

Elsham Leader – Spring 2018



Local Heroes wanted for Great British Spring Clean Sunday 4th March

North Lincolnshire Council is calling on litter heroes to take part in the 2018 Great British Spring Clean. The Council continues to back the national campaign to inspire half a million people across the country to get outdoors, get active and help clear up rubbish that lies around us.

We would like to participate in this event and encourage residents to meet up to pick litter along routes not covered by our regular litter pickers. Litter pickers and high viz jackets will be provided for volunteers (but NOT gloves – please ensure you bring some) and the Council will remove the rubbish that is collected.

Meet at 1.30pm, Village Hall on Sunday 4th March. Contact Christine Busby, tel 688770 or Lorraine Guest, tel 680679, for more information.

Readers' contributions

We would like to start a section for readers' contributions and encourage residents to send us any information they think may be interesting to other villagers, such as a book/film/pub review, favourite recipes, interesting hobbies etc. Please email candcbusby@gmail.com or sandra.rawlin@sky.com

Did you know?

The Elsham Leader is available online on the Parish Council website – useful for friends and family who have an interest in the village. Simply Google 'Elsham Parish Council' or go to <https://e-voice.org.uk/elshamparishcouncil/links/>

Elsham Christmas Tree

The Elsham Christmas Tree was a great success, having been kindly donated and delivered by Councillor Sophie Dunn and her husband.

Reverend Gabel led the singing of Christmas carols on the 5th December before switching the tree lights on for the first time.

Refreshments were provided courtesy of the Parish Council and volunteers from the village, including 4 dozen freshly made mince pies from Beverley Dunderdale.

Contributions were made and raised £82.25 for the Church funds.

Cookery Column

Doris Naisbitt kindly lent us a copy of her grandmother's book 'Daily Herald Enquire Within' which we believe to be from the 1930s. I will spare you the recipe for calf's head pie and calf's foot soup – here is a honey cake that will be much more palatable!

– Put one cupful of honey and half a cupful of sugar into a stewpan and let them boil slowly until when a little is dropped from the spoon it will spin a thread. Have the yolks of 4 eggs beaten until light, and when the honey and sugar are just under boiling point pour them over the whisked eggs and beat until the mixture is cold. Add 1 cupful of sifted flour and the white of the eggs, whisked until stiff. Fold these lightly through the mixture. Pour the sponge into a cake tin lined with greaseproof paper and bake in a moderate oven.

Memories of Elsham

In 1859, seven members of the Whitehead family emigrated from Elsham to New Zealand. Many years later, one of the children wrote his memoirs of that time, and through the wonders of modern technology, his great great grand-daughter has contacted us through the Elsham Past and Present Facebook page and sent a copy.

We will be including excerpts that give a fascinating insight into life in the village at that time. The author is Mathias Whitehead, 1848-1930, written when he was in his 60s. You can see several Whitehead headstones in the graveyard.

Here is the first instalment:

The Squire, who owned the village where we lived, and also was the proprietor of at least one other, was a gentleman to be reckoned with on many points. The villager certainly had a vote at an Election but as the voting was open, the Elector's soul was not his own – you must vote for the Squire's candidate or you were no longer wanted in his village.

The Squire was a great man indeed, most certainly in the eyes of boys and girls. He expected you to “bow” to him and the girls must recognise him too by making a “courtesy”. The Hall where he lived was in the centre of the village, stood in its own grounds of several hundred acres and was lavishly furnished. There were many maid-servants with a house-keeper in charge. The Squire was wealthy, lifted his own rents on rent days personally, his Steward only being in attendance when the villages paid their rent the day following the farm tenants. Each villager was supplied with a large slice of plum pudding and small beer in abundance. The children had a taste of the pudding as it was allowable to take it home. On “Rent-days” there was considerable excitement as some overindulged themselves with taking too much beer. The Squire sat on the bench with his fellow justices in an adjoining town and I have the impression that he was rather a proud individual.

It was considered an honour should a tenant be favoured with some responsible work connected with the village, so if his father before him had performed the work satisfactorily, then one of his sons laid claim to become his successor, so it happened that one generation after another in the same family held the post, such as church warden, Parish Clerk, gardener and if qualified, then the important and honourable post of School-Master.

Church coffee mornings

The church is now holding regular coffee mornings in the Village Hall, starting at 10.30am, £2 for a drink and biscuits. It is hoped to raise money for the Church and give friends and neighbours a chance to catch up and have a chat. Here are the dates for the next few months: **February 22nd, March 22nd, April 19th and May 24th.**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ELSHAM

MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING

Once again, I am writing to thank all the people of Elsham who attended and supported our first monthly coffee morning.

The event was a great success, and it was really good to see so many friends catching up with each other, and some making new friends. It was also wonderful to see some of Holme Farm Nursing Home attending.

THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT FROM
ALL SAINTS PCC.

Elsham Village Golf

The Elsham Village Golf Competition was held on Saturday 18 November 2017 on what was a bright but very cold day. Sixteen players took part, two ladies and fourteen gentlemen, which was a great turnout given the short notice of the event so my thanks go to everyone.

Judging by the conversation afterwards I think everyone enjoyed the afternoon's golf with convivial company.

Many congratulations to the prizewinners who were:

1st - Lewis Jackson-Johnstone	- 37 Points
2nd - Ross McFarlane	- 33 Points
3rd - James Gardner	- 33 points

A date for your diaries - this year's competition will be held on **Saturday July 14th**, tee off time 2pm. Hopefully all those who were unable to make it last year will be able to play.

The competition is open to all present and past residents of Elsham plus immediate family who have an official handicap. If everyone could play that is eligible to play the numbers would be around thirty which would make a great competition and to round off the day the aim is to hold a dinner and prize giving in the evening, with partners and friends, if we get sufficient numbers, which would be great.

Look out for further information around May.

Graham Evison.

Elsham Parish Council

Did you know that you can attend Parish Council meetings?

Public participation time, when you can air your views, is from 6.30 to 6.45pm

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 van Oosterhout	(681899)
Dave Harness	(688005)
Christine Busby	(688770)

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

In the Garden

March brings real signs of Spring, particularly with dwarf varieties of daffodil, primroses and woodland flowers appearing before the canopy closes in overhead. Magnolia flowers begin to break out in whites and soft pinks. Scent is in the air, with intensely fragrant hyacinths. Shrubs to prune include hard pruning of lavatera and buddleia and start pruning rose bushes, removing old and unproductive stems and any diseased, damaged or crossing stems. Vegetable crops to sow outdoors during March include broad beans, parsnips, peas, radish and spring onions.

April brings a profusion of primroses and daffodils and the emergence of unfolding leaves on trees and shrubs. April is a good time to lift, divide and replant congested snowdrops after flowering. Also cut back dogwoods and willows to encourage new growth and next winter's coloured stems. With rising soil temperatures in Spring, this helps get newly planted shrubs off to a good start. Check mowers are in good working order.

Tulips are in abundance in May, and paeony flowers put in their extravagant though brief appearance. Dramatic cherry blossoms appear, along with the rich fragrance of lilacs. Split and divide primroses and polyanthus whilst there is still a little colour in the flower. Sow annuals now for bright Autumn displays and cut flowers and make successional sowings of carrots, peas and salad crops.

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 van Oosterhout on 01652 681899 or Roland Guest 01652 680679)

Book review by Pat Taylor

MA'AM DARLING - 99 GLIMPSES OF PRINCESS MARGARET BY CRAIG BROWN

It may be fascinating to :-

- those interested in the royal family
- those watching "The Crown" on Netflix
- those who like a gossip read and
- those interested in recent history.

Ma'am Darling was mentioned & recommended by the journalist Janice Turner, who writes a regular column in The Times.

It is very different from the usual style of biography. Not at all stuffy but full of accounts involving many famous people who came into contact with HRH Princess Margaret throughout her life, e.g. Elizabeth Taylor, Boy George, John Lennon and Dusty Springfield. Some of the stories seem incredible and yet true. This prize winning book has all the elements of a good read – facts, speculation, humour and pathos.

I found it easy to read, a real page turner, but then a book that made me sad when I came to the last chapter.

Available on Amazon Kindle £7.99

Also available in print & audio versions

My Rating *****

Elsham Past and Present FB page

Many people will know that Elsham has it's own Facebook page – a page for members to share their memories of Elsham past and present. It's a useful site for sharing photos, news and events. Through here we have learnt that Stuart will no longer be delivering our post, after many years – thanks Stuart!

There are currently 341 members – it is a closed group and the Administrators are Doris Naisbitt and Siobhan Hollows – they will need to approve your inclusion.

Wine Club

Remaining dates for the wine club:

Tuesday 20th February
Tuesday 6th March and
Tuesday 20th March

We meet at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall. Please contact Roland Guest for further details (01652 680679)

Chip Van

The fish and chip van is still visiting the village every Friday evening from 6.45 to 7.30pm.

Judging by the queue across the village hall car park, it is still very popular.

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

Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday 6.30 – 8.00pm (except April, August and Dec).

Next meetings: -

Tuesday 20th February 2018

Tuesday 20th March 2018

Tuesday 15th May 2018

Wine Club

Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 pm

New members are welcome – tel. Roland Guest (680679) for further details.

Wednesday **Bowls Club** 7.00 – 9.00pm

Thursday **Line Dancing** 7.00 – 9.00 pm

Friday

Saturday

Sunday **Bowls Club** (not in summer)
7.00 – 9.00pm

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

Sandra van Oosterhout
3 Doll Lane, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 681899

Dawn Enser
21 Church Street, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 688486

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.

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We also stock a comprehensive range of baits, terminal tackle and larger items. Items not in stock can be ordered with a prompt delivery. The fishery offers both day and night tickets for either of the two specimen lakes or the two silverfish lakes. Concessions are available. Disabled access.

Visit us at www.hunterslodgefishery.com or call 01652 680691

To contact members of your NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Telephone: **101** ext 2190 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: Amanda.barnett@humberside.pnn.police.uk
Alison.clayton@humberside.pnn.police.uk
North Lincs Community Policing Team
Barton Police Station, Holydyke, DN18 5PP

Web site: <http://www.humberside.police.uk>

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0800 555 111