th November Tuesday 21 st January 2020 Tuesday 18 th February
	Wine Club	Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 -10.00pm. Last meeting this term is 26 th November; starting again in January 2020.
Wednesday	Church Coffee Morning	10.30am -12.00pm (2 nd & 4 th Wednesday in the month)
	Bowls Club	7.00 - 9.00pm (except May - August)
Thursday	Upholstery	10am - 4pm
	Pilates	4.30 - 5.30pm
	Line Dancing	7.00 - 9.00pm
Friday	Pilates	10.30 - 11.30am (Phone Helen, 01652 680568)
Saturday		
Sunday	Bowls Club	7.00 – 9.00pm

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

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3 Doll Lane, Elsham
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Dawn Enser
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Roland Guest
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Chairman
Tony Steeper
c/o Holme Farm Residential Home
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Elsham Golf Club

Fabulous Christmas Entertainment
Christmas Party 14th December – 3 course meal
Entertainment Rachel Day and Mash
Tickets £30.00 Dress code smart casual

Christmas Eve with Barnetby Silver Band
Includes Cold food platter
Tickets £15 Dress code smart casual

New Year’s Eve with Craig Harper
A blend of vocals, impressions and stand up humour
Tickets £42 includes 4 course meal- **Black Tie**

For details of all events visit www.elshamgolfclub.co.uk
Ring and book tickets 01652 680291 email: office@elshamgolfclub.co.uk

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