Elsham Leader - July 2014



Sandra Rawlin with Larraine Guest showing Sandra's lovely flower displays in the new balcony planters at the village hall.

Best Kept Village Competition

Judging this year is in the last week of July, so can I ask residents to kindly do their bit by ensuring that their hedges and grass verges are tidy and that they pick up any litter they see and don't allow dogs to foul footpaths.

The new planters outside the village hall are looking very smart and thanks to Sandra Rawlin the flowers in them are excellent.

Martin Clark is responsible for the lovely display under the signposts at the top of Hall Lane. Further volunteers will be very welcome

NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd & 3RD AUGUST 2014

Classic VW Car Show at Elsham Hall. Further details on page 7.

23RD -24TH AUGUST 2014

RAF Elsham Wolds Association will be holding their Annual Reunion in our village over the

AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

SATURDAY 23RD AUGUST 2pm – 3.30pm

A dance with light refreshments is proposed. This will give the villagers & veterans a chance to meet & dance to the music & vocals of "Lancashire Belle" Tickets will be available at the door £6 per person (includes tea/coffee; cake/biscuits

SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST LANCASTER BOMBER FLYPAST

Scheduled between 3.15 & 4.30pm All welcome to join Service & Flypast Flypast always depends on weather & serviceability of the aircraft

Chelsea Pensioners Visit Elsham

On Friday 20th June two Chelsea pensioners paid a visit to the R, A. F. Elsham Wolds Memorial Room at the Anglian Water Site. They were accompanied by their helpers. The Association put on a special effort to entertain them with other invited guests and with the Air training Corps in attendance.

The Annual Reunion of the Elsham
Wolds RAF Association will take place in our village over the August Bank holiday weekend and the village hall has been booked from Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th.

Depending on the weather and serviceability, the Lancaster Bomber flypast is scheduled between 3.15pm and 4.30pm. This follows the Memorial service on Sunday 24th at 2.15pm. As many of you will be aware, the Avro Lancaster from the Canadian Wartime Heritage Museum, Hamilton, Ontario will fly over England in August. This is the only other airworthy plane of its kind together with the Lancaster in the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight at Coningsby. The sight of the two Lancasters flying in formation again is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity, something that may never happen again. The last time Lancasters flew together was in May 1975 when one travelled from Alberta to Scotland. This aircraft is now in

John Tomlinson

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

Florida awaiting restoration.

The club finished the 2013/2014 season in a creditable fifth position in the Bishop Norton League after winning their last four matches.

The AGM was held on 4th June when over 20 members attended. The committee was re- elected en bloc. We are hoping to obtain two more bowls mats before the start of the new season at a cost of over £800.00 each.

We start the 2014/2015 season with a home match on 10th September against Hibaldstow.

Bowls evenings during the summer months are on Wednesdays only. Before the new season starts we will be back to our usual pattern of both Wednesday and Sunday evenings.

John Tomlinson

Elsham Parish Council

<u>Did you know that you can attend</u> Parish Council meetings?

Public participation time, when you can air your views, is between 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) Larraine Guest (680679) David Dent (688766) John Taylor (680438) Paul Richardson (688467)

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

Parish Council Web Site

Elsham Parish Council uses the following web site to display council minutes, agenda and other useful information. www.e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil

(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 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 6.

It only involves a small amount of time per month.

All Saints' Church, Elsham

We are still awaiting the appointment of a vicar. It would appear that changes could be made in the number of churches for which the vicar is responsible.

All this is in the future and in the meantime we are endeavouring to hold services whenever possible. We are, of course, dependent on vicars from other churches. This means that it is not always possible to include all services in the newsletter" North Wold News".

Notice of services are always displayed on the notice board outside church. Most services commence at 11o'clock with the occasional one at 10 o'clock.

Do come along and support the church at this time. We hope to hold a family service on two Sundays each month. With fewer services means less revenue but we are grateful to everyone for their support and assistance during this difficult time.

Barbara Phipps

Christian Aid

Thank you on behalf of Christian Aid to all those in the village who contributed. This year Elsham village raised £141.56.

Thanks to you, this year many more people in Colombia, Iraq, South Sudan and elsewhere will be able to lead a life free from fear.

Helen Moir /Ann Sutherland

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The R.A F. Elsham Wolds Museum

(at the Anglian Water Treatment site) This is open on Wednesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

Our church is also open on Wednesdays in order that visitors to the museum can see the memorial situated in the church and dedicated to those brave young men (over a thousand) who did not return from operations

Sunday Lunches at Worlaby Village Hall

These will resume in September. Cost - £7.00 for three courses and coffee.

Contact - Jill Odlin 01652 618321

<u> Update – Melton Ross Railway Bridge</u>

I hear from Highway Services that works are continuing on Saturday nights beneath the bridge. BT is preparing detailed plans for the temporary diversion of their optic fibre cables. The temporary traffic lights will remain on the bridge for the present. Current planning is for a full road closure once the BT diversion is in place, possibly in December



Elsham Village Golf 2014

The annual village Golf tournament is to be held this year on Saturday 20th September 2014. So as not to clash with other regular players, I would ask that we play in 3's or 4's and start after 1.30 pm.

The cost is £4 per person, but people who are not members of Elsham Golf Club must also pay a (reduced) visitor green fee of £16.

As per 2013, it is proposed that we play golf and hold the prize presentation in the clubhouse at approx. 6.30 pm, after the conclusion of play.

I will arrange for details to be sent to previous participants, but all residents, past and present are eligible

If anyone would like further details, please contact me by telephone (01652 680679) or Email (r8alg@tiscali.co.uk).

Roland Guest

Elsham Wine Club

The Wine Club meets fortnightly for 6 sessions in the Spring and the Autumn.

We shall be starting again on Tuesday 23rd September 2014.

If you enjoy wines and would like to expand your knowledge and taste different wines from different regions of the world, then come along and join us. There is no obligation so please contact Roland Guest (680679) for further details.

Elsham During the Great War 1914 - 1919

As we commemorate the centenary of outbreak of the First World War, here is a further extract from the above named pamphlet.

"With so many men away at the war "Farmers often experienced difficulty in securing sufficient labour for their crops, but individually they worked as they had never worked before, and although at times their difficulties seemed insurmountable, yet the increased production from the parish is a fact that is admitted by all that has for some years watched the production of the soil.

At the commencement of the War, on the invasion of Belgium by the German hordes, Belgium refugees were to be seen in this village.

Immediately at the outbreak of War the ladies, under the superintendence of Mrs. Dodds, formed themselves into a working party. Working meetings were held at the Vicarage, and subsequently at the school, while many willing helpers took the work home and spent their time ungrudgingly for the great cause.

Quantities of socks, shirts, pyjamas, Balaclava caps, scarves etc. were made for use in the various hospitals and on active service. Parcels were regularly sent to all men serving from this village.

Weekly collections were made to substantiate the fund for this good work.

Later a War Savings Association was started for the purchase of war certificates, under the secretaryship of Mrs. Dunn, and the undertaking was a great success. Over one hundred individuals eventually became members of the Association, and by the end of 1918 over £1.000 had been thus subscribed.

Also the duty of special constable was accepted cheerfully by Messrs. Dunn, Etty, Dodds, Etty, Tomlinson and others, and throughout the distressing nights when German Zeppelins hovered over the district, these good gentlemen proved themselves in no small manner as useful citizens. Woe betide anyone who had any shadow radiating from a cottage window.

Incidentally, too, must be mentioned the work of the Elsham Aerodrome, which the Government introduced in 1917 and which brought into the parish several hundred men of the Royal Air force. Large hangers, numerous huts, and all the equipment of a big camp, quickly appeared out of a turnip field. Cottage homes soon filled up with lodgers. Conscientious objectors brought from elsewhere worked at road making and other duties, and the social life of the village accelerated. Concerts and tennis parties were arranged with men at the camp, and a very jolly time was had. One clever young officer from America raided the Manor House, and is to be congratulated on his capture. For nearly three years some wonderful flights were made, and at night and at day the whirr of the aeroplane was incessant.

But two accidents with fatal results by the Vicarage Plantation marked the whole of three years' training."

Furthers extracts to follow in later editions.

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 22nd July 2014 (note change)

Tuesday 16th September 2014 Tuesday 21st October 2014 Tuesday 18th November 2014

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. Start again 23rd September 2014

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

Next meeting: -

Friday 11th July – Nicky James

Friday 8th September – Mick Denver

Sunday Bowls Club

7.00 - 9.00pm

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

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Roland Guest5 Church Street, Elsham

John Taylor
Little Bolingbroke

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Classic VW Car Show at Elsham Hall

Local Volkswagen enthusiasts will be making tracks to a camping weekend at Elsham Hall on 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} August 2014 where they plan to get together and share their love of their Volkswagens. On Sunday 3^{rd} August the classic VW's will be on show to the public at Elsham Hall (normal Elsham Hall admission fees will apply) where the cars will be competing in a "show & shine and rust & prime" contest for not so pristine cars. Members of the public will be invited to vote on the "best in show" and other categories including best air-cooled, water-cooled, modified, camper/split screen and best rust/rat. Don't worry if you don't understand these terms, there will be somebody more than willing to explain them to you.



This is going to be a wonderful weekend to meet old friends, make new ones or see some truly classic 'VDubs' in the beautiful landscaped setting of Elsham Hall Country Park and Gardens.

If you would like to know more about the weekend please visit www.elshamhallvw.com or visit the Facebook page for the event: The Elsham Hall VW Collective 2014

Hunters Lodge fishery

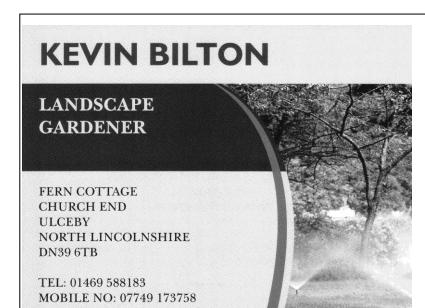


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