



This photograph was taken in the second week in February near the School House.

The first wild daffodils in the churchyard were out on 12<sup>th</sup> January this year, quite early but not a record. This bank is south facing so the plants benefit from any sun and flower early. Other flowers to be seen were several types of snowdrop, primroses and blue anemone blanda.

## **Community Emergency Plan**

As stated in the last edition of the “Leader”, the Local Authority are encouraging parishes to have a Community Emergency Plan in case of a disaster and we still need to know the following :-

- 1) If you would need assistance in an emergency.
- 2) Owners of 4x4 vehicles.
- 3) Owners of generators.
- 4) People with skills useful in an emergency.

Several people did contact us and we thank them.

Please contact one of the Parish Councillors whose details are elsewhere in this “Leader”, regarding 1 to 4 above.

## **The Quarry Park is now renamed as Elsham Parish Nature Reserve**

Volunteers are needed to form a Management Team under the leadership of a North Lincolnshire Nature Reserve Officer. This team would oversee maintenance of the paths, record the trees and plants and monitor wildlife etc. If you are interested, please contact a Parish Councillor.

## **All Saints' Church, Elsham**

**Please note** that in addition to the service on 13<sup>th</sup> March, there will be one at 11am on Easter Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. The Reverend Andrew Ballard will officiate.

*Please come along and support us.*

*Barbara Phipps*

## **The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations.**

A further reminder to.....

**SAVE THE DATE >>11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

*The Elsham Entertainments Committee has been busy and almost all arrangements are in place*



On Saturday evening there will be a red, white and blue themed disco in the village hall with a fish and chip supper.

Photos for the Photography Competition will be displayed at this event so residents can begin voting.

All entries will then be displayed at the field on Sunday where everyone else can vote.

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>, at the "Picnic in the Park", (bring your own picnic), there will be various competitions such as :- a Royal Birthday Cake competition, Speed Chess , Penalty Shoot Out, Design a Crown, Wheel Barrow Race and Tug of War.

There will be a bouncy castle and slide, Splat the rat etc and races for young children.

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

So, plenty of activities for all age groups and a great opportunity to get into the community spirit and celebrate the Queen's milestone birthday.

All proceeds for this event are to go towards the planned Children's Playground and Adult Exercise Area.

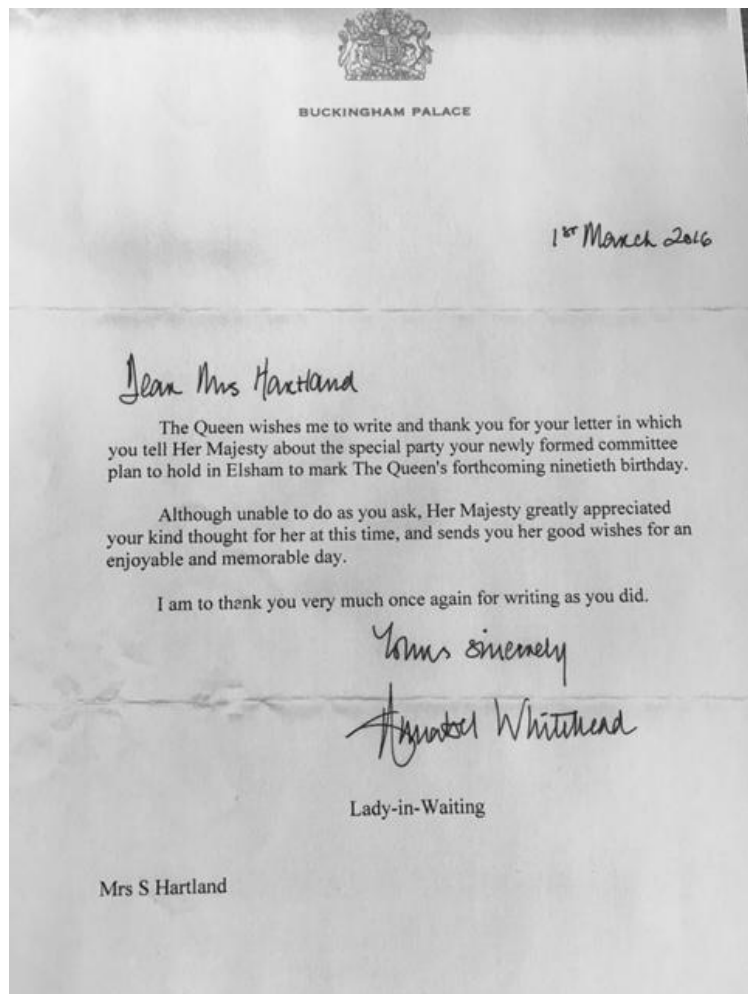
We now need volunteers to help on the day to erect gazebos etc.

We also need raffle prizes.

If you are willing to help in any way, please let a parish councillor know.

## Invitation to the Queen –

Sue Hartland, a member of the Elsham Entertainments Committee, who are organizing the Queens' birthday celebrations, sent a letter to the Queen, inviting her to our village celebrations on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016. She has had the following reply.



“Just had a reply but I'm sorry to say she cannot attend. Also I think she missed the part about a contribution to the raffle. Worse than that our Springer Spaniel got his teeth into the letter, although he swears it was one of HM's corgis. Sue “

## Open Gardens.....SAVE ANOTHER DATE>> Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Several village gardens will be open in the summer. The proceeds will also be for equipping the proposed new playground and exercise area. Do put the date in your diary and come along and support us. If you would like to open your garden, please contact Lorraine Guest Tel 680679. Your plot doesn't have to be at all perfect, people just like to see the variety.

We will need helpers with the refreshments in the village hall that day. You don't have to be there all day. Just an hour would be appreciated. We also need donations of cakes and biscuits.

Whether you are a gardener, a helper or a spectator, Open Gardens is a great way of seeing a different aspect of the village and meeting new people.

## Update on the Melton Ross Bridge

Eventually, the repairs are complete and the traffic lights have now gone – three cheers !!!.

*The **Elsham Elves** will soon begin their gardening efforts for the year and if you see what looks like the suspicious picking of snowdrops, if it's an "Elsham Elf" we are actually transplanting them so they colonise other parts of the village. If you would like to join us, we meet fortnightly on a Tuesday morning.*

## **CallConnect Pilot in North Lincolnshire**

People living in the rural areas of North Lincolnshire will benefit from the introduction of a new bus service. The new service is called 'CallConnect' and enables you to call for a bus to pick you up.

It is based on the CallConnect model already used by Lincolnshire County Council. In order to use the service you must register first. You can do this by telephone 0345 2638139

Or by the council's web site [www.northlincs.gov.uk](http://www.northlincs.gov.uk) and follow the public transport pages.

The service operates from 7am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm on Saturdays. A bus will operate in each of the four zones:

- Brigg, Caistor and the Ridge ward
- Ferry ward
- The area north of Scunthorpe including Burton upon Stather and Winterton
- Isle of Axholme

The purpose of the service is to take you to a local centre or allow you to connect with an existing bus or rail service. The service will not compete with local bus services.

Once registered you can make your booking request. Once again this can be done on-line (available 24/7) or by telephone during the above hours. The booking team will then confirm your journey times. The service uses a number of pick up points identified in North Lincolnshire. On the day of your journey go to your pick up point at the date and time you were given. When the bus arrives you pay your fare or show your concessionary pass.

If you suffer from limited mobility then discuss this when you register as there might be an opportunity to pick you up closer to home.

The buses are 16 seater minibuses with wheelchair access.

## **To contact members of your NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

**Telephone:** **101** and explain the reason for your call. (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](mailto:Jane.proud@humberside.pnn.police.uk)  
[Richard.tomlinson@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Richard.tomlinson@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

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### Elsham Indoor Bowls Club

The club are continuing their season in the Bishop Norton League. At present we are in second position. In the Knock Out Cup we have beaten South Kelsey, Lea and the Trentside Club from West Butterwick and now face Reapham in the Semi Finals.

In our club Triples competition, the winners were Christine Brewer, Tom Ridgeway and Martyn Clark. This again was an enjoyable occasion and many thanks to all who brought along refreshments in abundance.

Recently a new member joined our club. It is nice to see a local young man from the village taking part. He is Stuart Baskott and he has already played in some of our matches. I hope he continues to enjoy his bowling as the rest of our members do.

John Tomlinson

### Elsham past and Present

– on Facebook

Our membership continues to grow, we now have 186 members. Many are ex-residents who just like to keep in touch with life in Elsham today.

It is always nice to see old photos, so if anyone has, tucked away in their family albums, photos of life in Elsham – both past and present that they are happy to share and would be of interest to members would they contact me (if not already a member).

Doris Naisbitt (Tel 01652 688735)



An old photo graph of Elsham – do you recognize where it is ?  
*Answer in the next Leader*

## 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)

### Elsham Wine Club

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

*The remaining 2 sessions this Spring are on 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March.*

*We shall be starting again in September.*

*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.*

## The Brigg & District Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening club is on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30 p.m.** in the Methodist Church Hall, Barnard Avenue, Brigg.

The talk will be “**The making of a garden**” and will be given by Lesley Burton of the Goltho Gardens.

The admission fee is £2 for non members, members free. Annual Membership is £5. All will be made welcome.

P.S. Our April meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> April and will be entitled “The Chocolate Drop” – a talk on the manufacture of chocolate.

John Tomlinson

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## 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](http://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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6.45 – 8.00pm (except April, Aug & Dec).

*Next meetings: -* Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### **Wine Club**

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (**March 2016 on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**)  
The club will then start again in September 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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