

# *Elsham Leader* – September 2016



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

It seems ages now since our celebrations, but this is the first "Leader" since the event.

The weekend was a great success, so many thanks to all who helped with the organization, especially Jane Evison and her team. There was something for all age groups to enjoy and it was testament to the many meetings and careful planning that all went smoothly.

Stuart Binns compered the disco on the Saturday night in the village hall which witnessed much vigorous dancing on top of a great fish and chip supper. There were numerous activities at The Picnic in the Park on Sunday afternoon and the rain held off until the very end. Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer for the use of this excellent central venue.

A lot of calories were worked off on the various events, notably the bouncy castle and slide, the tug of war, children's races and the wheelbarrow race. Mrs. Jo Leaning made the village an amazing Queen's birthday cake which was shared by those attending. The best "scarecrow" winners were the Hunt Family with the Forbes family being the winners of the best decorated house.



## **Open Gardens and the new Play Area**

Eight village gardens opened on 10<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds for the new play area. A total of £700.00 was raised, two thirds from ticket sales, the rest from refreshments. We usually raise more but it was unfortunate that a heavy downpour at 11am undoubtedly put many people off and we were in competition with the Wimbledon men's tennis final, the British Grand Prix and another nearby village with scarecrows and open gardens! Nevertheless, this very useful sum will help our funds considerably.

Very many thanks to the residents who worked so hard to prepare and open their gardens; Mr and Mrs Ramsay, Mr and Mrs Welton, Mr and Mrs Bowmer, Mrs Griffin, Mr and Mrs Guest, Mr and Mrs Hollows, Mr and Mrs Osgerby and Mr and Mrs Eva.

Thanks to Jane Evison and her volunteers who kept customers fed and watered at the village hall. Thanks also to Simon Jones of Forget me Not Garden Services whose advert on the back of the ticket/programme paid for the printing.

*You may have noticed that the **Play Area** site has already been fenced. Installing the equipment will begin on 13th September and is expected to take two weeks. Then we can have a grand opening ceremony!*

## **John Tomlinson's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

### Thank You

Through the "Leader", I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for making my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so enjoyable. I had visitors from 9am until 9pm.

Firstly, I must thank the Parish Council for visiting and bringing a very attractive and delicious birthday cake together with wine. The bell ringers rang a full peal for me as I had been a bell ringer for many years when I was younger.

The RAF Elsham Wolds Association and the Brigg Horticultural Society came to see me on my birthday and also on the Sunday after, another surprise was a very generous gift from the Elsham Kurling Club of which I was a founder member many years ago.

Thank you for all the many cards and presents.

I was asked if I had lived in Elsham all my life, to which I replied, "Not yet!"

So, thanking you all again. May I wish that you all enjoy your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday as much as I enjoyed mine.

Best Wishes

John Tomlinson



John was Chair of the Parish Council for 40 years and has been a stalwart of village life.

**Part of Elsham History**  
**The Stevenson and Julian Trust**

Way back in time in 1663, retired Elsham Vicar, John Julian, left the sum of 52 shillings per annum, to purchase two penny loaves of bread to be given to the parish poor every Lord's Day and 52 shillings per annum for apprenticeships.

Two hundred years later, George Stevenson left in his will of 1803, £100.00 per annum to be distributed to the needy residents of the parish on December 21st for fuel, food and other vital needs.

Throughout the Trust's existence it has aided both young and old.

Grants have been given to senior citizens, children's parties, apprentices, examination fees, shop vouchers, educational visits, and most recently, the village celebrations for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Fund is invested in Charibonds at the Charity Commission U.K and managed through Black Rock.

Should any resident require help, it will be treated in confidence by the Trustees.

These are :-

Ex – Officio John Tomlinson, 2 Parish Councillors, and Ex – Officio Anne Dodds Honorary Secretary, 26 Front Street.

Anne Dodds

**Best Kept Village Competition**

We came third in the small village category. The full breakdown of results is on the notice board.

We lost only 4 marks out of a total of 150 and there were only 2 marks between us and the winners, Howsham who scored 148 and Redbourne who scored 147.

The lost marks were for weeds on the pavement and road on Barnetby Lane and plants growing through the bench by the village hall.

More positively, the judges commented on the marked absence of litter, excellent community planting around the village hall and a well cared for churchyard. They also commented on the particularly attractive floral display and planting at 7 Astley Corner and at Holme Farm Residential Home and the village name framed by succulents.

In summing up, the judges said that this is a most attractive and well cared for village.

Community planting is attractive and the delightful gardens are a real strength of the village.

Very many thanks to the "Elsham Elves" and other individuals for their hard work in keeping the village tidy and colourful and to the "Wombles" who regularly collect litter, mainly thrown from cars passing through.

We'll soon be planting bulbs for spring so if you would like to join us, you would be very welcome. It is amazing what can be achieved in just a couple of hours by a small group once a fortnight in the growing season.

**Chip Van**

In case you haven't heard, a fish and chip van is now visiting the village every Friday evening from 6.45 to 7.45pm. Judging by the queue across the village hall car park, it is proving to be very popular.

## **New Residents**

We have had an influx of new residents recently, the most for quite a number of years. The Parish Council and all the residents of the village welcome the new families and hope they will be very happy here. Please contact any councillor if there is anything we can help you with.

## **We are losing a Councillor**

After ten years of service on the Parish Council and latterly as Vice Chair, Siobhan Hollows is standing down. The Chairman and fellow Councillors would like to thank Siobhan for all her hard work and support during her time on the Council and know that she will have a continued interest in the future of Elsham.

Graham Evison, Chair of Elsham Parish Council

### **We need two more councillors -**

There are two vacancies on the Elsham Parish Council. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk, Deb Hotson as soon as possible

## **Elsham Parish Local Nature Reserve**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August three Parish Councillors met with Andrew Taylor from North Lincolnshire Council to discuss the future development of the quarry and what might be included in a development plan.

Some of the ideas suggested were, at the entrance to the quarry on the right hand side, to create 8 to 10 coppice coupes and coppice one per year in rotation to give differing heights of greenery to encourage a wider range of wildlife. Bat boxes could be sited here.

On both sides of the path leading into the quarry, there are quite a few chalk loving plants and NL Council have a mower which could cut this rough area, but the cuttings must be removed so as not to increase the fertility of the land as calcareous plants like poor soil.

Blackthorn is encroaching onto the path further up. It is proposed to cut this back and cut down some of the trees in front of the bench to restore the view across the quarry. Ideally, NLC would like to re - expose the chalk cliff, but this would be expensive. A new bench could be put on the plateau near the large gates to overlook the basin and the area of cherry trees in front of the second existing bench to be cut down to restore the view there.

It was suggested that a tree survey be conducted every two years.

Over the next year, a management plan will be drawn up which will be used to source funding, and propose the quarry as a Nature Reserve owned by Elsham Parish Council and managed by North Lincolnshire Council.

### **STOP PRESS**

**Great News** - Elsham has been chosen to receive the CPRE (Council for the Preservation of Rural England) Environment Award this year for the Quarry, which will be presentation on 22nd September.

# New CallConnect bus proves popular with more than 1,700 people registering

2 September 2016



Since North Lincolnshire Council introduced CallConnect – a new flexible bus service – operating in and around North Lincolnshire, more than 1,700 people have registered free to use the service.

CallConnect is a unique bus service whose timetable is not fixed but responds to passenger requests. Routes are different each day depending on the bookings made by passengers. Journey requests can be made by telephone or online. The service is designed to improve transport opportunities in rural communities and some market towns where there is an infrequent conventional bus service.

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North Lincolnshire is split into five areas for CallConnect;

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Isle of Axholme (Area 2);

Brigg, Caistor and the Ridge Ward (Area 3);

Ferry Ward (Area 4).

Please note that East Butterwick (Area 5) will be included in the Gainsborough CallConnect area.

## **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)

Sophie Dunn (680676)  
Lorraine Guest (680679)  
John Taylor (680438)  
Sandra Rawlin (681899)

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

### **Elsham Indoor Bowls Club**

Having had a summer break, the bowls club is starting again on Sundays on 11<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesdays on 14<sup>th</sup> - and weekly thereafter.

John Tomlinson

### **Elsham Wine Club**

The wine club, which meets 6 times in both the autumn and the spring has become a bit of a village institution. We meet on a Tuesday evening in the Village Hall – starting at 8.00 pm and finishing before 10.00 pm.

New members are always welcome so come along – first date this autumn is 27<sup>th</sup> September.

For further information please contact Roland Guest on 01652 680679.

### **FOR SALE**

I have been persuaded to give up driving now that I am in my 90's, hence the sale of my car.

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John Tomlinson

### **Elsham Village Golf Competition**

Because of a congested fixture list at Elsham Golf Club it has been difficult to arrange a date, but a date has now been agreed.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30 p.m.

Details will be distributed to past participants and known golfers very shortly.

The Village Golf Competition is open to all past and present residents of Elsham village.

For further details contact Roland Guest on 01652 680679 or via Email on [r8alg@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:r8alg@tiscali.co.uk)

### **Hire of the Village Hall**

*The village hall can seat up to 120 and with its full kitchen makes an attractive venue for wedding receptions, children's parties and other such events.*

*The rates are very reasonable - for full details and bookings contact Sandra Rawlin on 01652 681899 or John Tomlinson on 01652 688221.*

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### **Wine Club**

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm. (**Sept 27<sup>th</sup> then 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** )  
The club is starting in September has 6 meetings before Xmas.

*New members welcome* – telephone Roland Guest (680679) for further details.

Wednesday **Bowls Club** 7.00 – 9.00pm, starting again on 14<sup>th</sup> September.

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 (starting again on 11<sup>th</sup> September)

## 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**

**Chairman**  
Tony Steeper  
**c/o Holme Farm Residential Home**  
**Tel:- 01652 688755**

The revenue from adverts pays for the printing of the "Leader" so that it costs the Parish Council (and indirectly, you) very little. If you would like to advertise your business or a social event, please contact me, Lorraine Guest on 01652 680679. Fees are £8 per edition.

# KEVIN BILTON

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