

Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

Easter 2015 edition



All smiles at sell-out quiz

The village hall was packed to capacity for the annual quiz on 28 February.

A total of 15 teams drawn from Green Hammerton and surrounding villages pondered questions set by quizmaster Roger Mattock. Scorers were Chris and Jo Nottingham and a two-course supper was provided by Chris Turner, Liz Powley, Sue Holden, Carole Rutter and Moira Bailes.

A team, pictured, calling themselves Universally Challenged won with 165½ points. The prize was two bottles of wine, chocolates, tea bags and coffee beans! Runners-up were Six go Mad in Green Hammerton on 155 points and Piston Broke were third just a point behind. The event raised £915 to replace the vandalised table tennis table.

Here are three sample questions from the local knowledge round. Answers on the back page:

1. Which magician once part-owned Mother Shipton's Cave?
2. The brother of which Hollywood actress was a doctor at Green Hammerton surgery?
3. In which year did the Green Hammerton bypass open?

Caption: The winning team, from left (standing) Martin Knights, Rhod Evans, Jayne Knights, Julia O'Connor, (sitting) Eleanor and Simon Renny, Lisa Evans, Rachael Holloway and Rob O'Connor.

Exciting news about village shop. See p2.

Opportunity knocks at village shop

by Ingrid & Chris Hay

You may have heard a whisper that we are in the process of buying Seymore House including the Green Hammerton post office and shop. Chris has been appointed as sub-postmaster and as such we are progressing well and are looking towards completion end of April.

We have a number of plans to improve the village shop. They are going to take some time to come to fruition as our initial priority will be to understand and get to grips with running the existing business. We are also hoping to open a café in what is currently the main residence.

As such, we are now looking for staff to help us in a number of areas. Our preference is to recruit from the village and so this notice is only going out to Green Hammerton residents to start with. We are looking to appoint the following positions:

- Café partner. To set up and run the café in a partnership arrangement with us. Must be in a position to run the café during school holidays and Saturdays. Holidays can be agreed. You don't need to be a cook but just have some business acumen and a passion for good food.
- Shop assistant. Approximately 20 hours per week to start at the end of April.
- Newspaper delivery helpers. Daily including Saturdays and Sundays, 7-8am. Deliveries could be shared by a few people so let us know if you can only commit to a few days a week, for example.

Should you be interested in any of these opportunities please email us at greenhammertonpo@gmail.com. We welcome customers' ideas. Please use the suggestion box in the shop or speak to Annette.

Timing for the opening is unconfirmed as it depends on planning and some building works. We look forward to providing a great traditional village shop and café for Green Hammerton and neighbouring villagers.

- More news about Ingrid and Chris's plans for the shop in the next edition of Village View.

**MEET AND EAT
on Sat 16 May.
Tickets now available.
See back page.
for full details.**

New Badapple show in village at Bank Holiday weekend

by Kate Bramley

The Unlikely Dads will be staged at Green Hammerton village hall on Sun 3 May at 7.30pm. It is a brand new two-hander comedy that follows the unusual tale of two friends who become fathers late in life under extraordinary circumstances. Their usual weekly meetings at the club to discuss the Beatles and the Likely Lads are now relocated to a more baby friendly location as their old and new lives clash head on with comic repercussions and a life-changing twist in the tale ...

We are delighted our wonderful actors for the upcoming tour are 'the two Robs' aka company favourite Robert Angell (who also, incidentally, will be back with York Theatre Royal this summer in The Railway Children) and, fresh from Northern BroadSides (via a tour of Dubai and Qatar), the equally wonderful Robert Took.

Tickets are available at £9.50 for adults and £5 for under 16s from 339168 or online at badappletheatre.com which also lists other tour dates, several at nearby locations.

Meanwhile, Badapple is hosting a coffee morning with book sale at the village hall on Sat 11 April from 10am to noon to raise funds to make up for a funding shortfall for the Unlikely Dads tour. You can also pledge support via crowdfunder.co.uk/unlikely-dads-tour.

Cycle track update

by Jon Purday

Three local parish councils, Green Hammerton, Little Ouseburn and Kirk Hammerton, have granted funds to commission a full technical specification and survey of the proposed cycle track from Green Hammerton to Little Ouseburn. The specification will show where the track will go, what it will be made of, how much it will cost and the benefits it will bring to local villages. It will also be used to persuade funders such as housing developers to back the track and act as the blueprint for estimates from contractors.

We have a preferred route from the end of the green, past the piles of stone chippings, left down the track past Low Farm, round Little Wood then over Score Ray Beck by the footbridge and on to Moss Hill Lane. The total distance is just over a mile. The farm track for the first section of the route is owned by North Yorks County Council as is one of the fields the route will need to cross. We're now talking to the Council about permission. As soon as we've come to an agreement, we will announce full details and then commission the specification and survey.

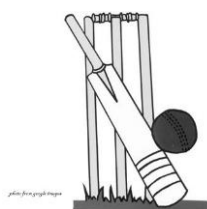


Down Memory Lane: back to (cricket in) the 60s

The archive photo in the last issue of the Green Hammerton women's cricket team from 1994 triggered recollections associated with another, similar pic. Peter Nixon with help from Sandra Mack reports.

Parish records indicate that the Green Hammerton women's cricket team was founded in 1949. Club president Mrs Benson used to give an account of the club's state of play at annual village meetings. The cricket field was located beyond the bottom of The Green and round the corner where the public foot path cuts across to Low House. The field is now owned by Noel Hetherston. This picture, kindly provided by June Daniel must date from the 60s when the field was last in use.

Back row, from left: June Langthorne (née Raw), Marina Barnes, Liz Driver, Mary Raw, Florence Adams (Witham), unknown. Front row: Lilian Thompson (Armitage), Mary Walkington (Taylor), Pam Barton (Kirby), Nellie Webster, Barbara Copley, Sheila Whitaker (Lord) and Mary Whitaker.



Captained, I believe, by Nellie Webster, this team contains some Whitley-ites. I should be grateful to receive any corrections/comments and any old photographs of the men's team. Contact me via nixon.peter@btopenworld.com.

News from the pews

by David MacDonald of St Thomas' church

By the time you read this the Easter holiday weekend may be all but over but I hope as many of you as possible were able to join us for one of our services in the parish. Apologies for any confusion arising from the change of venue for the Palm Sunday service but it was lovely to see so many of the Sunday school children who were able to join us at the Whitley service. As a reminder the Sunday school meets on the first Sunday of each month (not the fourth as specified in the last Village View and with the exception of Easter Sunday) from 10.30 to 11.15am and, of course, all children will be made very welcome.

Details of all services as well as many other events can be found in the monthly Parish News which is available for only £1 per copy. As well as all the local news about the benefice there are some very interesting articles together with adverts for many small businesses in the area which you will certainly find useful. If you would like a free taster copy please contact Julie Whelan on 331030 who arranges distribution in Green Hammerton. Alternatively, you will find copies at the back of St Thomas's Church (open every day).

Some of you will be aware that Father Christopher, our vicar, will be away on sabbatical leave from April 11 until the end of July but the life of the church will continue more or less as normal under the leadership of Rev Joan Roper, assistant curate, and our licensed readers, George Rowden and Nancy Clark. Their phone numbers can be found on the Church noticeboard but if you need any help being pointed in the right direction please do not hesitate to call me on 330836.

A big thank you to all parents who brought donations for the food bank at the truly memorable school Easter service as well as everyone else who gave produce. In case anyone is not aware there is a box at the back of the church where you can leave non-perishable food for regular collection by the distribution centre in Harrogate.

▪ This year's **Christian Aid Week lunch** will take place at Green Hammerton village hall on Wed 13 May from 11.30am-1.30pm in aid of women in Ethiopia. A choice of homemade soup with bread, cake and coffee or tea will be available for £6. The plant stall will have bedding and tomato plants, herbs and more. For more information contact Helena Leather on 330694.

Karate kids' success

by Janet McKenna



The children's karate class at the village hall is proving both popular and successful. Every Monday evening from 5pm a group of keen karateka meet to keep fit, have fun and learn an ancient fighting art.

March has been a fantastic month for the club with many members succeeding in earning a new belt at our

regional grading events. A special mention goes to nine-year-old Lorcan Crosby (pictured) who has achieved his 1st Dan (black belt) qualification in an hour-long high energy grading assessment.

Martial Arts for Life offer non-contact classes which are a safe environment for kids aged over five to come and gain new skills as well as increase their self-confidence and self-discipline. I am a 4th Dan chief instructor master and teach the classes. For more information contact me via enquiries@martialartsforlife.co.uk or 01423 568067.

WI take it nice and sloe-ly

by Elsie Rymer of Kirk & Green Hammerton WI

In February Michael Greatorex gave us tips on how to avoid some of the trials and tribulations of researching family history using his own experiences to illustrate some of the pitfalls and recounting some amusing anecdotes.

Last month we had a great treat: liqueurs and truffles! Jonathon Curtoys from Sloemotion gave a talk on how his business blossomed accidentally from a farming sideline. We compared notes on recipes and learned we could earn £2.50 per kilo for any sloes we take to him in the autumn so guard your blackthorn hedges. The WI raiders may strike in August or September! The evening was nicely rounded off with the opportunity to sample sloe gin, sloe whiskey and sloe brandy not forgetting the gorgeous sloe whiskey truffles.

David Cook will talk about the Battle of Marston Moor at our next meeting on Tues 14 April and Janet Hopton will recount her life as Lord Mayor of York on Tues 12 May. All meetings begin at 7.30pm. For more information contact Ann Johnson on 01904 738541.

Positive winter at Helenfield

by Alistair Taylor

As the bird nesting season gets underway it is time to call a halt to the programme of woodland management for this year. Much has been achieved during this winter with a revived working party including several new volunteers.

We felled in excess of 120 trees and made habitat piles (bug hotels) with the brushings. A significant number of trees have been cut down immediately adjacent to the ride to maintain light levels in support of the wildflowers and butterflies and improve the experience for walkers. Additionally, some new planting has also taken place along the ride to increase diversity and especially provide berries for the birds in the autumn and larval food plants for butterflies. It is also hoped to introduce additional wildflowers into the sward along the ride in the next few weeks.

The woodland is being managed as coppice which for the ash trees will involve a 15-year rotation. The first group of trees have been felled and stumps fenced against rabbits. This work will continue in subsequent years with some oak trees being coppiced as well as ash.

Thank you to all our volunteers (including two from Whixley), all of whom have worked hard in support of this valuable parish asset.

School goes by the book

by Laura Wells-Law of Green Hammerton School

We've been focusing on debating to try and raise the profile of public speaking. The top class had the pleasure of spending a full day carrying out workshops with a professional debater from Durham. We then continued to practice these skills within our literacy sessions. We also entered a debating competition. Mrs Law and Mrs Wallis took six pupils to Harrogate Council Chambers to participate in a debate entitled: 'Are children healthier and happier now than their parents were at the same age?'. The children were amazing and spoke clearly, articulately and enthusiastically, in front of a tough panel of judges including the Mayor of Harrogate! They represented the school very well we were extremely proud of them all. We came second in the competition.

Book week has been another recent theme. In our 'P Factor' competition children performed their chosen poem in front of a panel of judges, the winners from each class then performing at a book assembly. We also held a photography competition in which children entered photos of themselves reading in a strange place. Locations included swimming pools, inside pet hutches, climbing walls, on top of a postbox and lying on an ironing board!

An international day suggested by the school council turned each classroom into a different country. Storytelling was one of the activities available along with dance, food tasting, arts and crafts and language learning. Other Book Week events included a book fair in aid of the school and story sharing sessions led by year six pupils.

New events a hit for Friends

*by Rachael Holloway of
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

March has been a very busy month for us. We have had some of our favourite regular events such as the disco and Easter teas but also ran two new events, both of which were very popular and we would hope to run again.



The first was a storytelling night to coincide with World Book Day. The children came along in their PJs and onesies to enjoy some new stories and a hot chocolate and cookie. The other new event was a sell-out magic show by Mark's Magic Kingdom (pictured). Parents and children looked on in amazement as Mark kept us entertained and amused although how amused the parent 'volunteers' were is open to debate!

Curb poo

by Gilly Leather of Green Hammerton Parish Council

I think it fair to say that you have all heard quite enough from the parish council this month. Hopefully many of you will have attended the annual parish meeting and been updated on the proposed housing scheme, grass cutting, cycle path, etc so I will keep this brief.

Just two things to mention really, one good, one bad. First the good news: North Yorkshire County Council has agreed to put in some more dropped kerbs which will mean that the more infirm of us will have unimpeded access around the whole village.

The bad news is that dog fouling is on the increase again and we have had several complaints about it. New Lane in particular seems to be the worst area which is most unpleasant for residents especially as there are a good many children living there. PPP is the message: please pick up poo! It is an offence not to do so and one which carries a hefty fine. We have asked the dog warden to keep a look-out for culprits. You have been warned!

Editor's diary: scoops sought

I was cycling near Green Hammerton in late January when a villager stopped me. "When's the next issue of Village View?", he asked. "Next weekend. Deadline today," I replied. "What have you got?". "Can you tell people to pick up their dog c**p?" he said. Ah: not quite the late exclusive I was anticipating. My metaphorical notebook stayed in my pannier. He then told me about what the mess his daughter had encountered at the playing field. He has a point. So

here, two months on and echoing Gilly's remarks above, is the news.

- A bike ride from Green Hammerton (previously featured in Village View) and five other rides in the York and Harrogate areas are now available free on my new website: greatbritishbikerides.net. It includes 69 rides in all, about half from Yorkshire.

Follow Craig's Wembley way ...

by Neil Phillips

It has been a number of years since junior football sessions have taken place in Green Hammerton. At its peak up to 30 children turned up on a Wednesday evening to let off some energy (see pic, below, from 2004). Over the years our players have gone on to play for Football League clubs including Craig McGillivray who recently lined up for Walsall in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley.

I hope to re-start the football sessions on a night that is best for all concerned. I asked for help last year but didn't have enough response to fulfil my aim. If you would be interested in helping please call me on 07795 387441. It would be fantastic if we could get a group of people with about 90 minutes a week spare to get the future England players from our village learning new skills.

.. and step up to the crease

by Neil Phillips

The cricket season starts on Sat 18 April when the 1st XI host Kirk Deighton. All games start at 1.30pm. Spectators welcome with teas and snacks available to all. We have invested in some outdoor nets which we

will use for coaching sessions open to all age groups on Tuesday evenings from about 6pm from early April.

New players required for a challenging season ahead as well as match ball sponsors and donations. Please call me on 07795 387441 if interested in any respect. Support from many people and local businesses has enabled us to improve facilities and create a well liked and run cricket club. We hope to see you cheering us on to success in the coming season.

Live music at the club

by Steve Ross

The Village Club is holding a Mod-themed fundraising day on Sun 12 April at 3pm in memory of Trevor Peacock. The event starts with a band called The Mod Revue and includes a barbecue and raffle with all proceeds going to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The club will also stage a free cabaret night on Sat 9 May from 8pm starring top class female vocalist Beebi Del. Another highlight of the spring programme is 'big cash bingo' with a potential £100 jackpot on Sat 11 April from 8.30pm.

News in brief

- A **new café**, The Nosherie, is operating in the chapel at Kirk Hammerton every Friday from 9am to 2.30pm. Homemade cakes, scones, sandwiches and soups available.

- Organisers of the Tockwith Show are holding a **car boot sale** on Bank Holiday Monday (4 May) at the showground on Cattal Moor Lane, Tockwith. Cost to sellers £7 for cars and £10 for vans. Open to sellers at 7am and buyers (free) at 8am. A three-day garden event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support is also taking place at Church Farm in Tockwith over the late May





bank holiday. More information on both events from Steve Ross via secretary@tockwithshow.org.uk.

▪ **Tockwith Bowls Club** is holding a 'come and try day' on Sun 3 May from 2pm and Tuesday evenings in May from 6.30pm. Bowls will be supplied including junior sizes. All you need to bring is a pair of flat-soled shoes. Refreshments available. For more information call Ray Clark on 01423 358939 or just turn up on the day. The club is on Kirk Lane in Tockwith. Several Green Hammerton, Kirk Hammerton and Whixley residents are regular players so there should be plenty of familiar faces.

▪ Congratulations to Gill Blacker who won a 'winter warmer' pack from The Tancred Farm Shop, Whixley, for correctly identifying that the beady eye pictured in the last issue belongs to a mannequin head in the allotments. The entry was twice the size of the previous competition: two rather than one! The unlucky runner-up was Eleanor Renny.

▪ Gilly Leather's garage is now "positively pristine" following a clear-out advertised in Village View. She said: "Thank you to all those who came for a rummage. I was able to donate £60 to the surgery with which they bought three diabetic foot testers. Win win I'd say."

▪ **Quiz answers** (from front page). 1 Paul Daniels, 2 Judi Dench, 3 1989.

▪ Next **oil order dates** are April 8 and May 13. Contact Jane Bannan at janebannan@btinternet.com for more information.

▪ We finish with a pic which I didn't have room for in the autumn edition showing the car boot sale organised by St Thomas's Church last August. Happy days. Ed.

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Meet & Eat



We are organising our eighth '**Meet & Eat**' to raise funds for Green Hammerton Recreational Charity and the Church on

Saturday 16th May.

For those of you who have not taken part before, the information below will hopefully tempt you – we also look forward to meeting up with all those of you who have joined us on the last seven events.

All those taking part will '**Meet**' at the Village Hall and have a welcoming drink together along with some (hopefully) delicious canapés.

All those NOT hosting a starter course will be asked to collect an envelope telling them where they will be '**Eat**'-ing their first course.

All those NOT hosting a main course will be asked to collect an envelope telling them where they will be '**Eat**'-ing their second course.

At a certain time everyone will be asked to leave and head for the home of their starter hosts. At some point later, when everyone has finished, they will then leave their starter hosts and make their way to the home of the main course hosts. Thereafter everyone will meet in the Village Hall for puddings and coffee.

Everyone taking part must either

1. Be a starter host OR
2. Be a main course host OR
3. Provide canapés for 10-12 people OR
4. Provide puddings for 10-12 people

AND

5. Buy a ticket at a cost of £12.50

Please ring Chris Turner (331 306) or email on c.turner2011@btinternet.com, Carol Rutter (331 669) or Sue Holden (330 440) to obtain your tickets and discuss with them which of the above 4 options you would prefer. If any of the above is not clear please ring one of us for further information.

We are hoping that if enough people take part we may be able to return the hospitality of many Whixley residents who have opened their homes to 'Green Hammertonians' for their Dine Around.

The more the merrier. This can only work if enough people are prepared to host – no-one needs to prepare anything elaborate – this event is about mixing, socializing, having fun and raising funds for two good causes. We look forward to hearing from you.

Green Hammerton Recreational Charity Social Committee