



The Quarry Park

For many years now, Elsham Parish Council has administered the Quarry Park. It was recently put up for sale and the Parish Council, thanks to a grant from North Lincolnshire Council, has purchased the part previously owned by Anglian Water and is in the process of purchasing that owned by Singleton Birch. Ownership by the village prevents the site being used for noxious or anti social activities.

The Parish Council are considering having the quarry designated as a Local Nature Reserve, which would have many benefits; and if the footpaths are added to the definitive map, they would be added to North Lincolnshire Council's maintenance schedule.

These are exciting times with many developments in the pipeline. Watch this space!

Neighbourhood Plans

Elsham Parish Councillors attend the Low Villages' Forum where the creation of Neighbourhood Plans has been under discussion for many months. These plans would set out the vision for development for several years to come.

All residents will be consulted, so look out for the questionnaire on an Elsham-specific plan coming through your letter box in the not too distant future.

Be sure to complete it and have your say on how you want your village to develop.

Best Kept Village Competition

We are trying hard to come first in our section this year and to that end, a little band of volunteers known as "The Elsham Elves" have been busy around the village. All **street signs** have been washed, all **planters** around the village hall and elsewhere are now full of summer bedding and various other jobs done. These have included cutting back encroaching grass down Doll Lane snicket. It is now 18 inches (45 cms) wider than before! Sadly, NL Council seem to be leaving longer gaps between grass cutting so it becomes overgrown and when it is cut, the long grass is left and looks untidy. Grass was not cut up to the large planters under the Elsham sign on New Street so we have had to scythe down the grass there.

The village will be judged on whether or not it is **litter** free, and if there are overhanging **hedges**. Residents can help here by maintaining their properties, boundaries and gardens.

Evidence of **dog fouling** will also be an issue. We STILL have a few anti social people who do not pick up after their dog. Please report them if you see them. The Parish Council WILL take action.

The "Elsham Elves" usually meet every other Tuesday in summer at 9.30am in the village hall car park, weather permitting. New volunteers are very welcome.

Stop Press

*We hear that judging will take place sometime between **Tuesday 21st July and Tuesday 4th August**. Please help by making sure the village looks particularly good at that time.*

Dogs

On the subject of dogs, apart from fouling mentioned above, the PC has had complaints about continuously yapping animals. If you have an issue with a neighbour's dog, you can contact the North Lincs Council Dog Warden on 01724 297000 or Email customerservices@northlincs.gov.uk

ELSHAM PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT MAY 2015

As I complete my second term as Chairman of Elsham Parish Council I reflect on the challenges and achievements of the past year. Achievements which could not have been realized without the continued help and support from my Vice-Chair, Siobhan Hollows, and our fellow Parish Councillors together with the support and guidance from our NLC Councillors, Nigel and Carl Sherwood and Rob Waltham and congratulations on securing a second term in office in the recent local elections. Last but not least the work put in this year by our Clerk, Deb Hotson, has been exceptional and instrumental our success this year

My heartfelt thanks and gratitude to you all for this last year as we now look forward to the next.

This year we say goodbye to two long serving members of the Parish Councillors, Paul Richardson and David Dent, they have both given invaluable service over the years and will be greatly missed, we wish them both well for the future.

Year Highlights:

Items Completed

Superfast Broadband finally came to the Village from December.
BT finally altered the shape of the concrete plinth at the bottom of the hill on Barnetby Lane.
Pathways around the village were resurfaced.

Planning

Most of the planning applications during the year were for the Industrial estate with only a handful of residential applications.

There continues to be a problem with the company Stoneledge as they continue to flagrantly breach planning consents. Despite repeated requests the Parish Council does not believe that the NLC Planning and Enforcement Depts, are applying sufficient pressure to make Stoneledge adhere to planning conditions as granted.

Highways

General Maintenance work has been carried out through the year by NLC, outstanding projects are :

White lining on Barnetby Lane hill.

Feasibility study to provide a footpath on the hill.

HGV's still continue to be a problem causing damage to verges and the triangle at the central crossroads. Extra signage and kerbing has been suggested as preventative measures.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

Although Elsham continues to enjoy relatively low crime figures there were unusually 2/3 break-ins to sheds/garages before Christmas.

The Neighbourhood Watch Team continue to advise us of the various scams and bogus callers that do the rounds on a regular basis.

Astley Corner

We are still in discussion with North Lincs Homes regarding solutions to insufficient parking spaces for the residents.

Quarry

We finally signed for the 20 acres of the quarry from Anglian Water on the 31 March for a purchase price of £50,000. The solicitors are now currently working on the purchase of the remaining 8 acres from Singleton Birch at a cost of £20,000. Thanks again to Debs efforts we secured funding for £75,000 from the Community Fund and Land Trust.

We are hopeful that the Quarry will qualify for the DEFRA stewardship scheme for the environmental management and maintenance of the site.

This is a great asset and amenity for the village and residents.

Play Area

We have also at last signed a 25 year lease with the Elwes Estate for a piece of land approx. a quarter acre at an annual rent of £120.

Talks have been held on funding, the next steps are finalizing a design and agreeing with planners.

Precept

With the acquisition of the Quarry and leasing of land for the play area it was felt that we needed to increase the Precept as this has not been done for some years. The proposal was discussed and agreed at the January meeting of the PC and an application to increase the precept to £8,000 was duly processed.

Best Kept Village Competition

Once again we achieved third place in this competition it was slightly disappointing as the Judges seem to mark us down on the same things each year. The Churchyard always seems to attract criticism, wrongly in my view, therefore for this years competition we have decided to exclude it from the judging. Over to you Judges!!

Thanks must be expressed to the band of volunteers known as the 'Elsham Elves' who go around the village planting, litter picking, cleaning street signs and the numerous other jobs that keeps our village looking pristine.

Low Villages Forum

As members of the above each PC Chairman takes a turn to Chair the quarterly LVF meetings this year is the turn of Elsham. The next meeting is on the 27 May.

Graham Evison
Chairman
Elsham Parish Council
19 May 2015

All Saints' Church, Elsham

In the absence of a vicar, it is becoming increasingly difficult to maintain our church as there are fewer services with fewer members of the congregation resulting in far less revenue. The same outgoings apply; heating, lighting, maintenance of the churchyard, insurance etc. We appreciate any assistance in continuing the life of the church.

Thank you to everyone who helped in decorating the church for the Easter festival and thanks also to the Rev. John Cole for conducting the service. We are indebted to the members of the clergy who help in conducting our services and it would be more rewarding to see larger congregations.

The Quiz night was a most successful event which raised £700. Thanks are expressed to the organizers, donors of raffle prizes and all who attended.

Do try to support our village church which has existed on this site since the 13th century.

We endeavour to hold two services each month, details of which are displayed on the notice board outside the church. Please join us and help continue to use a building which was built so many centuries ago.

Barbara Phipps

Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club finished their 2014/2015 season in the Bishop Norton League in a mid table position.

During the season we had met many old friends as well as new ones. Quite a few had expressed their thanks at coming to Elsham as it is such a friendly club. Whilst we like to win, we still like to welcome the other clubs and make their visit enjoyable.

The club's open singles competition was won by Annette Robinson. (Are the ladies taking over?)

The latter completion is a charity event and this year Annette has decided to support the First by members.

We are now looking forward to next season's league matches which start again in early September.

John Tomlinson

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)

(available weekdays 10am – 2pm)

Garden Open Old Quarry Lodge

15 Barnetby Lane, Elsham
DN20 0RB

Sunday 16th August

10.30am – 5.00pm

Adm: £3.50, Children : free

Refreshments at the Village Hall
Cakes, sausage rolls, pizza, scones.
Tea and coffee – £2.50

- Proceeds to Lindsey Lodge Hospice

Operation "Manna" - WW11

Between 20th April and 8th May 1945, aircraft from RAF Elsham Wolds took part in Operation Manna which took food to the starving people in German occupied West Holland. Altogether, 3156 Lancasters and 145 de Havilland Mosquitoes took part.

These aircraft were used to dropping bombs at 20,000feet, but this time they had to do their job at 490feet (150metres). The drop zones were marked out by the Mosquitoes. A truce had been arranged with the Germans so that the participatory aircraft could not be fired upon within specific air corridors.

A total of 6,680 tons of food were dropped. Many lives were saved and it gave hope and the feeling that the war would soon be over.

Three aircraft were lost, two in collision and one due to an engine fire. Bullet holes were discovered in many aircraft on their return. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands sent a letter to all the squadrons taking part and on the 27th April 2007. British Air Commodore Andrew James Wray Geddes was honoured when a hiking trail in the Rotterdam area was named after him. The path goes past the Manna Monument on the northern ring road around Rotterdam.

Over the years, many Dutch people have visited the Memorial room at Elsham to pay their grateful thanks and have told stories of their starvation and having to eat turnip and tulip bulbs to survive. Unfortunately, many did not.

John Tomlinson

Thanks to Craig

Also discussed at the Parish Council meeting was the damaged "Newlands Hill" sign. It had been badly damaged when someone had driven into it. The estimate to repair it was over £300.00. Many thanks to Mr Craig Leaning of Church Street who repaired it for us free of charge.

HIBALDSTOW OPEN GARDENS & SCARECROW DAY SUNDAY 28th JUNE - 10.00am - 5.00pm

At least 10 gardens will be open together with approximately 40 scarecrows who will have taken up residence outside homes and businesses in the village.

In addition, there will be displays in St Hybald's Church and Hibaldstow Methodist Church

There will be a Spitfire flypast (weather permitting) and also a guest appearance by Sandra Bright (Finalist in The Big Allotment Challenge)

Admission is £3.00 per person (accompanied children free) which is payable at Hibaldstow Village Hall where refreshments will be available all day.

Free Car Parking & FREE Mini Bus service around the village

Postcode for those using sat nav is DN20 9DY. For regular updates, follow "Hibaldstow Open gardens and Scarecrow Day" on Facebook.



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 21st July 2015
Tuesday 15th September
Tuesday 20th October

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (starts again September 2015)

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

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

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3 Doll Lane, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 681899

John Tomlinson
2 Church Street, Elsham
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Roland Guest
5 Church Street, Elsham
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Little Bolingbroke
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