

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

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## Village rocked by giant new housing plan

The 83 new houses planned for Green Hammerton could be the tip of the iceberg according to proposals set out in Harrogate Council's new draft local development plan.

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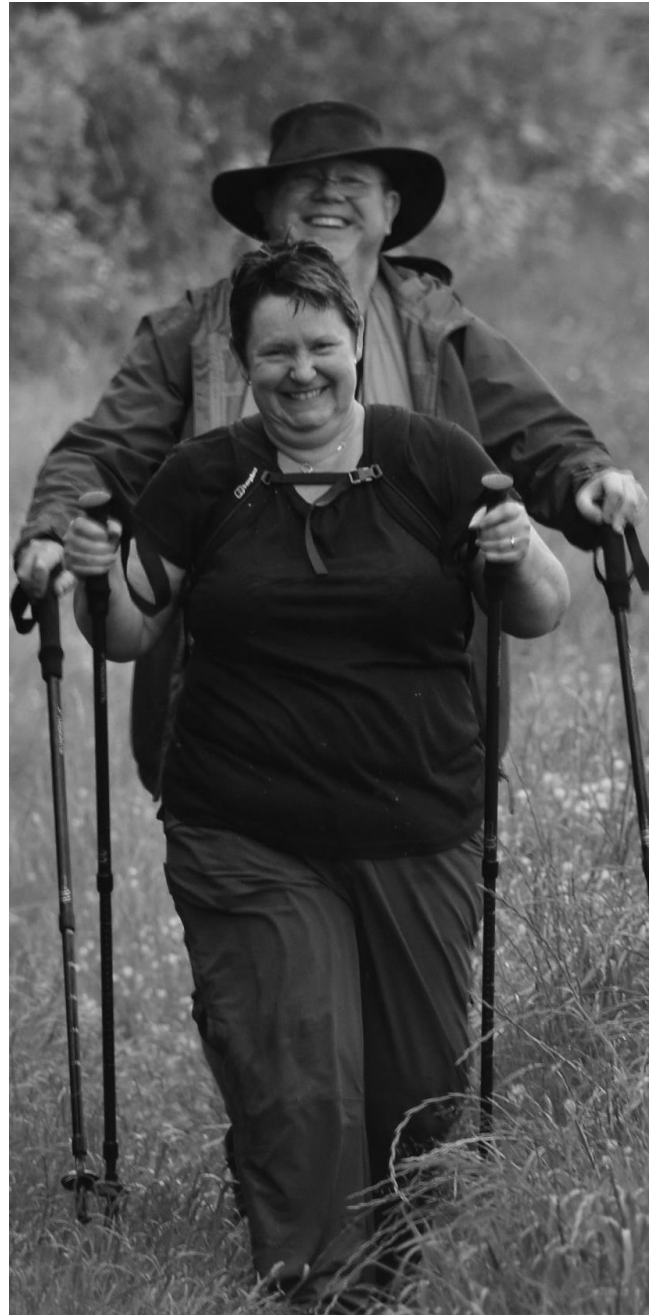
Five options have been outlined, one of which would severely impact on our village. Option three

states that there could be 2,000 new homes to the east of Harrogate centred around Hammerton and Cattal stations. A consultation meeting has been arranged in the village hall on Tues 11 Aug from 3-7pm.

Gilly Leather of Green Hammerton parish council told Village View: "This latest news has is like a bolt out of the blue and has knocked us for six. We've only just submitted a very comprehensive response to the Redrow application outlining in great detail the very serious concerns that many people have with regard to the relatively few number of houses they're proposing. We have no doubt that residents will rise to the challenge posed by this latest proposal as will the parish council. We strongly urge everyone to attend the meeting if they possibly can."

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## Calling all thespians

*by Lisa Moore of the Green Hammerton  
Recreational Charity (GHRC) social committee*

We're hoping to put on a one act play with supper on Sat 14 Nov. With that in mind there will be a play reading on Mon 7 Sept from 8pm followed by audition on Mon 14 Sept from 8pm. Please come along if you are interested and make a note in your diaries of all three dates.

We also need help behind the scenes so please come along to the audition if you are interested in any of the following: costumes, prompt, props and possible lighting/stage management. If you're interested but can't make either evening please call Chris Turner on 331306.

## Fancy a fayre?

*by Lisa Moore of the Green Hammerton  
Recreational Charity (GHRC) social committee*

We're looking into the possibility of putting on a country fayre next summer. This would be a lovely family event for us to host however, we need helpers! If you have expertise or interest in any of the following we would love to hear from you: marketing, sponsorship, dog/animal events, music, signage or children's entertainment please contact Sue Holden on 330440, Carole Rutter on 331669, Chris Turner on 331306 and [c.turner2011@btinternet.com](mailto:c.turner2011@btinternet.com) or Lisa Moore at [lisamoore07@me.com](mailto:lisamoore07@me.com) by Aug 22. We will of course need further help in the run-up to the event and on the day itself but right now we are looking for people to volunteer to help organise and promote it. We will announce in the next Village View whether we have enough helpers to run the event.

## Energetic finale to school year

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

Year five and six pupils had a fantastic residential visit to a Kingswood site in Northumberland in June. The sun shone for three days while children participated in some amazing activities including orienteering, climbing wall, zipwire, high equilibrium, outdoor laser, camp fire and many more. They showed no fear and attempted all activities with enthusiasm, determination and bravery. Staff were so proud of each and every pupil. What an enjoyable time away for all involved.

Children in years three to six performed a fantastic end of year production, Aladdin Trouble. The cast included a comedy dame, a panto baddy and a doomed romance, topped off with some excellent singing, dancing and acting throughout! The children's effort

and dedication to the show made the performances both entertaining and enjoyable for the audience and extremely proud staff. Well done to all involved!



We were so sad to say goodbye to the fantastic group of year six pupils, above, that have left our school. They have all been an absolute pleasure to know and work alongside. They are a very talented, enthusiastic and inspirational group of young people who have a very bright and exciting future ahead of them. We hope that they are happy, hard working and successful at their next school and that they take with them lots of fond memories of our school. We shall miss them all very much.

## Reading scheme benefits from fundraising efforts

*by Rachael Holloway of  
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

Looking back over the last academic year we can feel proud of all the events we've held and the amazing £4,000 sum we've raised for school. After consultation with Ms Wallis and her staff we have put £3,100 towards a new reading scheme with the intention of raising money next year to pay the remaining £2,500. We have also funded the school-to-parent texting service again this year.

All our events have been well attended – from the Christmas fair to our recent barbecue. Thank you to all those who've supported us over the last year and have a happy and safe summer holiday.

## Walking back to happiness

*by Chris Nottingham*

Jo and I are proud to announce that we completed the 79-mile Yorkshire Wolds Way walk from Hessle to Filey in June raising £1,600 to date for Macmillan Cancer Care and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. We were supported and accompanied by Steve Ross and Sam Blacker, veterans of the Coast to Coast walk.

In comparison Jo and I were rank amateurs. I doubt either of us had walked more than five or six miles in one go before we started training for this "holiday". It was actually rumoured that Jo had only said yes to doing the walk because she thought she'd exhausted her annual holiday allowance with M&S!

Our first day started with a stroll under the Humber Bridge and along the banks of the river before heading north into the Wolds countryside which for Jo and I was unknown territory. We spent the night at The Gnu Inn at North Newbald. Day two to Millington was shorter at 15 miles but none of us had much energy left to walk too far around the pool table at The Gait Inn that night.

Sam and Steve walked on ahead at their own pace and gave us some hints of what lay ahead including the best route up some of the sharp inclines on day three to The Cross Keys at Thixendale. Sam said that day four was "relatively flat". Well, perhaps yes, compared to the Himalayas! Highlights included the old village of Wharram Percy and the views towards the North York Moors. A lowlight was the tough late ascent through the woods near Winteringham.

The final, fifth day measured up at 20 miles and included heavy rain. Combine that with very overgrown paths and field borders and you soon get very soggy boots. Sam and Steve rolled into Filey at 3.30pm and we were three hours behind them. We celebrated with champagne then fish and chips.



Thanks to Mike Taylor for providing the transport to Hessle, Alison Ross and Andrea Barnes for the welcome meet and greet just outside Filey, all those who donated and, of course, Steve and Sam. Despite the pain and plasters I would recommend walking for charity. Jo and I discovered the real beauty of the Wolds (which we were unaware of despite regularly travelling through the area by car in childhood). We also felt tremendously satisfied reaching the finish knowing that our efforts will help in some small way two worthy causes.

• This is a condensed version of an article previously published with more pics at [tockwithshow.org.uk](http://tockwithshow.org.uk).

## Don't just sit on it!

*by Gilly Leather of Green Hammerton parish council*

Following the success of our litter pickers' fantastic work we are now looking for DIY enthusiasts to volunteer to look after one of our benches. Some of them are badly in need of repair and others a bit of TLC. The council will reimburse the cost of materials and give you a special mention in despatches every now and then. As with our litter pickers it would be ideal if we had two volunteers per bench so that the task is not too onerous. The benches are located outside the playing field; in between the shop and Barnard Lane; at the top of The Green; outside the allotments; and on the plinth (two). If you feel you could help in this way, please do contact me on 330307 with your choice of bench. We would be very grateful.

Thank you to all those who are mowing the areas outside their homes. It is a big help now that we have to pay for all our grass cutting. Daniel from St Anne's, in particular, is doing sterling work for us opposite the church. The plinth area will be cut down very shortly when our scyther returns from holiday.

Finally, Jonathan Purday continues to lead with extremely efficient determination our bid for a cycle path between Green Hammerton and Thorpe Underwood. So far, he reports that things are moving forward in a most positive way.

## News from the pews

*with David MacDonald of St Thomas' church*

According to my church warden's yearbook (an indispensable reference) we are now in the 'dog days' of summer, lasting from July 3 to Aug 23 (as stated by the old farmer's almanac) when Sirius, the dog star, rises at the same time as the sun and the days are regarded as "the sultriest of the year". Well, let's hope we get some 'sultry' in the next few weeks as it's been a long time coming!

By the time you read this Father Christopher will have taken up the reins again after his sabbatical. We welcome him back and, at the same time, express our deep gratitude to Rev Joan Roper who has worked so hard in taking on his workload in our parish and the benefice as a whole during his absence.

On the subject of the church pews which are to be removed I'm afraid the information I gave in the last issue was not strictly accurate in that they are made of pitch pine (not oak) and are 14 not 18ft long. We are looking for offers in the region of £100 so if anyone is interested please call me on 330836.

Plans are well underway for the car boot sale on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 Aug, on the green (see pic from last year and ad on next page) and golf day on Wed 9 Sept at Aldwark Manor, both events in aid of the St

Thomas fabric fund. And, you golfers out there, don't forget to tell your friends and make up a foursome! The cost for the day will be £120 for a team of four and includes 18 holes of golf and soup and sandwiches after. There will be the usual nearest the pin, longest drive and winning team prizes, a raffle and hopefully a half-way house selling drinks. If you wish to enter a team please contact either Steve Ross on 07976 268012 or Sam Blacker on 07889 200401.



Organisers of the Harrogate food bank find themselves with an embarrassment of riches of certain items (there are good reasons why this is the case which I won't bore you with!) but they would be extremely grateful if we can continue to donate such items as UHT milk, long life fruit juice, sugar, biscuits and toiletries for the time being. Please leave donations at the back of the church as usual. Again, many thanks for your generosity. Speaking of generosity, our sincere thanks must go to Martin Helliwell of the Village Club for the pro bono installation of floodlights outside the church.



Car Boot/Table Top Sale

*St Thomas' Church  
Fabric Fund*

**CAR BOOT/TABLE TOP**  
**Bank Holiday Monday**  
**August 31st**  
**The Green,**  
**Green Hammerton**  
**YO26**

**Sellers:** Cars £8.00, Tables £5.00  
 Vans £10  
**Arrive from 7.00am**

**Buyers:** By donation  
**Open 8.00am**

**Refreshments**  
**available**

All proceeds to go to St Thomas' Church Fabric Fund  
 Call 01423 330694 for further information  
[www.greenhammerton.org.uk](http://www.greenhammerton.org.uk)

## Party time

*by Elsie Rymer of  
Kirk & Green Hammerton WI*

Sam Blacker and Steve Ross gave an illustrated talk on their Coast to Coast walk at our June meeting. At the time of the walk last summer Sam was president of Tockwith Show so the walk was sponsored to raise money for his chosen charities. We thoroughly enjoyed their tales of the ups and downs – literal and emotional – and the glorious scenery shown in the slide show.

Last month we visited the Yorkshire Heart vineyard in Nun Monkton (see pic, below) where Chris Spakouskas gave us a very entertaining and informative talk about the history of the vineyard and how to grow grapes for winemaking. Then Gillian Spakouskas (Mercian Vineyard Association Winemaker of the Year 2014!) provided us with some delightful nibbles along with three wines to sample while considering how they matched the food. Needless to say a number of members came home with bottles of local wine clinking in their bags!



Our next two meetings will not be open to visitors. At our summer garden meeting in August our president will show us how to make pots at her ceramic studio followed by puddings of all descriptions. Then we will celebrate our 85th birthday and the National Federation centenary with a meal and entertainment in September.

So, if you are a fun-loving party animal why not contact either Ann Johnson on 01904 738541 and anneandwilliam@tiscali.co.uk or me on 331641 and sunny.bank@talktalk.net for further details of WI membership and future meetings?

## Shop continues to expand its range

*by Christopher Hay of the village shop*

As it's that time of year for summer holidays abroad don't forget that we have Euros in stock and can get any other currency within 24 hours. Please be sure to support your village post office to ensure its success.

Since the last edition of Village View I have introduced fresh produce and wine fridges to the shop. The fresh



produce fridge has literally saved our bacon and chocolate in the recent hot weather and, of course, our selection of fresh products and savoury delights. This month we continue our search in earnest for the right fresh produce supplier that can provide the best products at attractive prices.



I've added a selection of delicious jams and chutneys (£2.25) from Mercers of York to the shelves and also continued expanding our range of Yorkshire Rapeseed Oil products to include their beautifully coloured mayonnaise and garlic mayonnaise (£3.50). According to one of our loyal customers we sell their products cheaper than Fodder in Harrogate.

The wine list is expanding at a pace. I've recently added two new reds to the selection as well as four new whites including Alba Vega Albarino (£10.99), a superb example of Albarino. The nose displays citrus and stoned fruits with a very clean and well balanced palate that's light and refreshing. It goes well with shellfish such as clams or mussels. Fever-Tree is also now listed and all the rage. We are reliably informed that it's the best gin mix. Ginger ale, bitter lemon, tonic and tonic light: four for £3!

You can now have Sunday newspapers delivered in time for breakfast. If you would like to order please pop in and we will add you to our growing list.

## Down Memory Lane

*by Paul Evans*

This month marks the 140th anniversary of the railway accident at Wilstrop siding near Skip Bridge Green, Hammerton. On Mon 16 Aug 1875 a train left Harrogate at 1215 reaching Hammerton station around 1300 en route to York. After leaving Hammerton station the line went to a single track because a replacement railway bridge over the river Nidd was under construction. As the train went over the points they changed derailing the final first class carriage and throwing the three occupants out. Fanny Elizabeth Whittaker from Brockamore near Ripon was crushed under the carriage and died the following day.

The subsequent inquest at Wilstrop Hall concluded that a safety locking lever had not been fitted to the points which had moved while the train was crossing, derailing some of the carriages. Nevertheless, the jury recorded a verdict of manslaughter against Robert Collinson, the signalman working at Wilstrop signal box, who was committed for trial at York assizes and found not guilty. Fanny Whittaker is buried in Ripon Cathedral. A full account of the accident is available on the village website, [greenhammerton.org](http://greenhammerton.org).

## News in brief

- A meeting has been held to try resurrect **junior football sessions** in the village, reports Neil Phillips. If you are interested in joining the team progressing the initiative please join us at the next meeting in the Village Club on Wed 2 Sept at 8pm.

- A junior mixed **pool tournament** for all children both boys and girls from Green Hammerton and surrounding villages will be held in the Village Club family room on Sunday afternoons during October and November. Entry is free but each child must be accompanied by one or more parents or guardians over 18. Entry forms can be obtained from either the Village Club or Malcolm Horner on 331428 and should be completed and returned to the Club before Aug 31.

- The loss of an iPad from a house on The Green last month is being treated as **burglary**, reports Bill Smith, Green Hammerton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. The incident coincides with two men seen cold calling. It has been reported to North Yorkshire Police. They ask all villagers to be aware that such incidents are opportunistic so be alert, look after your property and do not make it easy for such people. Maybe the village should consider applying to become a 'no cold calling zone'.



- Green Hammerton's **Chatty Ramblers** are pictured above by Jane Bannan on their walk to Thorpe Underwood on June 25. From left: Liz Powley, Andrea Barnes, Sue Holden and Gill Blacker.

- You've had your chips. **Hooked & Cooked** are on holiday on Thu 6 Aug. Regular service resumes in the car park of the Village Club from Thu 13 Aug.

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