

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

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## Didn't they do well?

### Everything's rosy in Lorna's garden



Congratulations to Lorna Batchelor of Meadow Vale who won a gold award for a show garden she entered into the Harrogate spring flower show. Her design was a sensory garden for disabled children and will be reconstructed at a respite care home in Killinghall whose clients include Lorna and husband Simon's son, George, who suffers from epilepsy.

Lorna first tasted success with a gold award at the Harrogate autumn flower show last year when the challenge was to demonstrate how a stunning design could be practical and achievable in a small front garden. In both competitions points were awarded out of 100 for overall impression, design and construction, plants and realisation of the brief. Nine gardens competed for prizes at the spring show.

▪ Lorna is pictured second right with the chair and president of the North of England Horticultural Society and the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate Borough.

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### Susan and Bob have a place in the sun

Yorkshire Coastal Cottages owned by Green Hammerton couple Susan Goss-Clements and Bob Clements has been named Luxury Accommodation Specialist of the Year for the UK in the 2016 Luxury Travel Guide Global Awards which attracted a total of over 55,000 entries.

The judging panel included leaders from the hospitality and tourism industry and media stars such as TV travel host, Anthony Melchiorri. Judges commented on the the "impressive volume and range of luxury properties" operated by Yorkshire Coastal Cottages. They added: "What really impressed us was the rigorous procedure behind its quality control and great attention to detail upon which the company has built its reputation. The business' unrivalled service and commitment to excellence earned them the accolade."



Susan, pictured, said: "The award is a great and impressive affirmation of all our hard work and dedication as well of course testament to the beautiful properties that we proudly represent. It's also a huge honour for us and helps put this wonderful county of ours yet again on the world map".

The company represents nearly 100 holiday cottages along the coast, specialising in four- and five-star properties.

## Redrow planning application passed

*by Ivan Andrew of Green Hammerton parish council*

You will probably be aware by now that the Redrow planning application for 86 houses in the fields behind Stoneleigh Gate has been passed by Harrogate Council Planning Committee subject to final details satisfying the chief planning officer. Representatives from the village asked the committee to consider reducing the number of houses particularly given that an application for a further 18 houses to be built by Linden Homes has been submitted for planning approval but our request was rejected. We will keep you informed as to when the Linden plan is to be considered by the committee.

Voting is over and the parish council has one new member, Dee Copley (see right), a successor to Gilly Leather, who retired from the council prior to the election. We would like to record our thanks to Gilly for the work she has done on behalf of the village over the past four years. The other members of the council are Ian Bailes, chairman; Chris Chelton, vice-chair; Martin Leather; Alistair Taylor; Adam Tegerdine; and me.

A defibrillator will soon be fixed to the surgery wall below the Springbank sign. The site has been chosen because of easy access and close proximity to the surgery. Please can you help to make sure that everyone knows the location of this potentially life-saving unit so that it can come to the aid of residents and visitors alike.

Now that the daffodils are beginning to die back instructions have been given to our grass cutting contractor to ensure that our village verges are kept well maintained according to the standards agreed with him. Many of you will have seen Daniel of St Anne's cutting the verges in front of the new graveyard opposite the church. We thank him for all his hard work and would ask you to support him by making sure that litter, including dog dirt, is not left in the way. Not only is this annoying it is also dangerous and a health hazard. The matter of dog waste is often raised but still recurs in many parts of the village. If you have a dog please take waste home for disposal.

The council is pleased to support the Queen's birthday celebration on the playing field (see p5 and insert) and Country Fayre (see p4 and back page). Many villagers are involved in organising these events and their efforts need to be recognised. If you are not directly involved please try to attend and encourage friends and relatives to join you. We are also very appreciative of the work carried out by the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity in providing facilities for children, sporting groups and social activities. This requires much effort often by a small number of people but their work provides a solid base that fosters the great community spirit of our village.

We encourage residents to bring matters of concern to

our attention. At our meetings (to which you are all invited) there is an item for public participation when you can make any comments on matters of interest or concern. You can also raise issues with any councillor or the clerk who will bring them to the attention of the council. It is important to remember that if the issue you wish to raise requires a council decision then the clerk needs to know about a week before the meeting in order that it can appear on the agenda.

## Hi, Dee, hi

*by Dee Copley*

I moved to the village this time last year from Whixley, with my husband, lovely four-year-old old son and, at that time, brand new baby. Now a year on, I'm a new parish councillor. Thank you very much to those of you who supported me with their vote.

As a mother, a nurse and parent of a child at the local school, my prime interests centre around family and community. As such I will be working hard to ensure Green Hammerton remains a happy, healthy, safe and welcoming place for all of us to call home. The emerging local plan brings challenges and changes to our horizon but I feel very encouraged by the community spirit and level of engagement evident in the village. Please feel free to stop me with any feedback if you see me out and about but if I'm jogging I may not be able to give a very thorough answer. I'm quite new to it! My contact details will soon be on the website and I look forward to hearing from you and representing you.





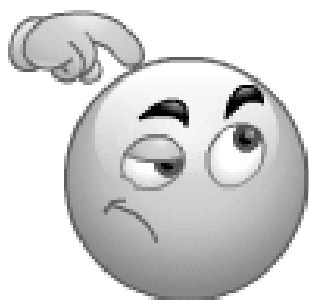
## Tie-breaker climax to village quiz

*by the editor*

A team of Russells and Rutters named The Ruttells won the village quiz on April 23. Andrew and Penny with Gary and Carole (pictured above) finished level on 119 points with a team named 'Stick the Boot in' consisting of Chris and Jo Nottingham, Steve and Alison Ross, Dean Hullah and Andrea Barnes. But the Ruttells prevailed in the tie-breaker by more accurately guessing the number of Enid Blyton books classed as novels (186).

Nine teams took part in the evening which was compered by quizmaster Roger Mattock and included a supper prepared by Liz Powley, Carole Rutter and Chris Turner. The scorer was Sue Holden who also helped with the food. The evening raised nearly £600 for the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity.

My three favourite head-scratchers were these:



1. Which citrus fruit is named after a place in northern Africa?
2. Who was the first American in space?
3. Which Wacky Races character drove the Compact Pussycat car?

Answers on p7.

## Neil thinks pink

*by Neil Phillips*

My wife Carol was diagnosed with cancer five years ago but, with fantastic surgery, care and attention at York Hospital she has thankfully made a good recovery. She was treated at the Magnolia Centre within the hospital and we can't thank the staff enough.

Since recovering, Carol, our daughter Sandra and very close friend Jean have competed in the York Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research UK. I've long wanted to raise money for his cause through my own initiative. Not as fit as I once was I can't do anything too physical but now I have an idea. I'm going to dye my hair pink to coincide with this year's Race for Life on Sun 26 June.

My niece and village hairdresser Jane will do the colouring. She advises that the dye will stay in for a long time which will give plenty of opportunity for people including my taxi customers to be prompted to make donations! If you would like to give please ring me on 07795 387441 or call at 16 Meadow Vale to sign my sponsor form.

• **Green Hammerton Cricket Club**, which I head up, may have to scrap its 2<sup>nd</sup> XI for the first time in its history due to continued shortage of players. We've had to call off three of the side's matches so far this season. We desperately need more players of any ability and either sex!. Contact me on 07795387441.

## Three charities, five marquees and eight acres of entertainment

by Gill Singleton

All is almost in place for the Green Hammerton Country Fayre on Sun 10 July thanks to the generosity of some very special people and very supportive local businesses. Latest additions to the programme include a traditional helter skelter and merry-go-round, fabulous barrel ride for the kids, archery, bungee jumping and the Black Mummings of Knaresborough.

Annie Jackson has also pulled together a wide range of categories for the produce and craft tent including vegetables, flowers, painting, photography, children's sections and, of course, baking and preserves. Entry forms are now available online (at [greenhammertoncountryfayre.co.uk](http://greenhammertoncountryfayre.co.uk)) and at the Village Club and post office. Don't leave it to the last minute!

To get the weekend warmed up the Village Club and Friends of Green Hammerton School are joining forces to put on an event at the club with fish and chips and live music from Citizen Smith (paid for by the club) on Sat 9 July from 8pm. Children have their own disco and sweetie tombola from 6pm. Look out for more details. The evening will boost funds for the three fayre charities namely the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity, Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Open Country.

Fayre tickets are available online with 20% discount if purchased before Mon 20 June. Alternatively, you can buy from Chris Turner (331306), the post office, Village Club and me (339275). Please contact Annie Jackson (331883) with show tent enquiries.

- See advertisement on back page.

## School report

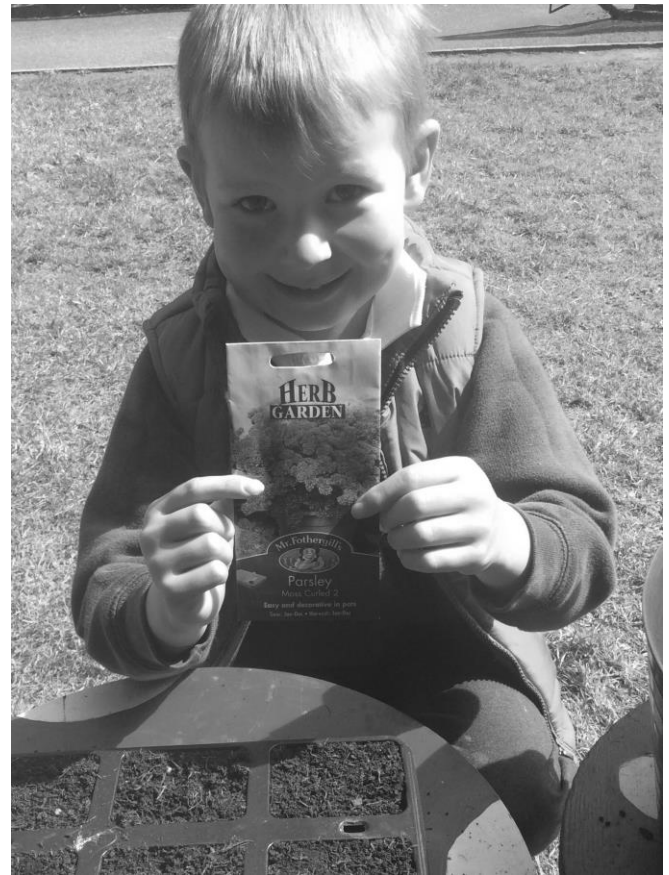
by Laura Wells-Law of Green Hammerton School

### Class 2

Children have been busy learning about plants in science. They all got very excited when they put white carnations in red food dye and saw that they turned pink overnight! They have also planted broad beans (and written instructions for this) and have made cress heads. The aim of these exercises is to see how different plants grow.

### Reception

Class One has also been busy in the garden (see right). We have cleared our vegetable patch and prepared it for sowing with sunflowers, runner beans, parsley, sweet peas and pumpkins.



### Celebration of Talents

Auditions are underway for our Celebration of Talents event which will be held later this term. We have a real range of talents this year from pianists to gymnasts to magicians.

### Year six

We are extremely proud of our year six pupils who recently sat their SATs. All children remained calm and relaxed throughout the testing week and applied themselves 100%. We started each day singing Bob Marley's Three Little Birds with its message "don't worry about a thing" which helped ease nerves.

### Year five

Year five pupils attended the annual languages afternoon at Boroughbridge High School organised and delivered by some very competent year nine students. The French and Spanish workshops included games, songs and a café where children had to order in French. It was great to see our pupils participating with confidence and enjoyment especially when juice and biscuits were available to order! It was also good for the children to meet pupils from other primary schools and experience a secondary environment.

### Choir festival

Our key stage two choir performed at the Queen Ethelburga's choir festival alongside QE choirs and Boroughbridge Community Choir as well as Kirby Hill

and Tockwith Primary Schools. Our children were amazing and we were extremely proud of their performances.

### Years three and four

Class three attended an area cricket tournament at Boroughbridge High School. One of our teams was bowled over at reaching the final only to be beaten by just 13 runs.

### Mrs Sanderson

We recently said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Sanderson who is taking maternity leave for the birth of her second child. We wish her all the very best with her new bundle of joy but can't wait to have her back in school next year.

## Friends celebrate Queen's birthday

*by Rachael Holloway of  
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

We've had a good start to the term with class two's bake sale, an ice cream tuck shop and a bag2school collection that raised £116. Looking ahead we will serve refreshments at the sports day and the key stage two play plus there will be the end of year barbecue on Sat 16 July.

In addition to our own school events we are joining forces with village groups for two other occasions. Firstly, we're working with the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity for the family bring your own picnic or barbecue event on the playing fields on Sun 12 June from noon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. This is a free event but you will need to bring tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, glasses, drinks, food and gazebos ... and cash for the raffle! There will be an area to cook your food. It has limited space but you can always bring a disposable barbecue. We will be arranging games, a best crown competition, ice creams and cake and raffle with some amazing and unusual prizes all from Royal Warrant companies.

## Hats off – and on – to the WI

*by Elsie Rymer of  
Kirk & Green Hammerton WI, 331641*

George Rowden taught us how to identify the common birds in our area by sight and sound at our April meeting. I don't think he is going to find his usual bird watching walks overrun with our members after he told us what time of day you have to be out to really appreciate bird song!

Two members attended the North Yorkshire East Federation of WIs' spring council meeting in Scarborough the following day. A speaker representing

Heart Research UK told us about the work of this charity which began in Leeds. Unusually, for what is now a national charity, all funds raised in a county stay in that county. Over the summer we will collect unwanted or damaged jewellery to donate to this cause. Please pass on any donations to a WI member or contact me.

This year Poppleton WI hosted our annual rally (WI code for a party!). An excellent supper was followed by entertainment in the form of a ukulele band. Anyone expecting George Formby impressions was immediately disappointed; the band opened with Status Quo's Rockin' all over the World!

We fielded two teams in the annual federation quiz in May each being allocated to a different venue and surprisingly achieving the same score but not winning. At our May meeting Claire Spooner of Quaintrelle Hats told the history of hat design from the late Victorian period to the present with her collection of period and reproduction hats.

We next meet on Tues 14 June at 7.30pm in Kirk Hammerton village hall when Kate Osborne will be talking about and showing us Farrow & Ball products. This is an open meeting so all are welcome. There is a charge of £4 per meeting for visitors which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. A members' only garden meeting is scheduled for July.



▪ It's so you, Ma'am! Margaret Andrew tries on a titfer.



## New Hammerton Hall play coming soon

by Kate Bramley of Badapple Theatre

As our touring show closes for the summer there is little rest for the intrepid team as we are already preparing for *The Last Station Keeper*, my brand new comedy, that tours nationally through the autumn. More news on that in the next issue.

Our youth theatre under the direction of Richard Kay goes from strength to strength with 24 students at present across the two classes. Remarkably we do still have spaces available. We meet every Tuesday night in term time at the Village Club, the 7-11 age group from 6pm to 7.15pm and 11s and over from 7.15pm to 8.30pm. Year six pupils are welcome at either session, or both. Any young people wishing to join should contact Claire Jeffrey on 339168. The cost is £3.50 per class or £5 for both. The youth theatre is working on some interactive storytelling performances to present for younger children and parents at the Country Fayre (see p4).

Later in the summer Sue Rosser will direct *The Ghosts of Hammerton Hall* (see right and below), the culmination of a 'make a play in a week' course for young actors aged seven and over. Rehearsals will take place from Mon 1 Aug from 10am to 4pm at the village hall with wrap-around care available daily to extend the hours to 9am to 5pm. The performance will be on Fri 5 Aug. No experience necessary as there will be roles to develop skills for all ages. All that's required is

an interest in having fun with theatre and working as a team. The course is priced £95 for the week with a small additional payment for the wraparound care. Sibling discounts available.

Thanks to all of you who came to *The Thankful Village* this spring. We've had a really phenomenal response to the performances right across the country and are very grateful for all the wonderful letters and emails we have received.

## Down Memory Lane

*The following pic and text appears in the book "Lost Houses of West Riding" by Edward Waterson & Peter Meadows:*

An early 20th century map shows Green Hammerton Hall as having been built on the site of an old manor house and it must certainly have started its life as something rather more simple than this jumbled piece of architecture that eventually emerged. Although its early history is unclear, the Dowager Lady Clifford carried out enlargements after her purchase of the estate in 1809. In 1853 the Revd Richard Ridley left the house to his nephew Henry Richard Farrar and it was Farrar who carried out extensive works between 1867 and 1878. These included a new mansard roof to the main block and a chateausque tower. It was demolished in 1952.

(As most readers will know the site of the hall is near the premises of the Main Pine Company. Ed.)



## News from the (missing) pews

by David MacDonald of St Thomas' church

In case you weren't already aware the news of the pews is that they have finally gone from the front of the church creating a very spacious area which we hope will give us a great deal more flexibility in making additional use of the church particularly in the case of special services including the school. There is some 'making good' to be done of course but as our plans unfold over the next year or so we will keep you informed. Another long awaited piece of news is that we now have the outside 'privy' installed and available for use although not for the benefit of course of casual passers by!



One reminder if any were needed: the church fabric committee golf day takes place on Thu 29 June so get your entries in as soon as possible. In addition, any help with providing refreshments in the church for the Country Fayre would be very much appreciated. If you are able to assist please let myself or Helena Leather know. Many thanks.

## Howdy partners!

The Village Club has recently welcomed residents and carers from St John's care home in Kirk Hammerton. This is another way in which the club is an asset to the community.

Forthcoming events include:



- Quiz: Fri 3, Fri 17 June, Fri 1 July and Fri 15 July, 9pm.
- Country and Western live music: Fri 24 June and Fri 29 July, 8pm.
- Bingo and play your cards right: Sat 25 June and Sat 30 July, 8pm.
- Cookery demonstration by Cooking Fantastic\*: Sat 26 June 3pm.
- Fundraising quiz in aid of the club refurbishment fund\*: Sat 2 July.
- Live music from local band Citizen Smith in aid of the Green Hammerton Country Fayre charities\*: Sat 9 July 7pm.

\*Members and non-members welcome.

## News in brief

• **Kirk Hammerton Singers** present their summer concert entitled Musical Memories and featuring songs from Calamity Jane, Fiddler on the Roof and West Side Story among other musicals at Kirk Hammerton village hall on Sat 2 July at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 on the door.

• The **Tockwith & District Agricultural Show** is supporting an Open Farm Sunday event in Hessay on Sun 5 June from 11am to 3.30pm. See farmsunday.org. Meanwhile, schedules for the show can be found online at tockwithshow.org.uk. For a paper copy contact Steve Ross via 07976 268012 or spross32@aol.com.

• **Quiz answers** (see p3) 1. Tangerine (named after Tangiers in Morocco); 2. Alan Shepherd; 3. Penelope Pitstop.

• The **milepost** at the Cattal junction on the A59 looks like it's been repainted lately. (Always knew this pic would come in handy one issue as a filler). Ed.



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# GREEN HAMMERTON COUNTRY FAYRE

Sunday 10th July - 10am to 6pm

A Spectacular Day of Entertainment  
for all the Family



- 3 Charities - 5 Marquees - 8 Acres of Fun
- A new summer event set in the North Yorkshire village of Green Hammerton
- 20% Early Bird Discount until June 20th
- Come and experience some of the best that Yorkshire has to offer
- 23 acres of FREE parking



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