

Elsham Leader Spring 2022



Buggingham Palace, the new bug hotel on the cottage garden bank the far side of the Village Hall, made by Chris Dodsworth from Brigg

Elsham Parish Council Annual Chairman's Report April 2022

After another year of ups and downs, life for many people is returning to near normal, and we are reminded of how lucky we are to live in a peaceful spot like Elsham when in Ukraine, people's lives are being torn apart. We thank those people who work hard to help maintain our lovely village, especially parish councillors and ward councillors, and also the residents for providing solidarity and being good neighbours when others request help. We should all feel proud of the community spirit we have built here.

Year Highlights

Nature Reserve

This year saw the installation of the information board at the entrance on Front Street and a new gate that allows vehicles and wheelchairs to pass – if you would like to access the quarry with a wheelchair or double buggy for example, please contact the parish council for the key code for the padlock and then you can open the large wooden gate. The gate on Middlegate Lane has been adapted so that it can be secured open for vehicles and NLC staff to enter for maintenance, as an extra safety precaution.

Play Park

The play park has been open as normal for a while now, and the mole deterrent seems to be working at keeping away the majority of moles! The rota net is once again spinning thanks to Cllrs Mark Wood and

Andrew Horner, and we keep our fingers crossed that it stays that way. A big thank you to everyone who volunteers for the opening and closing rota and to Cllr Jane Ousby for her organisation and safety inspections.

Highways

The drainage issue on Church Street is ongoing, but Anglian Water have conducted extensive tests and repaired any leaks that were theirs, so now North Lincs Council are working on how to divert the rest, which is undoubtedly spring water. The public right of way that serves as a shortcut between Church Street and Front Street has been impassable for a while, so the Parish Council are in the process of getting specifications for a wooden walkway that would allow people to once again access the path from Front Street. NLC have agreed to share the cost of this with the Parish Council.

Planning

The main planning applications in the village considered since last April have been outline planning permission for a house next to Orchard House, off Barnetby Lane; the new development at the Smithy site has been changed to four houses, and work has begun, with the first house just taking shape; planning permission for a dwelling on Front Street next to the Old Cottage has been refused; full planning permission granted on the 'paddock' on Church Street; and an appeal for an application at the fisheries for five wooden camping pods is still to be determined.

Crime and Neighbourhood Watch

There have been no serious incidents in the village but our concerns about the number of empty wine and other alcohol bottles on Middlegate and Barnetby Lane have been passed onto police. Thank you to Diana Connolly for being our NHW coordinator and keeping everyone informed of alerts and events. The Speedwatch initiative is up and running again.

Best Kept Village

Elsham achieved third in 2021 and a big thank you to Lorraine Guest, the Elsham Elves and all those who litter pick and generally help to keep the village looking well kept. We really appreciate everyone who comes forward to help with tasks around the village, just watering one pot near you can make a big difference – see Andrew's article for more details.

Current Projects

As we step into spring and look forward to some warmer weather, a few of the Parish Council's projects should be coming to fruition. A new bench will be installed in the quarry, overlooking the new viewpoint down into the bowl, which we hope will again be full of wildflowers. Some of you will have noticed the new village signs on New Street and Barnetby Lane featuring the church, and we are hopeful that soon we will be able to install the old plough that we have had renovated down near the circle at the crossroads (we have had to apply for planning permission to site it near the road).

We are still fighting against litter on the roads into the villages, a battle that I think will never be won completely, but a big thank you to everyone who volunteers and joins in with our litter picks. We will be putting up large signs along Barnetby Road and on Elsham Hill heading up to Barton, reminding people of the £100 fine for littering. There is thankfully little litter within the village, but this is partly due to the regular volunteer litter pickers who make regular circuits in and around the village – again, many thanks. We are also working with Starbucks and the garage at Barnetby Top to ensure that they do what they can in terms of providing adequate bins and litter picking on site.

Finally, we are looking forward with great anticipation to the Jubilee celebrations on the 2nd and 4th June – you will find further details about this in a separate article. We hope that as many villagers as possible will get together to celebrate our truly remarkable monarch.

Council members

Cllr Lorraine Guest retired after many years on the Parish Council and we were sad to see her go but know that she will now be busy with her own garden and the Open Gardens this year. We were also sorry to say goodbye to Cllr Rosie Hill, but very pleased to welcome Cllr Sarah Burton, who with Jane Ousby has been very proactive in organising the Jubilee celebrations. Our clerk Deb Hotson left to be clerk for

Broughton town council, but we were lucky to recruit Holly Hanson, who is already clerk at several of the low villages. We still have room for one more councillor so if you are interested in finding out more about the role, please talk to one of us or contact the clerk on clerk@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Sandra van Oosterhout Elsham Parish Council Chairman
April 2022

**Elsham Parish Council
Forthcoming dates are:**

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| 17 th May 2022 | 21 st June 2022 | 19 th July 2022 |
| 20 th September 2022 | 18 th October 2022 | 15 th November 2022 |
| 17 th January 2023 | 21 st February 2023 | 21 st March 2023 |
| 18 th April 2023 | | |

From 6.30pm until 8pm.

Your Parish Councillors are:

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Sarah Burton – cllr.sburton@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Andrew Percy MP

Our MP (Brigg and Goole constituency) is Andrew Percy.

His constituency office contact details, should you wish to contact him about anything, are:

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Tel 01652 650094

www.andrewpercy.org

YOU ARE ALL INVITED

To mark the Queen's historic 70-year reign, here in Elsham we have lots going on, so come and join us on this special occasion. Celebrations start with lighting the beacon at the **village hall at 9:15 p.m. on Thursday 2nd June.**

Over the weekend of 4/5th June we will run two competitions:

1. Best dressed/decorated house and gardens
2. Best local photograph

Entries for the photograph competition need to be handed in to any parish councillor on or before Saturday's daytime event at the village hall/Chapel Lane, any local subject. The photographs will be on view on the Saturday for residents to vote and winners will be announced on Saturday afternoon. Age groups for entries are:

1. 0–11 years
2. 12–16 years
3. 17+ years

On Saturday 4th June, everyone is welcome to the village hall/Chapel Lane (please note, Chapel Lane will be closed 11am–6pm, sorry for any inconvenience this may cause). Celebrations start at 2 p.m. and the fun-filled day will include:

1. A cake stall (please bring contributions on the day)
2. Tombola plus children's tombola
3. Splat the rat
4. Bouncy castle
5. Raffle
6. Guess the pug's birthday
7. Name the corgi

And much more.

Inside the hall there will be an opportunity to buy tea, coffee, soft drinks and cream teas, but feel free to bring your own food and drinks along. Tables will be laid out along Chapel Lane in traditional street party style.

We also have other stalls coming for you to purchase some amazing items, such as Betty B's Wax Emporium and chocolates from Teresa's Chocolate Treats. We also have Roseanna Vintage, who sells vintage clothes and jewellery and then our very own Lily and Moss, with their beautiful, luscious flowers. Cassie will be giving people the opportunity to make their own flower crown – booking for this is essential and can be done at www.lilyandmoss.co.uk/workshops. Book ASAP to avoid disappointment. Also, during the afternoon we will be treated to a fly past by a Hurricane bomber.

In the evening we will carry on the celebrations with live entertainment from the band Common Faults. Starting at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall, tickets cost £10 per person and this includes fish and chips in the band's interval (please note, the fish and chip van is available that night for anybody in the village wanting to purchase fish and chips from 7:30 p.m.).

Please purchase your ticket from any member of the parish council. You are advised to bring your own drinks to the evening celebration as no drinks will be available to purchase.

Finally, we need donations for the raffle and the tombola, so any contribution will be greatly appreciated. Again, please give to any parish councillor or helper. On the day, we need your delicious freshly baked cakes – thank you!

All proceeds made over the weekend will be split 50:50 between Elsham Church fund and Help for Heroes.

We really hope to see everyone there -
"Let's celebrate together!"

Sarah Burton

VILLAGE PLANTING

Elsham will be entering the Best Kept Village competition again this year and by the time you read this, our summer planting will be underway.

As in previous years, the plants and compost will be provided by the Parish Council. Sandra Van Oosterhout will be planting up and watering the tubs and planters at the Village Hall and the Doll Lane snicket. With the exceptions of these areas and those mentioned below, the rest of the planting will be done by Di and myself. However, without additional volunteers who are prepared to water and tend an area there would be no point in planting anything, so I'd like to say a huge thank you to the following people who have agreed to look after the planted areas near where they live, making this a real village effort:

- Martyn Clark – will plant up the Hall Lane Circle and will mow the grass there and at the Barnetby Lane Triangle and will water both areas.
- Terry Howard – will water the phone box area, the Elsham sign bed on New Street, the play park planters and the New Street sign planter near Woodland Drive
- Christine Busby – will water and weed the Lancaster bed and the village hall bank
- Linda & Ron Baxter – will plant up and water the planter under the Astley Corner sign
- Lorraine Guest – will plant up and water the Church Street sign planter near Hunters Lodge
- Paul Richardson – will water the Front Street sign planter near the triangle
- Joan & Colin Mee – will water the planters on Maltkiln Lane near Dunns Paddock and at the Maltkiln Lane/Front Street corner
- Helen Lynch – will water the Doll Lane snicket planters at the Maltkiln Lane end
- Colin & Agnes Marris – will water the planter under the Chapel Lane sign at the New Street junction
- Jordan Finney – will water the planter under the Woodland Drive sign
- Si Vishwanath – will water the planter under the New Street sign at the crossroads
- And of course, Anne Newham will be doing what she does best at Post Box Corner!

Last year, the Best Kept Village judges made some very positive comments about how good Elsham looked, and they were impressed by a number of the front gardens they saw as they walked around the village, so please try to keep your own property looking good and let's hope for more compliments this year. Judging will be at the end of July.

Andrew Horner

VILLAGE HANDYMAN REQUIRED

The parish council are still looking for someone who can do the occasional jobs around the village such as painting, trimming verges, strimming in the quarry, small repairs etc. If you would like further information, please contact the clerk Holly Hanson:
email clerk@elshamparishcouncil.gov.uk, tel. 07393 213030.



VILLAGE SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

We thought it would be fun to run a sunflower competition this year – open to all ages! There will be two categories, **tallest sunflower plant and broadest sunflower head**. Winners can choose a £15 book voucher or a £15 garden centre voucher. To make it fair, everyone will be given several seeds of the same type of sunflower – so if you would like to take part, just contact a parish councillor and I can drop off some seeds for you, or you can call at 3 Doll Lane or phone 681899. Let's get growing! Sandra van Oosterhout

Information about the village and events

ELSHAM OPEN GARDENS and CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July 2022

11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets and Map from the Village Hall

Adults £4 (Gardens and Church included)

Refreshments and Plant Stalls

Proceeds for the church

Five residents, so far, have offered to open their gardens.
We're happy to add more. People are interested in all kinds,
large and small.

Similarly, more flower arrangers are needed. An amateur group will be decorating the church. No previous experience is needed. We can find you a job!
All flowers and accessories will be provided.

We still have to pay the same amount to the Lincoln Diocese, no matter how few people attend church and we are in danger of losing this beautiful thousand-year-old building, so please support this effort in any way you can.

Please spread the word and if you know anywhere or anyone who can display a poster or leaflets, please let me know.

Contact: Lorraine Guest
Oakdale, 5 Church Street
01652 680679

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELSHAM

As from May 2022, it is intended that All Saints Church Elsham will have a service within the church each week. This will be for a trial period initially of two months, but with the hope that we can continue to offer this service to all our residents in Elsham for the foreseeable future.

Elsham Church is an Inclusive Church – a church which does not discriminate on any level, on grounds of economic power, gender, mental health, physical disability, race or sexuality. We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is spiritually faithful; which seeks to proclaim the gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to

grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

It does not matter which practice of religion you follow – if you wish to come and sit in our Church for any of our services, you are welcome, whether you chose to join in with our service, or not. You are free to sit and listen, or to pray.

Our Services start at 11.00am each Sunday.
(Our second service of the month is a Holy Communion Service, led by Revd. Lee Gabel, and the remaining three are lay-led services led by Dawn Enser (Lay Minister)
Tea and coffee are served at the end of each Service, and EVERYONE IS WELCOME

If you have been through the Church grounds recently you will have seen that the Churchyard is a lot more open. It is now possible to see all the Spring flowers coming through the grass.

Over the last few years, some of the trees had become diseased or dead, and therefore, with regret, for safety reasons they had to be removed. This was not an easy decision for us to make, and one that was not taken lightly.

For the church it is not possible to just remove trees, or in fact make any alterations to the church itself, or the churchyard. Without a Faculty (or consent), we cannot do anything. Lincoln had to be consulted, and after consultation – permission is granted.

We are fully aware of the ecological impact of the removal of trees, but the trees that were removed could have caused more problems if they were left – especially if they fell on someone walking through the churchyard (we did have one or two of the trees fall over in the last few years). Plus, some of the diseased or decaying trees could have caused more problems for the other trees.

Churchyard management, or management of any public space, does come with hard decisions, but safety for people, and a long life for our beautiful church and churchyard within our village, are two things we are all striving hard to achieve.

DAWN ENSER
Lay Minister, Churchwarden, Treasurer & Safeguarding Officer

Fancy Trying Something Different? Clubs at the Village Hall Welcome New Members

Several clubs use the village hall, both during the day and in the evening, and they are all open to new members.

Elsham Wine Club: 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. This is a very friendly and informative club where you get to taste a good range of wines each evening, under the guidance of our top sommelier Alister. You can pay a fixed fee for the autumn and then

winter term, or pay for individual sessions that you attend. At the end of each term, the club normally holds a dinner in the village hall where members contribute dishes to make a gorgeous 3-course meal, served with the favourite wines of the term. The club has had its last meeting for this spring, and it does not meet in the summer. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 27th September. Old and new members are welcome; for further details please contact Roland Guest on 01652 680679 or via email on r8alg1@gmail.com.

Indoor Short Mat Bowls: 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Mondays, and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays.
FROM 22nd APRIL, NEW SESSION 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M. FRIDAYS.

This is again a very friendly club that welcomes new members of any age, with and without experience. All equipment is provided and current members are happy to help beginners learn. Once you are proficient, there is a club team that plays in a local short mat bowls league, if you like friendly competition. Sessions £2 each, tea/coffee and biscuits provided, with no charge for the first few sessions, so please feel welcome to come along and have a try. Please contact Ernie on 01652 680813 if you have any questions.

The Club is again playing in the Kirton Lindsey and District Short Mat Bowls League. We are having a very successful season, with a good chance of making it into the top three!

New Age Curling: 10am to 12pm Tuesdays. This is an indoor version of the curling we see on ice. It is a fun sport for all abilities, including the disabled, and is designed to be a comfortable sport to play. You do not need any experience, and all ages can play. A session is just £2 and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits. It is a very friendly club and even when members no longer play, they still turn up for a chat! (The first few sessions are free so you can come along and see if you like it.) Please contact Ernie on 01652 680813 if you have any questions.

PLAY PARK AND EXERCISE AREA



Firstly, thank you very much to our play park volunteers – both to those who have been on the rota previously and our new volunteers. The park is open from approximately 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (or dusk if earlier) every day.

I'm very pleased to report that Mark Wood (with help from Andrew Horner) has fixed the long running issue with the rota net and it spins beautifully now! Thank you very much to Mark and Andrew.

We are continuing the long-running battle with the moles, and I think there are not quite so many hills as there used to be.

Jane Ousby



The team from South Ferriby won last year's Low Villages Quiz, so are due to host this year's event in December. The Elsham team was composed of Sarah Burton, myself, Harvey French and partner Rachel. If you think you can do better, please get in touch with me as I am sure we are in need of more talent. Here is the winning team from last year – and their empties! Steve Moir



Elsham Village Golf Competition

The winner after a count back on the back nine deciding the winner and a new name on the trophy.



Result:

- 1st Phil Johnson - 37 points
- 2nd Roland Guest - 37 points
- 3rd Jon Cook - 36 points

This year is the 50th anniversary of the competition and it will be held on Saturday 3 September 2022 with tee off times from 11.45 a.m.

The competition is the normal Stableford on full playing handicap. Gentlemen from the yellow tees and Ladies from the red tees.

As this is the 50th anniversary it would be great to celebrate the occasion in some way apart from the golf so if anyone has any ideas please let me know.

Entry fee is £4 payable to myself and green fees for non-members paid to the club professional.

Contact Graham Evison for further information.
01652 680980

EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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| Monday | Pilates | 4.30 – 5.30 p.m. |
| | Bowls Club | 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | New Age Kurling | 10.00am – 12.00 p.m. |
| | Parish Council | Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday, 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. (except August and December). |
| | Wine Club | Fortnightly on a Tuesday 8.00 – 10.00 p.m. Starting again in September. |
| Wednesday | Bowls Club | 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. (except May - August) |
| Thursday | Upholstery | 10am – 4 p.m. |
| | Pilates | 4.30 – 5.30 p.m. |
| | Line Dancing | 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. |
| Friday | Bowls Club | 2 – 4 p.m. |

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

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Chairman:
Tony Steeper
c/o Holme Farm Residential Home
Church Street, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 688755

Roland Guest
5 Church Street, Elsham
Tel:- 01652 680679

Baptisms - Elsham Church

A baptism is a great way to celebrate with friends and family. They can be moments of joy among communities together in the church. Baptisms are the moment when those being baptised make a great step on their spiritual journey, as a baptism is an interaction between God and those being baptised. And this all takes place within a loving community of friends and family.

There is no age restriction to baptism in the Church of England. I have baptised the newly born to those at the end of a long life. Each time it is a celebration of new life that we are offered in Christ. It is a moment of sacrament that we share in common with Jesus, as he was baptised in the river Jordan.

In Elsham, a baptism can take place during the 11 a.m. Parish Communion service or in a separate service following on from the Communion service at 12 p.m. on the second Sunday of the month. If you would like to speak about a baptism, whether yours or someone else's, I am more than happy to talk.

Lee Gable



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SUNDAY 3RD JULY

10AM – 3PM

**NEW DATE !!!
Sun 3rd July**

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR STALL EITHER ON YOUR DRIVE OR INSIDE/OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE HALL PLEASE CONTACT HELEN LYNCH VIA FACEBOOK OR THROUGH ELSHAM PAST AND PRESENT FACEBOOK PAGE ALTERNATIVELY VIA EMAIL HSMITH76@HOTMAIL.CO.UK

CHARITY SUPPORTING DRIVE STALLS FREE ALL OTHER DRIVE STALLS DONATION OF £5 TO CHURCH FUNDS. LIMITED LOCAL BUSINESS STALLS ALSO AVAILABLE INSIDE THE VILLAGE HALL £10 EACH, OUTSIDE VILLAGE HALL £15 (LARGER STALL) A MAP WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE NEARER THE DATE ALSO COPIES AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE VILLAGE HALL ON THE DAY