

Elsham Leader – October 2015



Local MP Andrew Percy ; N. Lincs Councillors Carl Sherwood and Rob Waltham and Elsham Councillors Graham Evison and Siobhan Hollows, visit the Quarry Park

Come and meet other residents
at a
COFFEE MORNING
and
raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Research

There are few opportunities to meet other residents of the village and several new families have moved in recently, so this is intended to facilitate both of the above.

Please support us

by first of all, attending between 11.00 a.m. and 1.00 pm.
on **Saturday 10th October**
at Elsham Village Hall
and by providing cakes, biscuits and raffle prizes in advance
to Lorraine Guest
“Oakdale”, 5 Church Street, 01652 680679

We look forward to seeing lots of people there.

The Quarry Park

Thanks to grants from North Lincolnshire Council, the Parish Council now owns all the Quarry Park, both the parts previously owed by Singleton Birch and Anglian Water.

We have to thank our Ward Councillors, Nigel and Carl Sherwood and Rob Waltham for their help in this but also, and especially, our Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson; without whose knowledge and help, the purchase probably would not have been accomplished.

The Parish Council are working with Humber Nature Partnership to get the quarry designated as a nature reserve. Several groups are interested in using the quarry to record plant species and birds, The Partnership would also help us maintain the footpaths, add them to the Designated Map, and also oversee the maintenance of the trees.

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.

Delivered with this issue of the "Leader" is the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire, **PLEASE take a few minutes to fill it in. It affects you!** If you need help or have any questions, any of the Parish Councillors are willing to help. Phone numbers elsewhere in this issue. Then please **deliver it to the village hall by 31st October**. Again, if you want it collected, contact a parish councillor.

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

Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs)

Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) are community meetings whose main functions are to receive information from the community about local issues which, primarily, affect community safety and the built environment, and to then liaise with the local community and partners to resolve the issues. The teams are made up of councillors and land owners, and representatives from the police, North Lincolnshire Homes and Neighbourhood Watch teams. The type of issues they cover are anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, speeding, fly tipping, dog fouling and noise, amongst others. The Brigg NAT meets every 8 weeks and Elsham's representative is Cllr Sandra Rawlin. If you have concerns which you think the NAT could help with, please contact Sandra on 681899.

Summary from July meeting:

The crime statistics for the Brigg and Wolds area showed that in June there was an increase in non-dwelling burglaries, i.e. sheds and outbuildings, so please make sure that yours is secure and where possible does not contain valuable items. Anti-social behaviour was a concern at Horkstow Bridge, South Ferriby Marina and Brigg Millennium Park and the police are being consulted to see what can be done to discourage gatherings at these places. In the near future, a speed limit of 50mph will be enforced along the low villages road (Worlaby to South Ferriby) between each village

DOG FOULING

Yet again residents are complaining about dog fouling around the village. This time, particularly at the lower end of Front Street. If anyone has seen the culprit(s), please let a parish councillor know and we will prosecute these anti social people who give responsible dog owners a bad name. There are plenty of (expensive) dog poo bins around the village.

Update on the Melton Ross bridge

British Rail are only allowing six hours a week for work to be done on the bridge no wonder it is taking so long! However, the Parish Council understands that the railway will be shut down for 10 days over the Christmas period for progress to be made.

Best Kept Village Competition

Despite our best efforts and many hours of work from the Elsham Elves, we didn't win the "Small Village" category, but we did come second, which is a one place improvement on last year. Perhaps next time!!

We lost a couple of points because of litter on New Street and the fact that the glass on the bus stop timetable has been smashed. The choice of plants in some areas was criticized, some were too low or not in bloom. Unfortunately, the succulents spelling out "Elsham" at the bottom of Barnetby Lane grew to a foot high and flowered whilst I was on holiday. One resident, who shall be nameless, said they looked like meerkats! They all had to be dug out and replanted with the result that they were not big enough by judging day. Obviously either I will not have to go on holiday next spring, or order less warm, wet weather if I do.

However, there were many, very positive comments from the judges. For example, "There was some excellent planting around the village hall, with a tidy area of grass and seating in front. The church and churchyard is a most attractive feature in the village and the simple but effective war memorial is found in the churchyard. The residents are to be commended for the very high standard of planting in gardens throughout the village, with many houses displaying hanging baskets." There are "very attractive street name signs, smart notice boards with up-to-date information." Finally, the judges said, **"The community clearly takes a real pride in their village and this is a very attractive and pleasant environment in which to live."**

The Award Ceremony took place at Worlaby (the winners of our section), and our plaque is displayed in the village hall notice board.

Many thanks to all the residents who did their bit and special thanks to Martin Clark who is responsible for the churchyard, the planting at the top of Hall Lane and the grass in front of the village hall. Also thanks to the Elsham Elves, new residents Karry and Dawn Enser, Richard and Frances Coupland, Sheila Goodman and Catherine Bowmer and to the "Womblers" who continue to litter pick on their walks.

Looking at photos of the efforts of other villages, we realize we will have to raise our game if we are to win in future, so expect to see changes in the coming months. New helpers are always welcome and are rewarded by coffee and biscuits after our fortnightly gardening stint on Tuesday mornings.

ELSHAM WOLDS BOMBER BOYS

(A Poem)

A short while ago, the Elsham Wolds RAF Association heard from member David Crawford, who has been unable to attend recent Reunions due to family commitments, but conveys his best wishes to everyone at the Association.

Having enrolled in a poetry class with several friends, David has penned a few verses, inspired by the many people he has met who served at Elsham Wolds and their experiences which have stuck in his mind. His words are reproduced below for all to share

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They came with the dawn in innocence drawn
To fight off the Hun 'til victory was won
But winning's not soon, as they will find
Only death and destruction to pray on the mind

Their posting is One Group in Bomber Command
A newly built airfield, fresh hewn from the land
Hi^h on the hill it's Elsham Wolds Drome
This is bleak. remote Base to be their new home

How long they will live here's in the lap of the gods
Their whole reason for living is in beating the odds
Just ordinary young men performing extraordinary deeds
To face down Jerry, a whole world to be freed

They're just a sprog crew with a great deal to learn
The respect of their fellows they will have to earn
There's thirty long trips to drop bombs by the ton
Then they'll get a respite and their tour will be done

We're a family of seven and we fly close to heaven
But our life can be hell as we brave shot and shell
Night fighters, flak, the dreaded searchlight
They're all out to get us and cancel our night

Aircrews at the sharp end are facing the flak
But the ground crews are waiting, till they come back
Then they'll service their kites, making sure they're fit
To go back tomorrow; they're doing their bit

We're back in our billets and it's cold in my bed
Though the pot belly stove is glowing bright red
Fun in the billets there's a little horseplay
But we'll all be quiet, for young Bob to pray

Young Bob Thomas was Browning's rear gunner
Only nineteen years old, the girls thought a stunner
But the last Raid to Berlin he met his end
Fighting off a 109, defending his friends

The airfield abounds, with people filling a need
Cooks in the kitchen, preparing our feed
There's Packers of chutes, we hope we won't use
And the MT drivers, who ferry our crews

Doc Henderson's our medic, his first name is Bob
At curing our aches he's the best in the job
He looks for the Twitch, a sure sign of strain
Then he'll give you a rest, before you fly again

Our free time is spent in the Oswald bar
The "Barnetby Flyer" will get us that far
But if we should miss it, we'll not get our flagon
The Doc he will take us, in the Station Blood Wagon

We have a night off and the urge for a Jig
So get out the bikes, we're all off to Brigg
We'll down a few jars in the Gladiator or Bull
Then it's into the dance, we're all on the pull

The Base had its characters now you will see
There was Cy Grant the lawyer and talent had he
He would sing News calypsos on national TV
Then there's Don Charlwood, a writer so bright
He went back to Oz to pen 'No Moon Tonight'

The "Mad Belgian" van Rollegem, 70 missions he flew
He would be an Air Marshal, in his own air force too
There was Winco Ken Wallis of autogyro fame
He gave James Bond that Little Nell plane

There's old Jack & young Jack, - Spark and Mackay
One on the ground, the other up in the sky.
There were others not famous, they just did their bit
On Cenotaph stones you'll find their names writ

She was Tall, Elegant and stole young men's hearts
A Bomber Command legend; more than the sum of her parts
M-Mother flew 140 trips, they're all marked on her card
But still she ended her days, in a breakers scrap yard

**She was a Lancaster Bomber that flew like a dream
So thank you Roy Chadwick and the Avro design team**

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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.

RAF Elsham Wolds Association

The usual service of commemoration took place at Anglian Water works on Bank Holiday Sunday. It was preceded by a dinner at the Golf Club on the Saturday night and the AGM on the Sunday morning. The usual fly past by a Lancaster after the service did not take place. The plane is no longer airworthy, but given the Shoreham air display disaster a few days previously, it was probably just as well.

New residents may not be aware that there is a museum of RAF Elsham Wold memorabilia at the Anglian Water building alongside the old airfield. This is open on Wednesday afternoons, as is the church.

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations.

Not only has the Queen become our longest reigning monarch, but she has a seriously big birthday next year and the Parish Council are looking for ideas to celebrate the event. We all had a great time celebrating her Diamond Jubilee and hope to have a similar display of national pride and community spirit next year. Telephone any ideas - big, small or simply wacky, to a parish councilor (phone numbers on the next page).

To contact members of your NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Telephone: **101** and explain the reason for your call (in an emergency call **999**)

Call in: at the front desk at Brigg Police Station
Mondays to Saturdays: 9.0 am – 1.0 pm and 2.0 pm – 5.0 pm

Email: Jane.proud@humberside.pnn.police.uk
Richard.tomlinson@humberside.pnn.police.uk

Web site: www.humberside.police.uk/my-neighbourhood

To call anonymously about a possible crime, ring the charity Crimestoppers on
0800 555 111

To aid recovery of your valuables if lost or stolen, register them with
www.humberside.police.uk/immobilise

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



Defibrillator and Training.

The box is now installed on the outside wall of the village hall. Lift the handset and you will be told the code to open the door and release the equipment.

Anyone wishing to learn how to use the defibrillator can attend a training session at the village hall on Saturday **10th October 2015 at 10.00 am.**

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