

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

Oct/Nov 2016



## From school hall to Leeds festival

*by the editor*

**Green Hammerton youngster Beau Hill Smith, 18, is reaching for the stars after performing at the recent Leeds and Reading festivals, having a song played on Radio 1 and releasing his fourth single.**

His first public performance was singing The Rolling Stones' Paint it Black at Green Hammerton Primary School where he was a pupil until 2009. He has since sung at St Aidan's School, private parties and The Ivory bar in Harrogate as well as busked in York, Harrogate and Leeds to raise money for studio sessions. A self-taught guitarist and vocalist, Beau also writes and produces his own songs and videos. He shot part of the video for his third single entitled In your Cave in a tent literally in the middle of Regent Street in London having started his video career as a wandering minstrel on the green in Green Hammerton! He was poised to release his fourth single on iTunes and YouTube as Village View went to press.

Beau, who has a mellow, acoustic sound, uploaded In my Cave to the BBC Introducing website which champions young up and coming musicians in the regions. The track was then picked up by and played on BBC Radio York by Jericho Keys. He later sat in for a Radio 1 colleague and played the track on the national station. The BBC Introducing feature also led to an invitation to perform at its showcase stage at the Leeds and Reading rock festivals over the August Bank Holiday weekend followed by an interview with Beau and proud mum Loretta Smith on the Radio York breakfast show.

Loretta told Village View: "He was terribly ill and his guitar broke just before the first show in Reading but he carried on with an electric like a true professional and was able to sing in Leeds the next day." She added: "We've always been a family surrounded by singing and acting. Our's is a noisy household. It's been a long and exciting journey but all will be worthwhile if his ambitions are fulfilled."

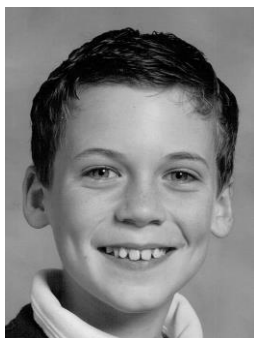
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Loretta is a graduate of the East 15 acting school in Essex and, with daughter Lottie, has recently completed a six-month stint rehearsing and performing in the York Mystery Plays. She also stars in Green Hammerton drama productions at the village hall (see p9).

Beau, pictured right while at Green Hammerton School, sat his A levels at St Aidan's this summer and is now looking to move to London possibly to consider a career in advertising but definitely to continue his music.

▪ See [facebook.com/beaumusic](https://facebook.com/beaumusic).



## Simon's making music too

*by the editor*



Simon Batchelor, above, has written and recorded a song to boost awareness of epilepsy, a condition suffered by his 11-year-old son, George. Now the Meadow Vale resident is trying to raise £800 to cover the cost of making a video for the song and spread its message still further.

Simon said: "George's epilepsy, like many others, is intractable which means it cannot be entirely

controlled by any treatments currently available. It has had a devastating affect on his mental ability and continues to impact on his quality of life and that of his family.

"Epilepsy research is purely funded by charitable giving. Advances have been made but more research is desperately needed. I'm creating a music video which explains how epilepsy affects people's lives. I intend to circulate this as widely as possible to raise awareness of what is in fact a very common condition. In so doing I hope more funds will be directed towards epilepsy research. People simply don't realise how epilepsy affects people's lives. We need to be more epilepsy aware. Even I believed all the misconceptions about the condition."

Following the song and video Simon has plans to raise more money for epilepsy research by launching a strength challenge on social media along similar lines to the viral ice bucket challenge of summer 2014. It will coincide with Purple Day, an annual global epilepsy awareness day, which next falls on 26 March 2017. The idea is to encourage people to film themselves holding a plank pose (supporting their body on forearms and toes only) for 103 seconds and then challenge their friends to do the same in aid of the charity. One in 103 people suffers from epilepsy.

▪ See [facebook.com/thegardenwhistler](https://facebook.com/thegardenwhistler) and [justgiving.com/thegardenwhistler](https://justgiving.com/thegardenwhistler).

## A59 roadworks nightmare

*by the editor*

Roadworks are set to blight approaches to Green Hammerton this autumn and winter. A private power cable is being laid from the Moor Monkton electricity sub-station eastwards along the A59 to Green Hammerton and then up the B6265 and right to Queen Ethelburga's Collegiate in Thorpe Underwood which has instigated the work.

The cable will be laid in 250 metre lengths necessitating the closure of one carriageway and installation of two-way traffic lights. The cable is just about to start its journey along the A59 and will not be completed until about next February.



▪ The petrol station and Co-op at Skipbridge will be closed from Oct 2 to Dec 9 for major expansion and refurbishment of both the tanks and shop.



## As pretty as a picture

*by Chris Turner with pic by Julia O'Connor*

As you can see, above, Chatty Ramblers enjoyed a lovely walk around Benningborough Hall. We have started to travel a few miles each time to sample the many and varied walks in the area. If you would like to join us or learn more about the group please email me on [c.turner2011@btinternet.com](mailto:c.turner2011@btinternet.com) and I will add you to the list. Our next walk, route to be decided, will take place on Thu 13 Oct at 10.30am. We meet at the map plinth and liaise in advance about how many cars we need.

From left: Liz Powley, Chris Turner, Gill Blacker, Jane Bannan and Lindsay Counsell. Toni Ramsay also went on the walk.

## Parish council round-up

*by Ivan Andrew of Green Hammerton Parish Council*

Harrogate Borough Council's **strategic development plan** is due to be published for consultation before the end of October. It will be a very important document because the first draft indicated that many fields around Green Hammerton could be designated for future housing virtually merging our village with Kirk Hammerton especially at both sides of the A59. We hope that many of these proposed sites do not feature in the second consultation but we will not know the extent of the plans until publication day. It will be crucial that all residents consider very carefully how the proposals will affect our village and make their views known to the district council. More news to follow on the parish noticeboard and village website.

We have been informed that **Redrow** is working through the issues listed by the district council before final planning permission is approved for the proposed development, a process that we expect to take until early next year. Further information is expected within the next few weeks regarding the **Linden Homes** application to build behind the school.

We have just received notice that planning permission has been granted for two two-bedroom houses in **Meadow Vale**. The road from numbers 1 to 14 will be improved with a designated footpath. Work will begin on Mon 3 Oct. The green will be used as a depot area and reinstated on completion.

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We have confirmation that the **road barrier** on the York Road at its junction with the A59 will be repaired but no firm date has been given as contractors are still working on flood damage repairs from last winter.

Green Hammerton has been one of the pilot areas in Harrogate Borough Council region for **green waste** collection. The scheme is now being extended to the rest of the district but will no longer be free. A charge of about £45 per year will be levied from next April to those who wish to continue in the scheme.

You may have noticed that the **verge** between the post office and old reading room has been seeded. Unfortunately, planting poppies in 2014/16 was not possible so we are grassing the area which will be easier to maintain and as agreed in the survey. Please do not encroach on the area until the grass has become established.

Yorkshire Water has recently carried out two separate operations on the Bernard Lane corner to connect a **new water main** and thereby solve a long-standing drainage problem.

A **vacancy** exists for a parish councillor to replace Chris Chelton. No request has been made for an election to be held and therefore we are looking to co-opt. If you are interested please contact the clerk to the council, Paul Whelan at Ashby House on Bernard Lane by Fri 14 Oct.

Finally, good progress is being made with the **Green Hammerton Greenway** cycle path. Agreement has been reached with landowners. The formal creation order is about to be signed and then grant applications can be made.

## Record breaking car boot sale

*by Steve Ross*

This year's car boot sale in aid of the St Thomas's Church fabric fund raised £745 which is nearly twice the sum from last year. A good weather forecast and new and very clear advertising banners helped make this the most successful sale to date. Sale items included vases, statuettes, a dog cage and acres of books. The queue for the barbecue provided by the Hullahs was particularly long.

Mike Powley had to open a second field to accommodate the high number of buyers' cars. The number of sellers was also well up on previous years. The fabric committee would like to thank everyone in the village who helped, took a seller's table or who just came down and made a donation. Many visitors from outside of the village commented on how they wanted to return to the village following the country fayre in July. See back page for pics.

Earlier this year we replaced drains, see right, since the old ones were getting completely blocked by tree roots.



Ongoing projects include repairs to the stonework and broken windows and frames as well as replacement of light bulbs in the very high ceilings and addition of guttering to the vestry roof to try to stop a damp problem. We have even levelled off a gravestone or two!

## Villager to run in New York marathon

*by Ian Watson*

Two friends and I will run in the New York City Marathon on Sun 6 Nov aiming to raise £10,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of my wife, Rebecca, who died last year aged 34. This is the second challenge Team Rebecca has taken on following last year's Great North Run from which we raised



£13,500 for York Cancer Care Centre. Rebecca and I were married at Conservatory Gardens in Central Park where the marathon finishes before moving to Green Hammerton in 2013 where our two children attend the village school and pre-school.

The village was well represented at an event to kickstart this year's fundraising drive which took the form of a quiz night, raffle and auction at the Pitcher and Piano in Harrogate.

▪ See [facebook.com/runningforRebecca](https://facebook.com/runningforRebecca) and [justgiving.com/runningNYCforRebecca](https://justgiving.com/runningNYCforRebecca).

## Shop makes radio waves

by Ivan Andrew



All roads led to Green Hammerton shop on Sat 6 Aug. It was featured in the Finders Keepers programme on BBC Radio York in which listeners, presenter Clare Frisby and two roving reporters solve a series of six clues that take them on a treasure hunt around North Yorkshire.

The reporters had set off after solving the first clue in Alne and were heading towards a shop "in the Hammerton area". Some suggested the Co-op, the Ainsty Farm Shop or the Green Hammerton shop. I walked down the the shop to find a young man and lady wandering around carrying a microphone and other broadcasting equipment. They went into the shop and came out again. The lady went across to the postbox and spoke into her microphone. They then both returned to the van, drove into The Bay Horse car park and waited a few minutes before driving off. Back at home Margaret told me that the clue had been found in the flower bed near the postbox.

Radio York had sent an email to shop owner Christopher Hay to prime him about the clue and reporters' arrival but he wasn't aware of its receipt which was how the clue was supposedly 'found' outside the premises instead.

▪ Christopher is pictured, left, with daughter, Penelope and the clue.



## Springbank launches scanner appeal

by Jane Bannan

Springbank Health aims to raise about £10,000 to purchase a portable ultrasound scanner and an additional £6,000 to cover training and maintenance costs. (Our practice is ineligible to have one provided by the National Health Service). See advertisement on p11.

The Springbank Health Patient Group launched the fundraising campaign with a music evening featuring Ultrasound performing 60s and 70s favourites and Swingplicity playing light jazz in Green Hammerton village hall. Future events include a bridge afternoon and tea which will take place on Thu 17 Nov from 1.30-4.30pm in Green Hammerton village hall. £10 per ticket or £40 for a table. "Please help this worthy cause by coming along to play, donating a raffle prize, baking a cake or some scones or making sandwiches for the tea," said Jane Bannan who is organising the event with Chris Turner, Sally Walker, Sue Holden, Liz Powley, Margaret Andrew. Contact Jane via 339442 or [janebannan@btinternet.com](mailto:janebannan@btinternet.com).



*"All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms  
begin ..."*

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other church news – p7



## School report

*by Laura Wells-Law of  
Green Hammerton Primary School*

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 Sept. Ahead of the day this year we held a wonderful service in St Thomas's church, where the children sang, read poems and listened to an address by Revd Joan Roper. Each child then lit a candle in acknowledgement of the day and, back in the classroom, decorated peace doves which are now on display around school. Mrs Tennick, our brilliant school cook, also provided the children with a delicious lunch, which included peace day dove cupcakes.



• The **Friends of Green Hammerton School** are back for a new school year, planning some fabulous fundraising events, writes Annabelle Polito. There is a brand new committee and we would like to thank all those who have helped over the past year but especially Rachael Holloway who gave so much of her time as

chair and will prove an extremely hard act to follow. Do join us on Sun 4 Dec from 2-4pm for our Christmas Fair in the school hall, the perfect way to kick off your festive season.

## WI on magic mystery tour

*by Ann Johnson of Kirk & Green Hammerton WI*

Our annual outing was a mystery tour in a very luxurious coach which even had individual TV screens like on a plane! Gary, our driver, kept us guessing as we headed inland and not to the coast as some members initially thought. We did a "magic roundabout" (driver lingo for circuiting a roundabout twice before exiting) on the outskirts of Harrogate before heading up Wharfedale. We stopped in Skipton for morning coffee before heading further west. There was plenty of gorgeous scenery to admire as we travelled on to the Lake District for lunch in Ambleside and a wander in a very nice garden centre. We then turned east again eventually joining the A66 and, after an afternoon tea break at a wonderful farm shop, we headed for home.

We hosted the monthly coffee morning and book exchange in Green Hammerton village hall last month. Thank you to all those who supported us. Almost £200 was raised for the WI funds.

Our regular programme of village hall meetings resumed with a talk by Mary Green about the Alexander Technique, a system designed to promote well-being by retraining one's awareness and habits of

posture to ensure minimum effort and strain. Mary spoke about the importance of putting minimum strain on joints and taught us how to relax and sit with ease and rise from a chair without strain.

Chris Gilston and Pauline Gray will talk about the history of scarves and demonstrate tying techniques at our next meeting in Green Hammerton village hall on Tues 11 Oct at 7.30pm. Contact Elsie Rymer on 331641 for further details of membership and meetings.

Finally, we are holding a jumble sale in Kirk Hammerton village hall on Sat 8 Oct from 10am to noon. Entry fee 50p includes tea/coffee and biscuit. Bring jumble to the village hall between 7-9pm on the preceding evening, give it to a WI member or contact Pat McCormack on 330070 for collection.

## News of the pews

*by David MacDonald of St Thomas' church*

We began our harvest celebrations with harvest praise at St Thomas's on Sun 25 Sept. Thanks to everyone who donated gifts to the church which will be distributed as usual via PAFRAS (Positive Action for Refugees and Asylum Seekers) at St Aidan's in Leeds and the Harrogate food bank. The annual harvest auction and supper takes place at Whixley village hall on Fri 7 Oct with harvest thanksgiving at Whixley church at 6.30pm on the following Sunday.

We will host a coffee morning at Green Hammerton village hall on Sat 12 Nov from 10am to noon in aid of the church. Donations of raffle and tombola prizes and food would be very welcome.

We are also planning a history/music evening in the church when our eminent local historian, Ivan Andrew, will uncover some more of his local historical gems and the Collavoce choir will sing (but not by way of backing music I hasten to add!). The date has yet to be firmed up but is likely to be Fri 18 Nov so watch out for further announcements.

Our Remembrance Day service will be held at St Thomas's on Sun 13 Nov at 10.30 am.

Finally, I should just like to thank Martin Leather and his hardworking team for organising another excellent car boot sale (see pp4 and 12) and everyone who supported it. Sincere thanks also to all residents who participated in our sponsored walk last month as well as all the very generous sponsors. Between us we raised a total of £215, a brilliant result!

## Trafalgar book has village connection

*by Ivan Andrew*

A new biography has been published of Vice Admiral Thomas Francis Fremantle who was Captain of the Neptune at the Battle of Trafalgar.

Fremantle and wife Betsey Wynne were grandparents of Eliza Marie Farrer (née Fremantle) who laid the foundation stone of St. Thomas's Chapel of Ease in 1873.

Margaret and I attended the launch in Buckinghamshire of the book entitled Nelson's Right Hand Man. I spoke to many of the Fremantle family including the fifth Lord Cottesloe (Eliza's father was the first) about the impact of Eliza and her husband, Henry Richard Farrer, on the development of Green Hammerton in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

We're planning an event in late November to mark the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church which was consecrated in 1876. See noticeboards for further details.

## 'And the results are in ...'

*by Gill Singleton*

A last big thank you to everyone who contributed their time and expertise, made cakes, gave raffle and tombola prizes, provided entertainment and events, and came and spent their money at the Green Hammerton Country Fayre.

A special thank you to the founding committee members viz Chris Turner, Sally Walker and Jane Bannan. Without their enthusiasm, tenacity and humour through the tough early months this event would never have happened.

We made a fabulous profit of £19,600 after all expenses were covered. The figure has been equally divided between Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Open Country and the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity. 10 July 2016 will be day to be remembered!

▪ Nearly £20k? They'll drink to that! The Rudgate brewery team are pictured at the Country Fayre.



## DRAMA NEWS SPECIAL



### Youngsters tell the tale of Green Hammerton Hall

*by Claire Jeffrey of Badapple Theatre*

A group of 11 young people aged between 7 and 12 performed an original Badapple play, *The Ghosts of Hammerton Hall*, written by Kate Bramley with original songs by Jez Lowe.

The show was the culmination of a 'play in a week' project in August led by a professional team including director Sue Rosser and actress/singer and stage combat instructor Kaitlin Howard. A huge well done to all the students who took part. Dates for next year are already set: July 24-28.

We're currently running a youth theatre at the Village Club every Tuesday evening thanks to grant support from Harrogate Borough Council, in partnership with Friends of Green Hammerton School and with director Richard Kay who some of you may have seen making a cameo appearance on *Emmerdale* this summer! The sessions run from 6 to 7.15pm for 7-10s and from 7.15 to 8.30pm for 11s and over. The price is £4 per session and they're open to anyone who just wants to have a go! We recommend them for boosting confidence in public speaking as well as creativity and imagination! We're now working up to a public performance in February.



### The play now departing ...

*by Kate Bramley of Badapple Theatre*

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 21st Century 'need for speed' hits the old ways head on...

*The Last Station Keeper* will be performed on Tues 4 Oct at 7.30pm at Green Hammerton village hall. The tour also visits Marton-cum-Grafton on Tues 25 Oct. Tickets £9.50 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

*For pics from the play see right.*

• Our Christmas productions this year are Jez Lowe's music bash entitled *Snowed In* on Sun 18 Dec and a new festive family comedy, *The Elves and the Carpenter*, on Fri 23 Dec.

**Badapple Theatre**  
information available via  
**badappletheatre.com**

**01423 339168**

**office@badappletheatre.com**





*Pics from The Last Station Keeper (see p8)*



## Saucy sound to new production

*by Chris Turner of the GHRC*

Last Tango in Green Hammerton is the new offering from our village actors namely David MacDonald, Loretta Smith, Claire Jeffrey and Helen Walsh. See them in action on either Fri 11 or Sat 12 Nov. Priced at £12.50 tickets include a hot supper. We are again supported by Badapple. Proceeds will be divided between the GHRC and scanner appeal (see p11).

Meanwhile, we hope to stage **ghost stories** around the village on Sat 29 Oct from 6pm. Price per child is £2.50 and includes the stories, a hot dog and drink. It is important that tickets are purchased at least a week in advance otherwise we will have to cancel as we did last year. Tickets for both events from Carole Rutter on 331669 or Sue Holden on 330440.

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## News in brief

▪ **Football training sessions** run on the playing field on Saturday mornings from 9.30-10.30am for years 1-3 with a brand new session from 10.40-11.40am for Soccer Tots pre-school and reception. Organisers are searching for an indoor space to keep the sessions going through December and January so watch this space. Young footballing graduates from last March are pictured, below.



▪ The **Village Club** has a new, more modern look after sprucing up seat coverings and decor for the holiday season. Following a members' vote a stone colour was chosen for the bench seats to complement the new colour scheme in the bar of picnic brown for the lower walls and natural hessian for the upper walls and woodwork. Forthcoming events include quizzes on Fri 7 and 21 Oct at 9pm; Country & Western live music on Fri 29 Oct; free children's Hallowe'en activity afternoon on Sun 30 Oct; and children's pool competition on Sunday afternoons in November.

▪ The **West of Ouse Oil Syndicate** (which covers a region including Green Hammerton) is still running albeit in a slightly altered format to the original, writes Jane Bannan. We are still getting preferential prices and good service through the preferred customer scheme at Tate Oil. More information from Jane via 339442 or [janebannan@btinternet.com](mailto:janebannan@btinternet.com).

▪ The Tockwith & District Agricultural Society Show eighth **bonfire and fireworks display** takes place at the showground on Cattal Moor Lane in Tockwith on Sat 5 Nov. Gates open at 6pm, bonfire lit at 6.30pm and fireworks from 7pm. Refreshments and bar available. Adults and children over 13 £4 and under 12s free. All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.



## Down Memory Lane: The Bay Horse

As most readers will be aware The Bay Horse is available to let. Below is an archive pic of the pub. Do you think you know when it was taken? If so get in touch with the editor (see p9).

The Bay Horse has been in existence since before 1848. After the Second World War until the mid-90s the main business trade consisted of coach parties from Leeds and the West Riding mills and factories on day trips to the east coast.

The old outbuildings were used for dairy and milk distribution and a printing workshop. They were demolished to make way for a bedroom block which compensated for the loss of the passing trade following the opening of the Green Hammerton bypass in 1989.



# Springbank Health Patient Group



## MOBILE ULTRASOUND SCANNER APPEAL

SPRINGBANK HEALTH PATIENT GROUP HAVE LAUNCHED AN APPEAL TO RAISE £10,000 TO BUY A PORTABLE ULTRASOUND SCANNER FOR SPRING BANK HEALTH GP PRACTICE

### WHO WILL IT BENEFIT?

ANY PATIENT WHO MAY REQUIRE A SCAN

\*HOUSEBOUND \*PATIENTS WITH MOBILITY PROBLEMS

\* PATIENTS REQUIRING URGENT CARE FOR:

BLOOD CLOTS, ECTOPIC PREGNANCIES,

BLADDER PROBLEMS, CONTRACEPTIVE COIL PROBLEMS



### HOW WILL IT HELP?

PATIENTS NEEDING AN URGENT SCAN WON'T IMMEDIATELY HAVE TO TRAVEL 10 MILES TO HOSPITAL. ALTHOUGH A FOLLOW UP ASSESSMENT MAY BE RECOMMENDED THIS INITIAL SCAN PROVIDES A TIMELY SERVICE, CLOSE TO HOME AND WILL PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION TO THE HOSPITAL

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

THIS INNOVATIVE PROJECT REQUIRES TIME AND TRAINING AS WELL AS THE MACHINE ITSELF. THE PRACTICE WILL PAY FOR THE GP'S INITIAL TRAINING, APPROXIMATELY £6,000, AND FOR ONGOING TRAINING. THE PORTABLE ULTRASOUND SCANNER MACHINE ITSELF WILL COST £10,000

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**WATCH OUT FOR FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

OR IF YOU'D LIKE TO ORGANISE YOUR OWN FUNDRAISING  
PLEASE CONTACT ARNOLD ON 07702 121386



# Car boot sale picture special



*Pics by Susan  
Goss-Clements  
Report on p4.*

