



John Tomlinson planting the tree at the Village Hall

Oh! What a Surprise!

I was invited to plant a magnolia tree near the village hall. This was to commemorate our Queen's long reign and her forthcoming 90th birthday.

I thought this job wouldn't take long, but on entering the village hall I was surrounded by my friends and neighbours who had gathered to make this a special afternoon for me. I was presented with a lovely antique armchair which was suitably inscribed with a plate on the back. This was followed by refreshments. A most enjoyable occasion in good company.

I wish to thank the Parish Council for arranging this for me and particularly the kindness shown me by the Chairman, Graham Evison and Sandra Rawlin and her little helpers.

Also, thanks to all the others who managed to keep the event a secret from me but did a lot of work in the background.

It will be an afternoon I will always remember.

Thanking you all again.

John Tomlinson

All saints' Church, Elsham

NB This Saturday 12th December at 1pm - Decorate the Church for the Christmas Season.

We look forward to welcoming children, parents and grandparents to help decorate the tree and church in readiness for the Christingle and Christmas services.

11am Sunday 13th December - Christingle Service.

Come and make your own Christingle. Everything is supplied and it is an enjoyable occasion.

11am Sunday 20th December. Family Service.

11.15pm Thursday 24th December. Christmas Eve Carols with Communion

Residents are invited to make a donation to the church (cheques payable to Elsham Parochial Church Council) in lieu of sending Christmas cards to other village residents.

Write one card which will be displayed on the church notice board and hand to me, Lorraine Guest 5 Church Street. I will deliver them. Participants' seasonal good wishes will be read at the Christmas Eve service

Barbara Phipps

MacMillan Cancer Research Coffee Morning and Defibrillator Training

This was held on Saturday 10th October and raised **£317**. Many thanks to those attended and enjoyed the games, raffle and many donated cakes and thanks also, to anyone who helped in any way.

At the same event, over thirty residents were trained in the use of the defibrillator now attached to the wall of the village hall. Many thanks to the team who gave up their Saturday morning for such an important task.

To access the defibrillator – lift the handset and you will be told the code to open the door and release the equipment.

Community Emergency Plan

The Local Authority is encouraging parishes to have a Community Emergency Plan in case of a disaster. South Ferriby had one in place which proved very useful when they were flooded in December 2013.

In order to set this up, the Parish council need to know :-

- 1) Vulnerable people in the community.
- 2) People with medical training.
- 3) Owners of 4x4 vehicles.
- 4) Owners of generators.
- 5) People with skills useful in an emergency

If you have any of these attributes, please contact one of the parish Councillors whose details are elsewhere in this "Leader"..

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club are having a great season in the Bishop Norton League. In the first ten matches we won nine and are currently in second position.

In the Knock out Cup we beat South Kelsey and now we have to travel to Lea in the next round.

The club's doubles competition was won by Ken Brewer and Martyn Robinson.

Our Christmas dinner is to be held on 14th December at Elsham Golf Club.

John Tomlinson

The Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire

We received 43 completed questionnaires, which was a good result. The majority of households thought that the environment in and around the village was excellent or good, and the most common 3 best things about the village were the peace and quiet, friendly neighbours and the way people take care of the village and the way it looks. People are concerned about speeding through the village, lorries coming through and damaging verges, dog fouling and litter/fly tipping. The facilities that people would like to see include a shop, a play area (for which planning is underway) and more classes at the village hall. The majority think that community spirit is quite strong or average, although a few think it is poor. Local transport is the main transport concern, and the majority of the respondents do not want to see further housing development. The things that people would like to change include seeing more opportunities for village get-togethers, with more people involved in organising activities, more activities for young people and children, and more police presence in the village.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations a few years ago were so popular and brought people together so well, that it has been decided to do something similar again next year.

The Elsham Entertainments Committee has been reformed and plans are afoot to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday **on the weekend of 11th and 12th June 2016**



On Saturday evening there will be a red, white and blue themed disco in the village hall with a pea and pie supper. On the Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have again kindly offered their meadow for the "Picnic in the Park". The idea is to bring your own picnic and there will be games and entertainment for all ages.

Also planned are the "Tour de Elsham", wheelbarrow race, tennis tournament and mini treasure hunt. Residents will be invited to take part in the best decorated house and royal scarecrows competition.

So..... SAVE THE DATE – 11th & 12th June 2016

The Quarry Park

North Lincolnshire council have begun cutting back the paths and pruning trees

Heating Oil savings, on offer to North Lincolnshire residents

Humber & Wolds Rural Community Council in partnership with North Lincolnshire Council run the NLC Switch Bulk Oil Buying Scheme to offer cheaper heating oil to local residents through bulk purchasing. The scheme is also open to Community Buildings and Businesses that use oil to heat their premises.

Any resident can join the scheme, which has a membership fee of £20 per year. The fee is paid pro rata through the year, so it is £10 until the end of December 2015. from July 1st.

The scheme orders oil at the middle of each month, with a deadline date for orders, the Friday before the order date published on the website. Minimum order is 500 litres and residents order when they need oil. We suggest keeping about 3 to 4 weeks supply in oil tanks to avoid running out.

We get quotes from local suppliers and the cheapest on the day wins the monthly contract. Residents pay for their oil directly to the supplier, who has a 10 working day window for deliveries.

Currently prices are low compared to last year, but there is no guarantee this will continue so now is good time to buy oil, to stock up before the winter comes.

We also provide help to those who may struggle to pay the up - front cost of buying heating oil, by have a working relationship with the local Credit Union, who can provide savings and possibly loan payments to their members to cover the cost. Information is on the website.

The prices we have negotiated this year are as shown below. If you are paying more for your oil currently, give us a try and you could save money.

	May-15	Jun-15
Members Price paid	36.90p	36.83p

Prices are per litre exclusive of 5% VAT. Average savings in a year are £104 depending on quantity bought.

Once you have placed your order, sit back as we negotiate the price. We will then give you all the details of the price, the winning contractor, and how to pay for your oil.

To learn more about the scheme or to join simply complete a Membership Form which is available on our website: www.hwrcc.org.uk/projects/40/Index.phtml ; by ringing 01652 637700, or email oil@hwrcc.org.uk

Don't miss out on the chance to reduce your heating bills with cheaper oil.



Getting Crafty in Elsham

Ruth Coleman led a wreath making class in the village hall in November.

Eight people attended and all enjoyed the event and now have some new skills..

The Steel Rooms

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All of our porcelain Jewellery range has just been reduced by 25%.

For possible Christmas Gift ideas we offer gift vouchers which can be used in our cafe, shop, towards a workshop or for art in our gallery / cafe area. We also have 'Cream Tea for Two' vouchers.

We now have the bulk of our Art, Craft and some other workshops scheduled for the first half of 2016, including upholstery, lampshade making, painting, life drawing and herbalist workshops to name a few. For full details visit the workshop section on our website www.thesteelrooms.com or call in to our shop. We'll be adding more throughout the year so please keep checking.

Our first music evening of 2016 will be on Friday 29 January - a trio of local young lads. Please keep checking the events section of our website for further information and details of future events.

To book any of our events or workshops call in to our shop, telephone 01652 657256 or email info@thesteelrooms.com

1 - 5 Springs Parade, Brigg, DN20 8EQ
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Elsham Wine Club

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

We shall be starting again on Tuesday 12th January 2016.

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 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)

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Elsham Past and Present

Our Facebook page keeps on growing. We now have over 150 members. It is now just over a year since it was started and what a year we have had!

Family photos from over sixty years ago, missing cats and dogs, upcoming social events and many more. Thank you everyone for all your contributions and keep them coming. (Non political, please.) Let's get more members and push the numbers to 200. Keep on posting!

Doris Naisbitt

Elsham past and Present on Facebook



Update on the Melton Ross Bridge

Repairs are expected to be completed in early January (2016).

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 19th January 2016
Tuesday 9th February 2016

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (**starts again 12th January 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

John Taylor
Little Bolingbroke
5 Hall Lane, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 680438

The Village Hall Notice Board

Would anyone wishing to have a notice displayed here, please give it to a member of the Parish Council. (See names above) Please do NOT stick notices to the outside. The surface is not glass and sticky tape residue is extremely difficult to remove.

KEVIN BILTON

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