

Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

Easter 2014 edition

Hurry up, Harry

... and chin up Amy!
Look North duo
serve Le Tour apéritif

by the editor

There will be many more spectators lining the route and the cyclists will be travelling somewhat faster but Harry Gration and Amy Garcia of BBC TV's Look North gave Green Hammertonians a frisson of what to expect from Le Tour when they pedalled past our village on March 17.

En route from York to Harrogate, the presenting pair were riding the entire route of the Grand Depart of July's Tour de France on a tandem while raising £125k for Sport Relief. About 20 residents gathered to watch the riders ply their way in a chilly headwind up the incline on the A59 from Kirk Hammerton. They were accompanied by a support vehicle, two marshalling motorcycles and three other cyclists including presenter Phil Bodmer with collecting buckets.

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Village school to open nursery section

by the teachers of Green Hammerton School

Headteacher Carol Wallis and the school are delighted that North Yorkshire Council has approved plans to extend the current provision to include nursery aged children. From Sept 1, therefore, we will be open to 3 to 11 year olds. A new area is currently being developed to ensure high quality provision for the new young intake. Please contact the school office via 330314 or admin@greenhammerton.n-yorks.sch.uk if you require a place for Sept.

We spent Fairtrade Fortnight learning about fairtrade and preparing for a tea and coffee morning which raised £80 for the Fairtrade Foundation. Children in key stage two wrote letters to local businesses to request donations of food and drink to use on the day while children in key stage one conducted market research to decide which cakes and biscuits to bake. The whole school then spent Monday baking with the donated Fairtrade produce in readiness for the big event (pictured below).



Children from all years took part in the very worthwhile Sign2Sing charity fundraising event. They learnt two songs that involved both singing and signing the words. We then performed these songs on the event day helping to beat the world record for the most people singing and signing at one time.

We all enjoyed participating in reading activities to celebrate World Book Day. We had some fantastic competition entries including some super costumes and very unusual places to read a book. We raised a great £45.80 for Book Aid which provides books for children without access to them. Other events which proved popular included the reading café and book swap both of which provided children with the opportunity to share books and promote reading. As usual we had wonderful support for the book fair which raised £29 for each class to spend on books.

Mr Shuffles shakes his groove thing

*by Rachael Holloway of
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

The school disco in February attracted a record turnout with all but seven of our 92 pupils coming to see Mr Shuffles in action and enjoy lots of dancing and games. He proved so popular we've booked him again for the autumn term. We also had strong support at our bird of prey night when York Bird of Prey Centre brought in three different owls and a Harris hawk. In addition there have been bake sales from classes two and three as part of the bake-off competition as well as the traditional year six Easter teas.



There's lots coming up in the summer term including a supermarket bag pack to raise funds for sports equipment and big celebration for the school's 140th birthday on Fri 27 June when the circus is coming to school to run workshops during the day and put a show on after school.

Finally, if anyone has any old photos of the school that we could copy to use as part of the birthday celebrations we would really appreciate borrowing them. Either contact the school on 330314 or email foghsmail@gmail.com.

Superfast broadband in 30 seconds

by the editor

Ever wondered about superfast broadband in Green Hammerton but never got around to checking it all out and not much of a techy? Hmmm: me too. So that's why I put the key questions about it to Carole Haywoode-Poole of Superfast North Yorkshire who gave a presentation about superfast broadband to villagers in February. Here are her responses:

1. How much faster is superfast broadband?

Broadband rates in North Yorkshire are on average 4-5 megabytes per second and superfast broadband provides speeds of at least 25 megabytes per second. To check your broadband speed see bit.ly/1xHOdy.

2. When will I have access to superfast broadband?

York Road, The Crescent and Kirk Hammerton Lane are already connected. The rest of the properties in the village will be connected between now and September. Watch for further updates on the village website and in Village View. You can also register your postcode at superfastnorthyorkshire.com/where-and-when and will then get an email you when your area goes live.

3. How will I know when I have access to superfast broadband?

Most internet service providers will inform customers when it is available to them. Customers then have the choice of whether or not to upgrade to the faster service.

4. How much will it cost?

Rates vary between internet service providers.

Three new Badapple shows and a race bound for Green Hammerton

by Kate Bramley

Our brand new original comedy-drama **The Thankful Village** is about to embark on a 50-date national tour.



The quiet village backwater of Thankful In The Vale is changed forever by the advent of the Great War but the roll of honour stone in the square remains empty and unetched as the years pass and folk start to wonder. This is a story of hope, humour and humanity, about the men who went away and the women left behind and the eccentric twists and turns of daily life that

led to their reunion for better or for worse in the winter of 1918. The 'thankful villages' were the 52 settlements in England and Wales that lost no men in the Great War.

Written by Kate Bramley and with original music by Jez Lowe, the play comes to Green Hammerton village hall on Tues 10 June. Tickets cost £9.50 for adults and £5 for under 16s.

We are also putting on two productions as part of the Yorkshire-wide Les Voyageurs Festival which

welcomes the arrival of the Tour de France. Both are supported by the Green Hammerton Recreational Committee and Harrogate Borough Council.

A Midsummer Night's Cycling Dream on Thu 3 July promises a night of classic comic capers with a new script-in-hand performance of the much-loved romantic comedy by Shakespeare adapted by Kate Bramley. The play features a cast of performers drawn from the local community as well as highly respected professional actors from the Badapple Theatre Company. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for under 16s.



We are currently looking for a number of local people to get involved in this production alongside the professional actors. We will have a youth group open to 10-16 year olds and also a number of parts for adults as well. Actors will need to attend a small number of rehearsals. The dates will depend on the commitments of the group but either be at weekends or early evenings from late May to early July. The cast will also need to be available from 4pm onwards on performance day.

Jez Lowe (above) and The Bad Pennies put on a show titled **Un Fest Noz Francais** on Sat 5 July. This takes the form of an evening of dance and song with Gallic flavour from the award winning folk singer from Co Durham and his five-piece band. They will mix celtic, Breton and Northumbrian songs, humour and a dance or two to keep your toes tapping all night long. Tickets cost £10 for adults and £6 for under 16s.

Finally, we're looking for a couple of volunteers to help administrate a **wacky races** competition between box-cars built by people from local villages. Volunteers will help co-ordinate the racing and prize giving on Sat 5 July on the playing field and in the village hall.

All shows start at 7.30pm and a bar is available. Book online at badappletheatre.com or ring 339168. Enquiries about participation to the same tel number or to office@badappletheatre.com.





Archive material sought ...

by Peter Nixon

I am in the process of revising and updating the village history originally published as a chapter of *The Green Hammerton Chronicle* in 2000. The new history will be longer and contain many more illustrations and photographs.

If you have a story or possess old newspaper cuttings, photos of people or places in or near Green Hammerton, old postcards (as above), maps or old redundant deeds of your property I would be delighted to have a look at them. If suitable for publication the source(s) will of course be acknowledged. Contact me at Wasps Nest (down the little close next to the Old Manse on Boroughbridge Road) or via 330153 and nixon.peter@btopenworld.com.

... as well as Great War tales

by Ivan Andrew

I believe we ought to do something to commemorate the First World War, in particular how these events affected the villagers of Green Hammerton and their relatives and friends. Very little information is available from public documents and I fear that personal memories or those passed down by older

family members will already have been lost.

In the church there is a list of names of men from this area who were involved in the First World War in some way. One of the windows was presented to remember others. I know there are descendants of some of these people still around the area. If you have any information at all, reminiscences that would illustrate what life in the village was like or stories from their experiences in the war I would be delighted to hear from you.

The surnames from the church are Backhouse, Buckle, Bramley, Burton, Clapham, Cass, Dobson, Gardham, Garbutt, Hutchinson, Horner, Kirby, Nightingale, Pauley, Powley, Spencer, Taylor, Watts, Walker, Whincup, Wray, Whitehead, Whittaker, Witham and Watson.

I do not wish my research just to be limited to these names or the First World War. I fear there is a dearth of information available and that what we have is being lost as people die or move away from the village. If you have no relatives from the area but have stories passed down to you from other parts of the country I would still be interested in hearing them.

Bearing in mind Peter Nixon's new edition of the village history (see above) and the fact that the village club is busy researching its history ahead of Le Tour now might be a good time to explore the idea of starting a local/family history group. If this

appeals to you please contact me. If there is sufficient interest – over 10 people, say – then I will organise a meeting to explore how we can move forward. Contact me at 2 St Thomas's Way or via 331158 or ivan.andrew@btinternet.com.

Cycle Hotel lives up to its name a century on

by Chris Nottingham of the Village Club

Our chairman Paul Evans and stewardess Mandy Helliwell were interviewed on Stray FM about the history of the club and its association with cycling in the early 20th century when it was called The Cycle Hotel.

Our plans for the Tour de France are now in place. On Fri 4 July there will be a family fun night with group and disco and extended beer and wine selection. Then on Sat 5 and Sun 6 July we will have longer opening hours and provide coverage of Le Grand Départ on two large flat screen TVs. An extended beer and wine selection will be available both days and a band will play outside on the Saturday. We're also hoping to hold charity fundraising activities over the weekend too.



On the subject of fundraising we're very pleased to have raised a total of £242.60 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance over three separate events in January. Other funds raised on quiz nights have paid for two radio microphones to help with presenting the quiz and put towards a wall-mounted baby changing facility.

Band events have continued with Sugartown staging a gig for Valentine's Day and a very successful St Patrick's Day event featuring The Raisers performing an excellent mix of folk music with genuine draught Guinness to complement the craic! Next up at the club is the band, Red on Blonde, who play their popular mix of rock and pop covers on Sat 5 April from 8pm.

Our AGM in January saw the resignation of Paul Hill from the committee after many years and the election to it of Ian Ellston and Joanne Nottingham. The meeting also ratified an increase in subs for this year. The rate now stands at £15 pa which is excellent value at less than 5p per day.

Top chef on the menu

by Chris Turner of the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity social committee

Around 70 people participated in a **quiz** at a packed village hall on Feb 1 with eight turned away as the venue was at full capacity. Several rounds – including a celebrity pictures and logos round – were interspersed with a main course of cottage pie followed by fruit pies.

The winning team was The Outsiders featuring former Green Hammerton residents Toni & Keith Ramsay and Sue & Simon Driver who won bottles of wine. Quizmaster was Gary Rutter ably assisted by Carole Rutter, Sue Holden and Penny Russell who did the marking. Thanks also to Liz Powley, Moira Bailes, Carole Rutter, Sue Holden and Chris Turner who were part of the catering team. The event raised over £800 for GHRC funds and will be repeated at roughly the same time next year.

Some sample questions:

1. Which is the only country to have a triangular flag?
2. What was the official attendance at the 1923 FA Cup final (to within 3,000)?
3. What's the name of Heston Blumenthal's restaurant?
4. What was Big Daddy's real name?
5. Who said: "With great power comes great responsibility"?

Answers on the back page.

We do still have a few tickets left for the **cookery demonstration** by Stephanie Moon, right, on Sat 17 May. Stephanie was a runner-up in the Great British Menu, is a consultant chef at Rudding Park and has trained and worked all around the world (see www.stephaniemoon.co.uk). The evening will consist of a demonstration and samples of the food she produces. No-one will go home hungry as a range of courses is anticipated! Stephanie will concentrate on producing something that is local and in season so will probably feature lamb, asparagus and rhubarb. Wine that will complement the food will also be on sale on the evening and there will be



canapés to start the evening off. Tickets cost £12.50 per head. Please reserve your place by ringing Sue Holden on 330440 or Carole Rutter on 331669.

We would like as many children as possible to come along and enjoy competing against each other in our annual **sports day** on Sun 1 June from 2pm. Make sure you come along and support them and get grandparents to shout encouragement from the sidelines! All the usual races will be run and teas, coffees and cakes will be served. Proceeds to be split between the GHRC and church.

Open Gardens (pictured, right, in 2012) will take place on Sun 15 June. If you would like to open your garden please contact Liz Powley on 330246 now and, if you wish to offer your help with the million and one jobs that need doing, please contact me on 331306. Even if you can only offer one shift we would be grateful.

We put a request in the last Village View for volunteers to write or act ghost stories for next **Hallowe'en**. Unfortunately no-one came forward so it is highly unlikely this event will take place this year. However, if you want it to go ahead and wish to help please call me as above.

Family celebration to herald open gardens

by Chris Nottingham of the GHRC

We are pleased to announce that this year's Open Gardens will be prefaced by a 'family night out in the evening sun' (bold title! – Ed) jointly in aid of the GHRC and church fabric fund. There will be live music from the band This Way Up, disco, bar, children's entertainment and sideshows. The event will take place on the day before Open Gardens, Sat 14 June, from 7pm in Stirke's barn at the bottom of the green just where the lane bears right after Main Pine. Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children aged 11 and under and include a hot pork sandwich and by apple pie. Half-price tickets available for those who don't wish to eat. Those who do need to book in advance for catering purposes. More information from Sam Blacker at samblacker@hotmail.co.uk.

Our sporting focus switches from football to cricket this month. The playing field recently hosted Harrogate & Craven District Schoolboys U12s who compete against other district teams from across the north of England. The side has already made two bookings for next year. The season for two other teams who regularly use the playing field is also drawing to a close. Meanwhile, cricket is swinging into action. See news in brief on the back page for more information. On the social front the next coffee morning with a book exchange takes place on Sat 14 April from 10am.

The village hall website has been revamped (see www.greenhammertonvillagehall.org.uk) and we're pleased to report that bookings are now being made for 2016. To book your event we advise an early enquiry to Claire Jeffrey via 331304 or marljeff@btinternet.com.

Finally, I have two small pleas. To keep our playing field in a good and safe condition please refrain from playing golf on it as divots damage the surface and please collect and dispose of your dog's poop as you would in the streets of the village.



News from the pews

by David MacDonald, 330836

In the Church year we are, of course, in the time of Lent leading up to Easter when many people take the opportunity to give up something which they enjoy or do something they would not normally do as an act of self-discipline. I recently heard of a lady who had given up chocolate for Lent to the extent that she even avoided having chocolate sprinkles on her cappuccino. That's what I call self-discipline!

Well, the end is in sight and in only a couple of weeks the Easter weekend will be upon us with the usual Good Friday workshop at 10am at St Thomas's led by Barry Atkinson. There is no Easter Day service in Green Hammerton this year but there will be a 9am Communion at Whixley.

Tickets for the springtime concert in the village hall on Sat 12 April in aid of the church have sold out.

Ring organiser Dicky Black on 330207 to go on the returns list.

Finally, since the last report, work on the beautiful Victorian tiles in the chancel has been completed and the floor is now safe to walk on.

▪ A **Christian Aid lunch** will be held on Wed 14 May from 11.30am to 1.30pm at Green Hammerton village hall. A choice of homemade soup with bread, cake and coffee or tea will be served for £5.50. There will be a cake and produce stall, tombola and raffle as well as plant stall. Offers of help and items suitable for the stalls, tombola and raffle would be greatly appreciated. The focus of this year's Christian Aid week is bringing aid to countries torn apart by war, including Colombia, South Sudan and Iraq. For more information ring Helena Leather on 330694.

Village looks smarter at end of council year

*by Gilly Leather of
Green Hammerton Parish Council, 330307*

Already we are at the end of another parish council year during which time two members have left and their replacements co-opted. We are a diverse bunch so hopefully represent a very varied cross-section of the village.

During the last year our greatest challenge and one we have spent a great deal of time on has been preparing and commenting on our response to Harrogate Council's core strategy and development plan for our area in order to ensure, as far as we possibly can, that any proposed development here does not detract from the vernacular and ambience of our village, that there is safe access, proper and adequate placement of infrastructure and inclusion of green space and planting. We will have more chance to voice our views once detailed plans are submitted at which time we intend to hold an open meeting so that we all get a chance to have our say.

Unlikely as it may seem we have continued to badger North Yorkshire to prioritise our potholes and while there has been some improvement we know there is much more to do. We are not alone, of course, as every other village in the ward has the same problem but we do our best to shout the loudest.

We have recruited 20 litter pickers who do a sterling job and have greatly improved the look of the village. We have also procured from North Yorkshire County Council some gates to replace some of the most challenging stiles on our footpaths. One has been fitted and hopefully the rest will be in situ soon. The A59 corner has been landscaped and Helenfield has been greatly enhanced by much conservation work carried out by

Alistair Taylor and his team.

We have designated the area around the telephone box for our wild flower planting experiment so would be grateful if you would refrain from mowing or strimming there. It will be kept tidy. We have singularly failed to prevent dog fouling on our footpaths, get the 30mph sign on Harrogate Road moved closer to the B6265 junction, stop people parking on pavements and get any more dropped kerbs! However, we will not give up and are addressing the 30mph sign problem by having our own 'slow down' sign made. We're also gathering further evidence of the need for more dropped kerbs and leafleting the village about the dangers of inconsiderate parking. As for dog fouling, what more can we say?

We have spent some of your money on village website training, much grass cutting (including the playing field and churchyard), litter picking tools, landscaping the A59 corner, paying our excellent clerk's salary as well as general housekeeping. We have continued to support the anti-incinerator project.

Our year was rounded off with a very convivial AGM which was well attended and highlighted the many wonderful activities which go on within our village. We hope we have served you well and aim to continue to do our best in the coming year.

Use it or lose it

Sandra Mack is calling for support for a bus service that is due to be withdrawn. The Abbott's of Leeming bus runs on Wednesdays from Green Hammerton to Knaresborough and Harrogate.

"The fare is £2.50 but many of us who use it would be prepared to pay twice as much to keep it going," said Sandra. "Abbott's say they need 20 passengers to make the route viable and, at the moment, they are only getting nine or so. The bus is a real lifeline for some people. It's not just used for shopping but also dental appointments and banking and as a means of getting out of the village for a few hours."

The service departs from Green Hammerton at 10.40, arriving in Knaresborough at 10.55 and Harrogate at 11.05. The return service departs Knaresborough at 1.30.

Ooh, la, la, la! Let's go (belly) dancing!

by Elsie Rymer

In February we enjoyed a very entertaining talk from Mrs Jenny Stacey as she demonstrated how to make six types of paper flowers to brighten the dull winter days. Unfortunately, our March speaker was unable to come at the last minute due to family

illness. In true, indomitable WI style, our secretary Elsie Rymer stepped into the breach to give an introduction to homeopathy that raised a number of interesting questions. A sizeable hamper which we'd planned to give to our scheduled speaker from the Harrogate Food Bank was delivered the following week.

Coming up Ivan Andrew will speak on 'Emma & Horatio' on Tues 8 April (with a competition for 'my favorite vase' no taller than 12 inches) while Larissa Collins will be teaching belly dancing (with a competition for home-made Turkish Delight) on Tues 13 May! Both meetings will take place at Kirk Hammerton village hall at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome at £2.50 per evening. More information from Sue Bowe on 330651 or me on 331641.

News in brief

- The Ainsty Farm Shop is holding a **barbecue day for Yorkshire Air Ambulance** on Sat 19 April. There will be a prize draw for a £50 barbecue pack and barbecue tasters all day. Fundraisers from Yorkshire Air Ambulance will be on hand to talk about the work they do.

- The sound of bat to ball will ring out across the village when the cricket season gets under way on Sat 19 April. **Green Hammerton Cricket Club** is still looking for new players young and old. Match ball sponsorships are also still available. With the help of some new volunteers we are hoping to start our popular **football** sessions every Tuesday from 6-7pm after the Easter school holidays. All enquiries about participation or support to Neil Phillips on 07795 387441.



- Green Hammerton resident and website manager Steve Ross, pictured above in Le Tour mode, has been appointed as secretary of the **Tockwith Show** which takes place on Sun 3 Aug. Steve and show president, Sam Blacker, also from the village, will undertake the 192-mile Coast to Coast walk in August in aid of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Royal Agricultural Benevolent Society.

- If you would like to join the **village email list** then register at www.greenhammerton.org.uk/village-email. Steve Ross advises that it hasn't been possible to transfer the names of those who signed

up to the old email list administered by Paul Whelan.

- A **planning application** has been made for a new dwelling on land to the rear of Chapel View Cottage at the bottom of The Green. For full details see www.bit.ly/1h3GzLL. Deadline for comments is Fri 11 April.

- Police in Harrogate have noted an increase in **break-ins to sheds and outbuildings** over recent weeks reports our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator Bill Smith (331461). Equipment such as strimmers, leaf blowers and chainsaws are often easy pickings for criminals and should be secured away out of sight.

- The next two orders by the **oil syndicate** are scheduled for April 16 and May 21. All order dates are listed on the village website. Enquiries to janebannan@btinternet.com.

- **Quiz answers.** Q1 Nepal; Q2 126,000; Q3 The Fat Duck; Q4 Shirley Crabtree; Q5 Spiderman! One extra teaser: a bottle of wine to the first reader to identify the titles of three pop songs within the headlines of this issue and say who performed them. Email the editor as below.

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