

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

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## Ready for business

Contestants in the imminent new series of The Apprentice would be hard pressed to outsmart two of the village's budding charity entrepreneurs, Joanne Lightowler and Evie Lambert. See pages 2 and 6 for full stories.

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## Another twist in housing saga

*by Gilly Leather of Green Hammerton parish council*

Just when we thought all was quiet on the Western Front while we await a decision on the Redrow planning application we were presented with Harrogate Council's calculation of the commuted sum arising from this development.

To clarify, for those who have not come across the term before, a commuted sum is an amount of money a developer must contribute to community projects. The council then allocates these funds either to the immediate locality, or, if they deem that locality to have adequate facilities to the nearest community where they deem the facilities to be inadequate. In this case most of the money has been allocated to Kirk Hammerton village hall and sports field. While some money has been allocated to our playing field the majority of the parish council felt that this distribution of funds was wholly inappropriate and to that end have decided to contest the funding. It was felt that we should have been consulted before such a calculation was made particularly as our own village hall is not suitable for dual purpose and separate changing rooms for our sports teams are desperately needed. Cllr Chris Lewis is helping us contest this allocation and we will keep you up to date with how we progress.

As no-one wants to adopt a bench the council has decided to replace our benches over a period of time at the rate of approximately one per year. Alistair Taylor is looking into the cost of benches made out of recyclable material which need little maintenance.

May we remind those of you whose gardens adjoin our footpaths that cutting back overhanging vegetation is your responsibility. Failure to complete this task will result in our getting someone else to do it and sending you the bill! A space of 2.3 metres should be left between tree and pavement and lower vegetation blocking the paths should also be cut back.

**STOP PRESS:** We have just heard that our bus service is not going to be cut. At last we have something good to report.

## From apples to baubles

*by Rachael Holloway of  
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

We launched the new academic year with our AGM and were pleased to see many new volunteers. Our first event will be a coffee, cake and chat to welcome new families on Fri 2 Oct. It will then be work as usual, planning this term's events which include a bag2school old clothing collection on Thu 22 Oct, disco and secret Santa shopping room. Our main fundraiser of the season, the Christmas fair, will be held on Sun 6 Dec from 2 to 4pm in the school hall. We hope that you'll be able to join us.

Evie Lambert, aged 8 and a year 4 pupil, has raised about £15 for the Friends from a sale of Bramley cooking apples, courgettes and tomatoes from her garden at Beech House on York Road. (See front page pic.) She devised a novel technique for picking the high apples without risking bruising them: use a fishing net! Evie set her stall out in front of Simon Mack Office Furniture.



## Acting up in the autumn

*by Chris Turner of the Green Hammerton  
Recreational Charity*

**Halloween trail: Sun 1 Nov, 5pm**

Not the best of summers: need some fun? How about a thrilling family night to celebrate Halloween when the ghosts are out and about in Green Hammerton? Children can enjoy a hot dog, drink and a great little goodie bag as well as scary stories for only £2.50. Please pre-book by contacting Sue Holden on 330440, Carole Rutter on 331669 or me on 331306.

**One act play with supper: Sat 14 Nov, 7.30pm**

Why go to town when we will be having our own theatre production with a three course supper in the village hall? Come and enjoy a 70s-themed one act play with supper and, of course, bar all for £12.50 per person. You will be amazed at what thespian talent your neighbours are hiding! If you want to join in the fun of the evening feel free to dress 70s style! This production is being supported by Kate Bramley and Bad Apple Productions. Tickets are limited so don't hang around. Book by contacting Sue, Carole or Chris as above.

**Christmas coffee morning: Sat 12 Dec, 10am**

We will be holding an extra special Christmas coffee morning to help finance the country fayre planned for next summer. More details of the coffee morning will be in the next Village View but keep the date free. It's rumoured that Father Christmas will be calling in!

And, finally, save the date of the country fayre: Sun 10 July 2016. To make it happen we need YOU. We have already had some fantastic offers of help and ideas from villagers of ways to make this event spectacular so please get involved. Even the offer of a couple of hours selling tickets or making a cake would be a big help. Contact Sue, Carole or Chris as above. More details to follow in the next village view. If you have not yet registered your email address with the village website please do so to be kept up to date with all that is happening in the village.

## New football sessions kick off

New football coaching sessions have started at the Green Hammerton playing field led by Neil Wealthall, who has recently moved with his family into the flat above the village shop.

Children aged 5-7 years (pictured, below) are welcome to the Tuesday evening session which runs from 5-6pm while 8 to 11 year-olds can come along from 6.15-7.15pm. There are three further sessions on Saturdays: 5-6s from 9.30-10.30am; 7-8s from 10.45-11.45am; "soccer tots" 2-4s from 12-1pm; and 9-11s from 1.15-2.15pm. The cost per session is £4.

Neil initially launched the iPlay Soccer School in Blackpool with Terry Phelan (pictured, right), the ex-Man City defender who also played for Ireland at the 1994 World Cup. Neil met Terry when their children were attending the Blackpool FC Academy and they are still in touch. Neil's son, Ashley, has been awarded a sports scholarship at Queen Ethelburga's College along with a place at the York City academy prompting the family's recent move over the Pennines.



"I'm in the process of looking for local indoor facilities which we can use on Tuesdays once the dark nights arrive," said Neil about his new venture. "I'm also fairly flexible about the Saturday schedule and may be able to re-jig it to suit demand."

He added: "I've been coaching junior football at grassroots level to children of all ages and ability for the past 20 years and hope to continue to do so with a wide choice of term-time after school clubs, birthday parties and holiday camps and courses for many more years to come. I've been the chairman and secretary of a junior football club together and organised many junior football tournaments in Blackpool."

"Over the past six years I've been involved in coaching the 12s-16s age groups until recently when I decided to get involved again in the development of the younger age groups which triggered the foundation of the iPlay Soccer School."

"All our training sessions are designed to develop physical fitness and improve stamina. We offer basic balance and co-ordination exercises that lead to more advanced technical skills, including defending, attacking and positional play. Above all children are encouraged to develop their skills and talents at their own pace while playing football with a big smile on their face."



For more information contact Neil via 07870 919769 or [wheele@wealthall.fslife.co.uk](mailto:wheele@wealthall.fslife.co.uk).

- Neil is working with Neil Phillips towards the re-launch of the Green Hammerton Grasshoppers in the spring. The next meeting to progress plans takes place in the Village Club on Wed 14 Oct at 8pm. All welcome.

## Big time play time

*by Kate Bramley of Badapple Theatre*

We've had a very busy few months with The Carlton Colliers on tour nationally until the middle of October. But there's no rest for the wicked at the office as we get started on the next round of projects.

### Play in a week, round two

A big thank you to all of you who supported the Young Actors company by coming out to the summer performances of Alice's Adventures in Hammerton. It was directed by Sue Rosser and featured 10 wonderful young performers from across the area. Sue will be taking charge another play in a week project (open to 8-16 year olds) across the October half-term (26-30). The title for the new play is 'Shakespeare's Apprentices' and it follows the journey of a group of children touring with Shakespeare's infamous Globe Players. There will be an early evening performance on Fri 30 Oct at the village hall. Tickets £4.

If you have a young person who would like to have a fun time learning performance skills daily across the half-term from 10am to 3.30pm then contact Claire Jeffrey via [office@badappletheatre.com](mailto:office@badappletheatre.com) for prices and a registration form as well as details of the wrap around care we can offer this time around.

### Youth theatre at the Village Club

Weekly youth theatre sessions with Sue Rosser will start in the concert Room of the Village Club the following week on Tues 3 Nov from 6-7pm for 7-9 year olds and 7.15-8.15pm for over 10s. Sessions are subsidised by Harrogate Borough Council and cost £3 per student. From informal conversations we've had we're hopeful there will be enough demand for the two sessions so please do get signed up now so we can arrange the timings. You can see what the actors have been working on at a Christmas performance on Tues 15 Dec.

### Call out for actors

We're working closely with Chris Turner on a one act community production (see p2). I'm really excited about the group of adult performers who have thrown caution to the wind and decided to have a go at performing. This is another strand of the local project supported by Harrogate Borough Council and is just the beginning. So, if any of you would like to learn

some performance or backstage theatre skills please do get in touch. We are planning an open session with a stage/costume designer on Sat 12 Dec as part of the regular coffee morning get together and three more sessions in stage fighting, comedy and voice skills to come in the new year.

### Planning ahead

Our core touring company is already looking ahead to not one but two festive winter-tainments! Both come to Green Hammerton. The first is a revived and re-adapted version of Farmer Scrooge's Christmas Carol (pictured, below) featuring the loveable rogue Scrooge played by Robert Angell with songs, silliness and many puppets created by Sam Edwards. We will perform at the village hall on Fri 4 Dec at 7.30pm. Tickets £9.50 for adults, £5 for under 16s and £25 for a family of two adults and two children.



Secondly, Jez Lowe's brand new Mistletoe On Tyne music show comes to the same venue on Thu 17 Dec at 7.30pm. Expect the usual north-east brand of comedy, a five piece folk-celtic band and much festive bon homie! Tickets £9.50 for adults and £5 for under 16s. Tickets for all events are now on sale at [badappletheatre.com](http://badappletheatre.com).

Finally, some of you may have seen a recent feature I wrote in the Yorkshire Post about difficulties faced by smaller not-for-profit groups like ourselves to compete in an arena dominated by more fiscally able and media-friendly companies. I'm happy to say that we personally have had a wealth of support locally and nationally for the Theatre on your Doorstep as well as renewed funding support this autumn from the Arts Council. Our horizons are very positive. After almost 20 years in the business I still view our productions very much as conversations, considering our audiences as an integral part of every event we create. I hope you will continue to test out our various projects and see if you would like to get involved. You can contact me via [kate@badappletheatre.com](mailto:kate@badappletheatre.com) or 339168.





## A 'walk' back in time to 1911

*by Ivan Andrew*

Why is St Thomas's a chapel of ease rather than church? Why do some houses on The Green have front gardens and others don't? Why did King Henry IV visit Green Hammerton and how was it traumatic?

All these questions and more will be answered by Charles Henry Farrer, Lord of the Manor, on a virtual walk around the village. He (actually me!) will also recount stories about the Hall, his father and mother's families and some of the background to the village.

I will be holding the event in the village hall on Wed 18 Nov at 7.45pm. Admission no earlier than 7.30 because of a prior booking. There is no charge but donations will be accepted for the church fabric fund. If you attend the talk or have attended previous talks the relevance of this will be clear.

I'm considering repeating the talk at the same venue the following day at 1.30pm finishing in time for parents to pick up children from school. The matinée has been requested in the past but on the one occasion I tried it the attendance was too small to make it worthwhile. If you would be interested please let Sandy Mack, Annabelle Polito, Shaun Harland or myself know and then watch for the information when I put up the posters. You can contact me via 331158 or [ivan.andrew@btinternet.com](mailto:ivan.andrew@btinternet.com).

## News from the pews

*by David MacDonald of St Thomas' church*

At the time of writing, the thoughts of the church and school are turning to the harvest celebrations over the next few weeks reminding us (as if we needed it) that the summer recess is well and truly over. (It's strange but the "summer's lease" which Shakespeare wrote about seems to have a much shorter date than a few years ago).

As in previous years the food which has been very kindly donated to both churches in the parish will be given to Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers based at St Aiden's Church in Harehills, Leeds. As you can imagine they will continue to be under considerable pressure to meet the demand for their support over the coming year so will very much appreciate all the help we can give.

We're holding a coffee morning in aid of the church's general fund on Sat 14 Nov at the village hall. There will be a tombola, raffle and cakes, preserves etc as well in the usual second Saturday coffee morning format.

By the time the next Village View comes out the season of advent will be upon us and we'll be celebrating it with our carol service at St Thomas's on Sun 29 Nov at 6pm with mulled wine and mince pies to follow. Everyone who is able to join us can be sure of a warm welcome.



The church fabric committee raised £400 from its third annual car boot sale held on a somewhat soggy green on August Bank Holiday. Joanne Lightowler, (pictured on the front page) was among the sellers. A further £502 was generated from a golf day at Aldwark Manor. Eight teams enjoyed a round with cold drinks and light refreshment at the half-way stage. Pictured at that point by Steve Ross are, from left: Anne Shedden, Peter Roach, Pat Roach, Helena Leather and Gill Blacker. Soup and sandwiches were served on completion. A raffle with some good prizes added interest. Thanks to everyone who supported either of these events but a special thank you to Martin Leather and his team for their hard work organising and running what must surely now be permanent fixtures in the village calendar.

## Village Club programme

Oct 10, 8pm: Johnny Martell, comedy vocalist.  
 Oct 17 and Nov 7: Big bingo.  
 Oct 30: Country & Western with Dave Harper.  
 Nov 14: Race night.  
 Nov 27: Country & Western Christmas party.

## Oil change

*by Jane Bannan*

The West of Ouse Oil Syndicate ceased to operate as a stand alone syndicate on Sept 1 but has contracted with Tate Oil to become 'preferred customers'.

All current members were informed and only two (in Green Hammerton) declined to join. It is a very preferential scheme and we will continue to get our oil at a very competitive rate without the chairman and village co-ordinators needing to commit so much of their time. Our chairman, Terry Pearson, is auditing the arrangement on an ongoing basis, checking prices charged etc and anyone wishing to join can still do so via their village co-ordinator.

Terry has done a wonderful job for many years and saved a lot of us a lot on money so I think a massive thank you is in order. The work takes up quite a bit of time and is relentless. A number of people have asked if 'we' can't find anyone to carry it on in the same format but no-one has come forward.

## WI goes to pot

by Elsie Rymer of  
Kirk & Green Hammerton WI

We held our summer garden meeting in August at the home of our president in Moor Monkton where members were greeted with 'mocktails', the non-alcoholic variety of cocktails. The evening was a little cooler than one might hope for the time of year but not sufficient to drive all our members in doors. Ann gave us a brief history of her house and tour of the garden that was much larger than we realised. She then demonstrated how to make a ceramic poppy and her husband, William, showed us how to throw a pot on a potter's wheel (pictured, below). What a creative couple they are! The evening was rounded off with a delicious selection of puddings.



September has not only been the centenary of the foundation of the WI but also the 85<sup>th</sup> birthday of our branch. Representatives from Marston Moor Group of WIs and the North Yorkshire East Federation came to share the festivities with us. Ainsty Farm Shop provided a wonderful two-course supper while Winterwood entertained us with an eclectic selection of songs and witty remarks. The pièce de resistance of the evening was the magnificent anniversary cake baked and decorated by our own Jenny Hotson (pictured, above, right).

We next meet on Tues 13 Oct at 7.30pm in Green Hammerton Village Hall when Jo Smakman will talk about growing flowers for the home. Eleanor McRobert will be telling us about hearing dogs for the deaf following our AGM in Kirk Hammerton village hall on Tues 10 Nov at about 8.30pm.

Contact either Ann Johnson via 01904 738541, anneandwilliam@tiscali.co.uk or Elsie Rymer via 01423 331641 and sunny.bank@talktalk.net for further details of WI membership and future meetings.



## News in brief

- The **Tockwith Show bonfire** takes place at the show field on Cattal Moor Lane on Thu 5 Nov. The bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm followed by a fireworks display at 7pm. Sausages and hot pork sandwiches, home-made soup and cakes available. Adults £4 and under 12-year-old children free. The Show is also staging a 1940s night with big band and supper at The Engine Shed in Wetherby on Fri 30 Oct. See [tockwithshow.org.uk](http://tockwithshow.org.uk) for details of both events.

- If you need anything publicising or adding to the **Green Hammerton website** event calendar please contact webmaster, Steve Ross, via [spross32@aol.com](mailto:spross32@aol.com).

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***Pictured overleaf are the Chatty Ramblers and young friends as photographed by Lindsay Councell on a two-hour walk from the village on Aug 20. Also pictured are Jez Lowe and his son, Aidan, at the car boot sale (see story, p6).***



