

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

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## Best in class!

- 6,000 at Fayre
- £20k+ raised

by Susan Goss-Clements

**Green Hammerton Country Fayre was an amazing event, a resounding success and a major achievement that surpassed all expectations.**

There were over 80 stalls, a dog show, produce and craft tents, giant inflatables, refreshments, a steam engine, classic cars, a clay pigeon shoot, live music and theatre, falconry, brass band, antiques roadshow and, not forgetting, the alpacas!

We are especially delighted to say that the event attracted approximately 6,000 visitors and raised profits in excess of £20,000 – and still counting! Funds will be split between the Yorkshire Air Ambulance (whose helicopter flew in to the event), Harrogate-based Open Country (which helps those with disabilities access and enjoy the countryside) and the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity. Our portion of the funds raised will buy the protective nets for the children's playground.

**Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday event picture special – see back page.**



**Congratulations to Di Tee and Molly of St Thomas's Way. They won 'best puppy' and 'best in show' at the Fayre.**

Organiser Gill Singleton said: "The day was a huge success and even the sun shone for us! There was a phenomenal amount of hard work and dedication by villagers including the people on the committee who worked tirelessly for nearly nine months to bring this about and to whom we give sincere thanks. Special thanks also for Wayne Ashcroft from Green Hammerton-based Croft Builders whose team worked on site management and cheerfully and competently worked miracles and also to the Powley family who generously gave us use of their fields.

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“Mike Powley, in particular, so generously gave his time and did so much. We’re also very grateful for those villagers – too numerous to mention by name – who made miles of bunting, baked cakes for the afternoon teas, helped park cars, sold tickets on the gate, ran the raffle and tombolas, sang in the church and also helped tidy the village before and after the event.”

The Fayre was sponsored by Hethertons Solicitors, Sovereign Health Group, hauliers Alfred Hymas and Yorkshire Coastal Cottages. John and Penny Lange hosted the retriever events, archery and have-a-go rifles in their paddocks, Tim Leather very kindly agreed to the use of his fields for the car parking and Robert Wrathall provided the straw bales. Thanks are also extended to the Friends of Green Hammerton School and the village club who put on an excellent fundraising evening.

Visitors came from all over Yorkshire and so many were heard to say “what a beautiful village”. Green Hammerton did look especially beautiful that day, decked with bunting, and so many villagers said they felt very proud of where we live.

- We have some of the high quality Country Fayre aprons left for just £6! Call Gill on 339275 or email her at [gill552@btinternet.com](mailto:gill552@btinternet.com) for yours. The results of the raffle are displayed in the post office and Fayre website, [greenhammertoncountryfayre.co.uk](http://greenhammertoncountryfayre.co.uk).

**For pictures of the Fayre see centrespread.**

## Shop talk

*by Christopher Hay of the post office and shop*

The last few months have been extremely busy with a lot of behind the scenes planning. The good news is that we have been granted planning permission for both the holiday let and the café. Work has already commenced on the two-bedroom let and it’s looking great so far. We were notified in February that Royal Mail are reviewing services all over the YO postcode area and, as such, the future of the Green Hammerton sorting office is also under review. We have had no further update since and the status remains the same. Should the sorting office close and move into York as rumoured we have decided that it will make the most sense all round to put the café into the sorting office subject to planning permission. Therefore, and until the future is clearer, all plans for the café will remain on hold so that we can make the best decision to secure the future of the post office and shop.

Other good news is that we have secured a grant to help us with refurbishment including a new, much friendlier open plan counter and new fixtures and fittings. We don’t know yet when this will all take place but will keep you informed not least because

we will need to close for a couple of weeks whilst this work takes place.

We would like to formally thank Rob Conning for supplying the shop with milk for many years. For commercial reasons we have changed suppliers. We are also now stocking fresh flowers grown locally in Moor Monkton by Sally from Pickers. They are stunning English country garden blooms at £6.50 a bunch. Buy them fresh when they are delivered every Wednesday. You can also pick up a bottle of the excellent Nyetimber English sparkling wine to celebrate summer in style.



## Parish council round-up

*by Ivan Andrew*

We would like to compliment all those behind the excellent Country Fayre. Visitors were very impressed by the organisation and variety of activities available. The amount of time, effort and trouble that many villagers spent on producing such a fabulous day must be applauded

Due to personal reasons Councillor Chris Chelton has resigned from the Parish Council. We would like to thank Chris for all he has done for the village during his term of office. In particular he has spent many hours preparing excellent responses to the district and county councils on our behalf.

We’re aware that the Redrow plans have been approved but no further information has been received as to when building might commence. The same situation applies to the Linden Homes plans for building behind the school. However, future building developments around the village are still very much in our minds. In October the new district plan will become available for further consultation. It could well indicate further large developments within or alongside our parish boundaries. Please be prepared to visit any displays or attend meetings regarding this consultation. The final outcome could affect the future of Green Hammerton quite considerably.

At our next meeting a decision will be made as to whether we proceed with a neighbourhood plan. It will determine what you feel is important for Green Hammerton in terms of future development and would also give you an opportunity to influence



future planning decisions. This would be a long-term project lasting three to four years and require support of many residents.

Drainage repairs have taken place around the village. If you have any concerns about drainage please contact the clerk, Paul Whelan, or any parish councillor. We're also in touch with the Highways department about the repair to the crossing barrier on the A59. So far they have been very slow responding to us but we are constantly following up the matter as a question of safety.

Many thanks to those who have reacted positively to a previous request to ease car parking in hazardous stretches of village roads. We still receive concerns about car parking particularly in Harrogate Road at its junction with York Road where it is sometimes very difficult for drivers to get a clear view of oncoming traffic.

Now is also the time when plant and hedge growth becomes vigorous, causing obstructions on footpaths for wheelchair and pushchair users as well as residents in general. If your property lies alongside a public footpath please keep things in trim!

## School report

*by Laura Wells-Law of Green Hammerton School*

Class 3 have visited the, near Castle Howard. The children completed a pond dipping activity then visited the Yorkshire Arboretum and bird hide, investigated the composter and had a play on the playground. They also went into the woods and had a go at shelter building, a skill we needed due to the wet weather!

To celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday the school held a red, white and blue day. Children came to school dressed in red, white and blue and classes enjoyed learning about the role of the royal family. The highlight of the day, though, was the delicious food served by Mrs Tennick, pictured.



Key stage two pupils attended the cluster sports day at Great Ouseburn village hall as either competitors or as sports councillors who helped run the event. Events included rounders, cycling, Y ball and athletics. We won team medals in the 100m and 400m relays. Special mentions go to Georgie Councill (bronze in the 400m); Cameron Leverton (gold in the 800m); Hattie Councill (gold in the 800m and 100m); Holly Pearce-Culshaw (gold in the cross country); Olivia Izon (silver in the cross

country); Eliza Polito (bronze in the cross country) and Amber Ashcroft (silver in the 100m).

The Y6 enterprise project was such a fun and exciting event to plan, organise and deliver. A fair was held on the school field and stalls/activities included a penalty shoot-out, coconut shy, tuck shop, face-painting, book stall, staff car washing, Toy Story movie night and more. Some of the money raised was donated to Christian Aid and some put towards a special final Y6 school trip to Lightwater Valley.



Our Y6 debating team, above, successfully qualified for the debating final at County Hall, Northallerton. The children spoke clearly, confidently and with conviction. Unfortunately, the opposition of eight teams from other primary schools across the county proved very tough and we weren't successful at winning the title. However, we shone with our enthusiasm and exceptional manners and behaviour, all of which were commented on by the panel of judges. Congratulations to the following children: Marnie Scatchard, Ben O'Connor, Ethan Knights, Lucie Davis, Tynan Lioi and Harvey Gawthrope.

## Family finale

*by Rachael Holloway of  
Friends of Green Hammerton School (FOGHS)*

We rounded off the academic year with lots of fun family events including one we co-hosted with the village club which raised nearly £300 for the Country Fayre charities. A big thank you to all who attended and donated raffle/tombola prizes. The annual summer barbecue saw a record attendance and for once the sun put in an appearance. We served 112 adults and 100 children. Thank you to Sue Holden, Dougie Mack and Lorraine Jackson for cooking 160 burgers! We are hoping to be in a position to buy some new staging in time for the Christmas nativity play. On a personal note, I will be stepping down as chair of FOGHS in September but wish the new committee all the best with their fundraising next year.



# All the fun of the Fayre!







Pics by Becca Shipley,  
Steve Ross, Paul Kirkwood  
and Susan Goss-Clements



For full gallery see [bit.ly/CFayre](https://bit.ly/CFayre)



## CAR BOOT/TABLE TOP SALE

Bank Holiday Monday (29 Aug)  
on the green, Green Hammerton.

Cars and tables £8. Vans £10.

Sellers from 9am.

Buyers by donation from 10am-1pm.

Refreshments available.

Proceeds to St Thomas's Church  
fabric fund.

More info from  
Martin Leather on 330694.

## Railway drama stops here

*by Claire Jeffrey of Bad Apple Theatre*

Our latest production, *The Last Station Keeper*, will be performed on Tues 4 Oct at 7.30pm at Green Hammerton village hall. The station house at Honeypot Holt is under attack and not just from the resident bees! As the summer days drone on the threat of closure creeps nearer and nearer as the new high speed rail link threatens the bumbling ways of the station master and the railway cottage that has stood at the centre of the village for as long as anyone can remember. Join us for an hilarious and heartfelt look at the perils of modern life as the 21<sup>st</sup> Century need for speed hits the old ways head on.

Our annual 'play in a week' summer school takes place between Mon 1 and Fri 5 Aug with a performance on the last day at 6.30pm in the village hall. Please do come along and support the young actors as they perform *The Ghosts of Hammerton Hall*, a bespoke play from artistic director Kate Bramley inspired by research into the old Hammerton Hall that used to stand at the end of the green.

For more information  
and booking ring  
339168 or visit  
[badappletheatre.com](http://badappletheatre.com).



## More play time

*by Chris Turner*

Calling all budding thespians and back-stage heroes! Following on from last year's highly successful one-act play *Between Mouthfuls* (with a lot of help from Bad Apple) with delicious hot supper, we're going to do another! So we're looking for male and female actors plus a great back-stage team. Help with catering on the show nights would also be very welcome. The first meeting and audition for everyone who would like to be involved is on Mon 12 Sept at 7.30 at the village hall. We've not made the final choice of play yet but aim to have decided by the time of the audition. The play will be performed on Fri 11 and Sat 12 Nov. Ticket information in the next Village View. Any other queries in the meantime please call me on 331306.

## WI in PR drive

*by Elsie Rymer of Kirk & Green Hammerton WI*

Kate Osborne talked about 'Colour in the Home' using Farrow & Ball products at our June meeting, providing food for thought for our next decorating projects. The AGM of the National Federation of WIs was also held in June in Brighton and attended by our secretary.



We had a stand at the Country Fayre to promote our WI, federation and the National Federation as well as showcase members' talents, all of which stimulated a steady stream of enquiries. We are indebted to Derrick and Susan Bowe for the loan of their appropriately coloured gazebo and Liz Powley for the space, table and chairs. Stella Craven is pictured womaning the stand. There will be sanother opportunity to meet us at Tockwith Show on Sun 7 Aug (see p7) and we'll also be hosting the village coffee morning and book exchange in Green Hammerton village hall on Sat 10 Sept.

Our July garden meeting was blessed with fine weather, falling on the hottest day of the year so far. Members pooled food to provide a wonderful finger

buffet washed down with Pimms and mocktails. Our thanks once again go to Derrick & Susan Bowe for inviting us into their beautiful garden.

Members and guests are bound for a mystery coach tour in August as our annual outing. Our regular village hall meetings resume on Tues 13 Sept at 7.30pm in Kirk Hammerton village hall when Rachel Armstrong will be introducing us to hypnotherapy.

## News from the pews

*by David MacDonald of St Thomas' Church*

I am writing this piece from a very warm Manitoba in Canada where we've been getting our first taste – or, to be more exact, large meal – of the Winnipeg fringe festival, the third largest in the world after Edinburgh and Edmonton, so you will understand if this offering is fairly brief!

At the Country Fayre the church was somewhat and inevitably removed from the main arena but we were very pleased to be able to play a part. It was very gratifying that a good number of people managed to find their way up to St Thomas's and that several of them stayed to listen to both choir performances. Even more pleasing for the Collavoco choir was the extra opportunity to perform in the music tent thanks to Kate Bramley who was very understanding when we were nearly 30 minutes late starting our set due to unforeseen circumstances! All in all, it was a very enjoyable occasion, and sincere thanks go to Helena and her many helpers and cake providers for organising the refreshments; Dougie and Martin for the tables, chairs and gazebos; Ivan for being on hand to give to visitors the benefit of his huge fund of historical knowledge; the school for their display of art and miniature gardens; and Jan for her beautiful flower displays.

We hope to see as many of you as can make it to our next event, the car boot sale on the green on Mon 29 Aug (see ad, p6), as well as our harvest service on Sun 25 Sept.

*Below: The Yorkshire Air Ambulance departs the Country Fayre. And with that, whoosh, Village View is off for another issue too.*

## News in brief

▪ **Neil Phillips**, left, has raised £302 for Cancer Research by dying his hair pink. His wife, daughter and friend Jean Davey raised a further £650 for the same cause by taking part in the Race for the Sun. "I'd welcome fund-raising ideas for next year," said Neil.



▪ Approximately 20 acres of **arable land** is available to rent half a mile north of Green Hammerton. For further information please contact Philip Cowan on 01609 797917.

▪ **Flu clinics** are scheduled. The Green Hammerton dates are Wed 28 Sept, 9am-noon; Fri 30 Sept, 3-5pm; Mon 3 Oct, 5-7pm; and Tues 4 Oct 3-5pm. The Tockwith dates are Tues 27 Sept, 9-11am; Fri 30 Sept, 9-11am; and Fri 7 Oct, 9-11am.

▪ The **Tockwith Show** takes place on Sun 7 Aug from 8.30am to 5pm at the Cattal Moor Lane showground. Tickets cost £8 for adults with children under 16 free and free parking. See [tockwithshow.org.uk](http://tockwithshow.org.uk).

▪ The **Hooked and Cooked** fish and chip van will not call on Thu 11 and Thu 18 Aug due to staff holidays.

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# The village people

Village View does Hello! Here are pics of party go-ers at the Queens' 90<sup>th</sup> birthday event held at the playing field on Sun 12 June. There are lots more where these came from which will be featured in future issues. For the full gallery now visit [bit.ly/GH90th](http://bit.ly/GH90th).

