

# Elsham Leader Winter 2020



## Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Residents in North Lincolnshire are being encouraged to 'remember from home' this year by taking part in a doorstep silence and displaying poppies in their windows.

The Remembrance 2020 plans are designed to honour those that have served past and present.

It comes as many parades and services have been postponed until next year to meet Covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

**However, at the time of going to print, there will be a service in All Saints Church, Elsham – see page 6 for more information.**

North Lincolnshire Council, along with representatives from the Royal British Legion Scunthorpe Branch, are asking people to honour our Armed Forces and remember them from home, with a two-minute doorstep silence observed at 11am on Remembrance Sunday on 8th November.

The Royal British Legion have several ways of supporting Remembrance Day, which you can find on the **Royal British Legion website** ([www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppy/appeal](http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/poppy/appeal)) or **phone 0333 258 5463**. These include a poppy template which can be coloured in and displayed in your window at home. There are also many items you can purchase in the Royal British Legion Poppy Shop to further support the 2020 poppy appeal.

Ken Lloyd, President of the Royal British Legion, Scunthorpe, said

"Please join our two minute silence and support our poppy appeal, paying tribute to our Armed Forces heroes who gave the most so we could live our today.

**"We will remember them."**

The Parish Council considered purchasing plastic poppies to fix to the lamp posts on New Street, but decided instead to make a donation direct to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

## **Plan for Elsham Nature Reserve**

Many of you will have noticed that work has been carried out in the quarry over recent months and wondered what the purpose of this is.

In early 2020, the parish council signed a management agreement with NLC (North Lincs Council) – they are keen to develop the management of the site for flora and fauna and the parish council do not have the resources or funds to carry out much of the necessary work.

The first work done was to cut down the blackthorn on one side of the ‘tunnel’ to allow access for cutting equipment further along – this was not communicated clearly to the parish council and we have since asked that NLC consider amending the gate on Front Street to allow future access to equipment from there, so that the blackthorn can be allowed to regrow.

Inside the large gates on Middlegate Lane, there was a flat section planted with trees not suited to the habitat and which were preventing the spread of wildflowers. These have been removed to create a new potential wildflower meadow on this plateau. Paths have been well strimmed and widened and the basin has also been cut to encourage the spreading of wildflower seeds and to prevent the wildflower meadow there from being invaded by plants such as brambles and nettles.

From the quarry path parallel to Middlegate Lane, you will see that you can now see right across the other side of the basin. This creates a new and interesting viewpoint across the quarry and when work is finished there we will install a bench so that you can sit and enjoy the view. The same may be done on the opposite bank to restore the view to the bench placed there. NLC would like to re-expose a section of the chalk face to create a new habitat but this would require funding and a lot of pre-planning so is a long-term goal and its feasibility is yet to be confirmed.

Future work may include coppicing in the area of dense trees to the right of the Front Street entrance – the trees here are too dense and seedlings are growing in between, blocking out the light and stopping valuable plants from growing – one clearing there is full of orchids in spring, showing what a difference more light can make. The coppicing would be done in sections over several years and then reviewed to evaluate its effect and inform future management there.

General woodland management may include selective thinning, to favour future landmark trees, and felling and replanting to improve the species composition. Dead wood is to be left where possible as a valuable habitat for some species.

This is the ultimate aim of the management plan – ‘Elsham Chalk Quarry Local Nature Reserve will be a well-managed community wildlife site, valued locally for quiet recreation, educational uses and enjoyment of nature. Open areas will provide a good example of calcareous grassland, with a diverse and colourful plant community supporting a wide range of insects. Woodland areas shall provide varied habitat structure, rich in birdsong.’

**Sandra van Oosterhout**

## **The Elsham Elves and the Best Kept Village Competition**

What a peculiar year it has been in all respects, gardening included.

When lockdown began in March, we had already planned a detailed planting scheme for the summer and given this to our usual supplier. However, he couldn't fulfill any of it. Growers had either destroyed their first sowings of bedding plants because nurseries and garden centres weren't open, or they hadn't planted in the first place! Mail order companies were snowed under and weren't taking any more orders. Panic set in!

The original planned colour scheme had to be abandoned and it was a case of finding and buying whatever was available. By dint of visiting about eight places, we managed to cobble together enough plants. The display turned out amazingly well and we gained the same position as last year in the Best Kept Village competition. We were equal second with Amcots. Low Burnham were first again. We were given £50 in garden centre vouchers which have gone a little way towards the bulbs and plants for the spring display.

The summer bedding, especially the pink petunias outside the village hall and on the Barnetby Lane triangle, and the pink begonias in the new troughs, have been amazingly floriferous and we have been loath to dig them up. Similarly, the gazanias in the bed at the top of Hall Lane. We are trying to over winter the latter and some of the other plants, but greenhouse space is at a premium.

Social distancing meant that we had to do our gardening differently this year. Instead of tackling an area together, we had to divide up the work and each person or pair had a separate area.

Again, I have to thank the Elving team, Sandra van Oosterhout, Christine Busby, Andrew and Di Horner, Ian and Catherine Bowmer and Karry and Dawn Enser for all their hard work.

Thanks also to all others who have, or are, contributing to keeping our village looking beautiful.

**Lorraine Guest.**

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## **Wildflower planting on Church Street**

The parish council are in the process of preparing part of the verge on the top left-hand side of Church Street, and possibly the triangle at the top of Church Street, for wildflower planting.

Hopefully by the time you read this, the seeds will have been planted with native Lincolnshire wildflowers, under the guidance of Jane Leach.

Edges will be maintained to keep the boundary between the grass and the road clear, and the dog bin will be relocated to prevent people walking over the triangle. We hope that this will provide a colourful display and provide a valuable habitat for wildlife but please be patient as it will take a few years to really take hold!

**Sandra van Oosterhout**

## **Parish Council News**

There have been a couple of changes in the Parish Council personnel recently – after many years' service, Councillor John Taylor has resigned and Councillor Mark Wood was co-opted onto the Council.

There is still a vacancy for one more Councillor – to be eligible the main prerequisites are that you are registered to vote in Elsham or have lived, worked or owned property in or within a three mile radius of Elsham for at least a year. If you would like more information or would like to apply, please contact Deb Hotson, the Parish Clerk – contact details given below.

Parish Council meetings are still being held, remotely, by telephone conference. Public involvement is still possible – contact Deb Hotson for the phone number and access code to join a meeting.

### **Forthcoming dates are:**

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**From 6.30pm until 8pm.**

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

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

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

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

Mark Wood - 07908 410582, [cllr.mwood@elshamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:cllr.mwood@elshamparishcouncil.co.uk)

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

### **Andrew Percy MP**

Our MP (Brigg and Goole constituency) is Andrew Percy.

His constituency office contact details, should you wish to contact him about anything, are:  
2 Morley's Yard, Brigg, DN20 8JD  
Tel 01652 650094

**[www.andrewpercy.org](http://www.andrewpercy.org)**

## What is JustGo?

JustGo North Lincs is an on-demand bus service operating for people travelling in North Lincolnshire. You book and pay directly from your smartphone through the JustGo North Lincs mobile app and, using the latest technology, track the bus in real-time to the meeting point of choice.

Many people are comfortable using apps for a variety of services. For those that aren't, help and support to get them started with JustGo will be available over the phone or face to face. JustGo is a fast and low-cost way to connect people to places around North Lincolnshire, or in and out of Scunthorpe, with prices from just £2.50 for a single trip and discounts for children. Rides can be booked four weeks in advance up until the day of travel through the app or by telephone, and are provided by North Lincolnshire Council in partnership with East Yorkshire, part of the Go-Ahead Group.

Further information is available on the JustGo website ([www.justgonorthlincs.co.uk](http://www.justgonorthlincs.co.uk)), and in their frequently asked questions section. How to book: Book your ride by downloading the JustGo North Lincs app, available from Google Play or the Apple App Store.

Using the app allows you to quickly see your closest meeting point, book and pay for your ride, and track your vehicle in real-time. Rides can also be booked by telephone on **01482 59 29 59**, or email: [info@justgonorthlincs.co.uk](mailto:info@justgonorthlincs.co.uk)

## ELSHAM WINE CLUB

The wine club has not met this autumn and has not yet been able to set a date for starting again. We had made provisional arrangements to start and maintain social distancing in the hall, but our plans were scuppered when the 'Rule of Six' came into force. We haven't thought of a practical way to do a virtual wine club, so it looks like we will have to wait until there is some easing of the corona virus restrictions - like many other organizations.

So it is "watch this space".

If you require any further details, please contact **Roland Guest (tel. 01652 680679)**

## VILLAGE PLAY AND EXERCISE PARK



Our play park and exercise area is open again now following lockdown and has been well used over the summer.

Unfortunately we have two pieces of equipment awaiting repair - the rota net (Witch's Hat) isn't spinning and the pull up bar in the exercise area is broken. The contractors have promised to attend in November so hopefully those will be back in action soon.

As ever, we are in need of volunteers for the rota. If I could just get six more households to help, we'd only have to do one fortnight (or two separate weeks) each. If you can help, please contact me on **680827**.

Thanks, **Jane Ousby**

## Elsham Village Golf Competition

The Elsham village golf competition was held on Saturday 5 September 2020. The weather was very kind and the Elsham course was in superb condition.

Thanks to all nineteen players who participated. I think everyone had a very enjoyable afternoon.

### The result:

1st Ted Willis on 36 points  
2nd Ross McFarlane on 36 points  
3rd Brian Eaton on 34 points

Congratulations to Ted who won on count back having scored more points on the back nine holes than Ross. This is also the second time Ted has won the trophy.

Next year the competition will be held on **Saturday 4 September 2021**.

Contact Graham Evison for further information.  
01652 680980

## All Saint's Church Elsham

Just to let you know we are having a Remembrance Service in our Church, on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

We would like to invite any of our Villagers who would like to attend on this occasion. The Service will be shorter than usual, and regrettably there will be no singing and no hymns due to the present situation.

The Service will start at 10.45 am.

For you information an error was made in our recent Rota in that the date and time had been incorrectly shown.

If you wish to attend please contact me on **01652 688785 to register your wish to attend** and for clarification regarding the guidelines for communal worship. There can be no more than 30 people attending, which is the number of people the Church believes can be safely accommodated under the current circumstances.

## **EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**Dawn Enser  
Lay Minister and Church Warden**



The team from Horkstow won last year's Low Villages Quiz, so were due to host this year's event in December.

Discussions have been underway regarding the possibility of a 'virtual' quiz, but it was concluded that this would be too complicated to set up.

As an alternative, a Low Villages history/general knowledge quiz will be printed in the December edition of the Low Villages News, which will be a just for fun quiz, and the answers will be provided on a separate page.

Unfortunately this means that Elsham won't be included, as we don't contribute or subscribe to the LVN. The Parish Council decided some time ago that we would rather have our own dedicated newsletter, the Elsham Leader.

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### Village Christmas Tree

It is planned that there will be a Christmas tree at the Village Hall again this year.

Unfortunately, of course, there will be no 'switching on' event with carols, mince pies and mulled wine, as has happened previously.

North Lincs Council advice is that any tree lights switching on events be limited in numbers and perhaps videoed and posted to social media e.g. the Elsham Facebook page. You can post your own switching on at home on the Elsham page!

## **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 **currently taking place** in/at the Village Hall are:

Monday	<b>Pilates Pilates</b>	10.30 – 11.30am (Phone Helen, 01652 680568) 4.30 – 5.30pm
Thursday	<b>Upholstery Pilates</b>	10am - 4pm 4.30 - 5.30pm
Friday	<b>Fish and Chip van</b>	6.45-7.30pm

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

**Sandra van Oosterhout**  
3 Doll Lane, Elsham  
**Tel:- 01652 681899**

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

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

## **PILATES INSTRUCTION**

If anyone would like to attend one of the following:

- An introduction to Pilates class
- Intermediate Pilates class
- Gentle Pilates for Seniors

Please contact Helen Moir - APPI Pilates instructor, teaching modified Pilates under the scope of physiotherapy, either by email - [\*\*hrmoir3@btinternet.com\*\*](mailto:hrmoir3@btinternet.com) or telephone **01625 680568** to discuss times and availability of classes. All classes are conducted under Covid-19 guidelines from PHE and classes are limited to 5.



## **ELSHAM GOLF CLUB**

**Wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year**

**Stay safe**

**Christmas present vouchers can be purchased**

**in December for rounds of golf in 2021**

**Check out our new website to view our beautiful course**

**[www.elshamgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.elshamgolfclub.co.uk)**

**01652 680291 email: [office@elshamgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:office@elshamgolfclub.co.uk)**

## **Elsham Garage Services Ltd**

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**01652 653 266**

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