

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

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*The track from the bottom of the green will become part of the cycle way. Tandem courtesy of Gilly Leather.*

## Cycle route on track

by Jon Purday

**It looks like all the legal issues have been cleared for the cycle track from Green Hammerton to Thorpe Underwood.**

The Trust that runs Queen Ethelburga's has signed the formal legal agreement with Little Ouseburn Parish Council so the Hammerton Greenway can cross their land from the bridge over Score Ray Beck to Moss Hill Lane. The Trust has generously agreed to put £5,000 towards the creation of the track and has undertaken to mow verges and trim hedges along their section of it.

The funding position's positive. Around £45,000 looks like it's in the pipeline which is a good proportion of the £60,000 needed to build the cycleway. Developers wanting to build in the village

have to pay a sum towards community benefits, and Harrogate Borough Council has earmarked £9,472 for the cycleway from the Linden Homes proposal and over £30,000 from the Redrow proposal. An outline bid for money from Harrogate Transport Planning's sustainable transport fund has had a positive reply: "This is the sort of project we were envisaging that the fund could contribute to and it sits well with our priorities".

We've also been advised to apply to the Morrison Foundation, which puts money towards projects that benefit local communities. With Morrisons being our local supermarket and a major Yorkshire-based business it would be appropriate if they were able to offer us some funding.

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Now that all the landowners and tenants along the route have agreed to the cycleway North Yorks County Council is drawing up a legal agreement with Green Hammerton parish council and our recreational charity (GHRC). The latter has agreed to take on responsibility for making the track happen because it is in the best position to bid for and administer the substantial amounts of money involved.

Brian Halling, GHRC Chairman, said: 'The Hammerton Greenway will be a great addition to recreation in the village. It's not only for cyclists. Runners, walkers, families with pushchairs and wheelchair users will all enjoy it. The route will have a good surface, much better than the muddy pools we have to walk through at the moment, and runs along one of the most attractive routes from the village. Because it links into the National Cycle Network, it will also bring cyclists through the village which will be great for the Bay Horse, the shop and the social club.'



Hammerton Greenway  
update

To stay up to date with cycle track progress email me via [jonathan.purday@gmail.com](mailto:jonathan.purday@gmail.com).

## Book now for quiz night

*by Chris Turner of the  
Green Hammerton Recreational Charity*

I must start off by thanking Jon and Callum from the pub for helping us put up the Christmas decorations in the village hall. I hope you all saw our efforts and took pleasure from them.

Our next fundraiser is our annual quiz on Sat 11 March from 7.30pm. Tickets at £10 per person including a two-course supper available from Sue Holden on 330440, Carole Rutter on 331669 or Jane Bannan via [janebannan@btinternet.com](mailto:janebannan@btinternet.com). Please book early if possible to enable us to cater correctly.

The following event is the Meet & Eat on Sat 20 May. Full details will be in the next Village View but if you are interested and want to know more please email me at [c.turner2011@btinternet.com](mailto:c.turner2011@btinternet.com).

**Q: Who's this and what's her link to Green Hammerton?**  
**A: See first story, page 5.**



## Plenty of room at the (refurbished) inn

*by Tina Clarke of The Bay Horse*

We would like to thank everyone who has welcomed us into the village and supported The Bay Horse since we took over in November. We have made a lot of new friends already many of whom have helped us with our house move from Menston.

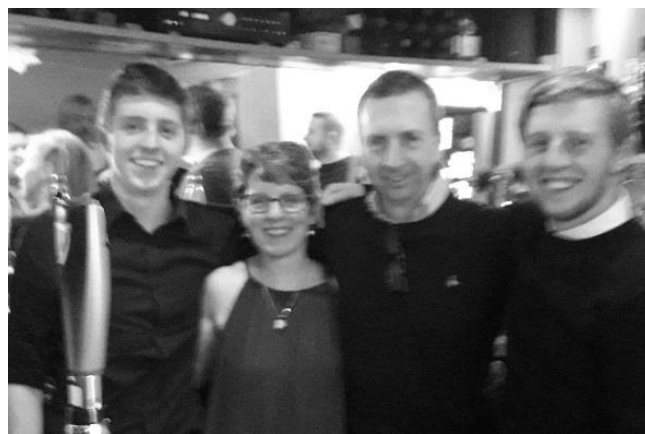
We hope everyone enjoyed our acoustic music night with Stella Midgeley on Dec 23. It was nice to see some of the local musicians joining in including our son Ryan. We launch our 'open mic' night on Wed 8 Feb at 8.30pm. All are welcome whether you want to sing, play or read a poem. We will repeat the evening on the second Wednesday of every month under the stewardship of Arnold who can be contacted on 07702 121386.

Our quiz night runs on all other Wednesday evenings from 9.15pm. Fun and with friendly banter, the quiz is free to enter and includes a free supper. On Valentine's Day we will offer a two-course menu from 5-9pm at £17.95 per head (booking advisable).

We are currently in the process of redecorating and refurbishing our 10 bed and breakfast rooms which will complete by the end of February. Rooms are still available during this period. Green and Kirk Hammerton residents can enjoy at 10% discount on our standard room rates for friends and family visiting the area.

We are currently looking for part-time bar, kitchen and housekeeping staff. For more information contact Jon on 330338.

Our current opening hours are Monday and Tuesdays, noon to 10.30pm; Wednesday to Saturday, noon to 11pm; and Sundays, noon until 8pm. Food is served daily Monday to Thursday noon to 8pm; Fridays and Saturdays, noon to 9pm; and Sundays, noon to 6pm. All our meat is sourced locally from Tancred Farm at Whixley. We also cater for functions on request.



▪ Happy family. Pictured, from left, are Callum, Tina, Jon and Ryan Clarke.

## Top shop

*by Christopher Hay of the village shop*

Our plan for the long overdue refurbishment of the shop and post office completed on time and we re-opened for business on Jan 20 with a well supported preview including wine tasting the previous afternoon.

Our team of contractors has done an excellent job. We have received many compliments from customers and if you haven't been in to the shop to have a look we would love to see you. Typical comments from local people about the shop have been:

"Wow, the shop looks so bright and welcoming. It's amazing now." "Have you extended the shop? It looks so much bigger." "The shop always used to smell a bit musty but it smells of lovely wood now." "I really love the new open oak counter without the glass; so much friendlier than before."

As you may have seen in the press The Post Office is closing branches and making many changes to its network. As such we are very grateful and formally wish to thank The Post Office for the grant we received which funded most of the refurb. Without The Post

Office and ongoing support of community post offices we would not have been able to achieve all of this.

Meanwhile, our home delivery newspaper service is under threat. We continue to need assistance on Thursday and Friday mornings. This role will suit anyone with a free hour and energy in the early mornings such as teenagers, stay-at-home parents or community elders. If you are interested, please contact me.

Last but not least, are you aware that Chopsticks kindling from Northallerton provide work based activities for adults with a learning disability and/or physical disability? Support this great cause when buying your kindling at the shop.

Don't forget that at the new Post Office Counter you can also deposit cheque or cash, withdraw cash, pay bills and buy/order foreign currency. Every bit helps and we would love to see you pop in even if it's only to draw £20! Thank you for your continued support.

▪ Pictured below at the wine tasting are, from left, Debbie Allan, Johnny Pearson (wine guru) and Christopher, Arabella and Ingrid Hay.



## Scanner appeal update

*by Dr Angela O'Donoghue  
of Springbank Surgery*

The money required for the scanner has gone up significantly compared to the original sum discussed with the practice patient group. Initially, we were looking to buy a portable scanner the size of a mobile phone which currently costs £6,700. But, through further examination, it transpires that this scanner would not allow for the uses we would find most useful for the practice population.

Since then I have completed a short ultrasound course to help us identify specifically what we are looking for. Scanners can cost over £100k but most portable hospital units are in the region of £60-70k. These are clearly more than we require. We will not be looking for incidental subtleties but to answer very simple questions that will help the best management of patients there and then. So members of the group suggested getting a scanner that was fit for purpose and the absolute cheapest one I can find is £15k.

I did worry that the community would consider that their generosity had been taken for granted. I hope not and trust that everyone would want the money raised used for something that could do as much as we need it to. I think the all round effort has been phenomenal. The words 'touching' and 'heartwarming' don't really cover it. The efforts have genuinely lifted my spirits through the winter especially now that we are close to getting a scanner for the community.

Jane Bannan adds: "The amount raised now stands at £14,400. What a wonderful effort! Please continue to fundraise for this fantastic local cause so that we can get the very best scanner available."

- A sum of £55 was raised for the scanner appeal from the Christmas lights trail around the village which included Jeff Kitson's 'magic garden' on Boroughbridge Road, the Hymas's 'reindeer park' and Simon Mack's 'grotto' aka the former reading room. Simon hopes to expand the trail next year. If you would like to participate please let him know.

## Meet your new councillor

*by Claire Greenwood*

I grew up in Green Hammerton until 2004 when I went to Leeds Trinity & All Saints University to study primary education. After graduating in 2008 I taught for almost seven years in Bradford while living in Leeds. I returned to the village two years ago with my husband and two sons, Joshua and Harry who attend school and pre-school here. Currently taking time out from full-time teaching I work part-time at The Bay Horse in the evenings and Kirk Hammerton Nursery School during the day.

I have very happy memories of growing up in Green Hammerton and as part of the parish council I hope I can help members of the community and families old and new continue to enjoy the village and everything it has to offer.



- Claire is pictured with husband David and sons Joshua (left) and Harry.

## Parish council round-up

*by Ivan Andrew of Green Hammerton parish council*

Redrow is expected to begin construction at their site behind Stoneleigh Gate very shortly. The final decision on the proposed Linden Homes development has been delegated to the planning officer who is expected to grant approval once appropriate details have been addressed. All letters submitted regarding the local plan will eventually appear on the Harrogate Borough Council website. A site at North Deighton is being put forward as an alternative to Green Hammerton and the old golf course at Flaxby.

The parish council has asked the National Association of Local Councils for advice regarding taking over at least part of the management of the green open space. They advise that we need our own solicitor before proceeding further. Discussions with the present owners are ongoing but the wills of the two deceased owners have still to be cleared. Parts of the green do become damaged at times. The parish council has a responsibility regardless of ownership since the green is a registered open space and provides value for the whole village. Our intention is to produce a leaflet drawing everyone's attention to the benefits this space provides for the village.

Our AGM, open to all parishioners, will be held in March. We propose to ask the Open Spaces Society to talk about the advantages of having the green as a village amenity.

We are in contact with North Yorkshire County Council concerning unresolved issues connected with the A59 verge and the gravel heaps. We are also concerned with the number of empty bottles and other litter that is dumped along Red Lane. Bottles can become very dangerous especially if broken. We particularly ask those responsible to place the empty bottles in a safe receptacle but also request that community spirited and willing walkers in the area consider carrying a plastic bag to collect litter to be disposed of safely.

The next session for volunteers to assist with management tasks at Helenfield is scheduled for Sun 5 Feb. The full session lasts from 10am to 3pm but volunteers are welcome for however long they can manage. For more information please contact Alistair or Angela Taylor at Croft Cottage on Boroughbridge Road or via 330330 and [alistairgreenhammerton@gmail.com](mailto:alistairgreenhammerton@gmail.com).

Paul Whelan, the parish clerk will resign as from July. We would like to thank him for his excellent work. We are now seeking a successor. The Parish Council has donated £500 towards the scanner appeal. We have indicated our interest in retaining the telephone box in the village but are still awaiting final approval. Our new policeman is 479 PC Powell. New to the area but not to policing, he covers the area from Dishforth to York at this side of the A1. He can be contacted at Boroughbridge via 101.



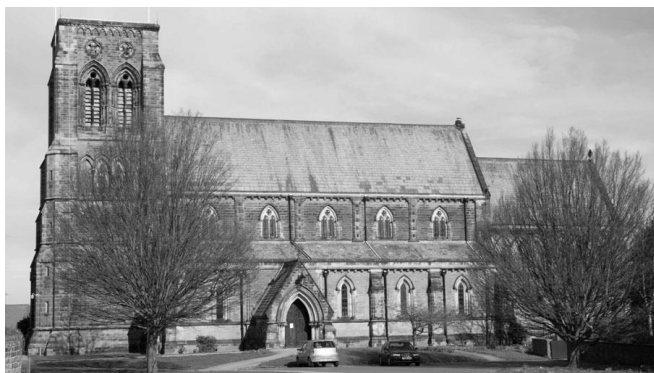
## Church talk highlights historical links

*by the editor*

The official opening of St Thomas's Church 140 years ago was re-enacted by a cast drawn from the village and its vicinity in an anniversary event conceived and directed by Ivan Andrew.

Stepping up to the lectern on November 11 were George Rowden as Revd William Valentine, David MacDonald as Henry Richard Farrer (Lord of the Manor who part-funded construction of the church), Helena Leather as Henry's wife Eliza (née Fremantle) and Martin Leather as Thomas Francis Freemantle, Eliza's brother. Also participating were Sue Holden, Rachael Holloway, Liz Powley, Julie Whelan and Ivan.

His script referred to the architect of St Thomas', George Gilbert Scott, whose father headed up the solicitor practice that designed the Houses of Parliament and the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park. Scott Jnr was known to Farrer since, as a solicitor, Farrer acted on behalf of the Royal family, a mutual client. The Fremantles also had an association with Scott from living close to another of his clients, the Duke of Buckingham. Scott worked in northern England in the 1850s and 1860s. During this time he designed what is today St John's & St Luke's Church in Bilton, Harrogate, pictured below, which is how he was known also to Revd Valentine.



Ivan also revealed an unlikely if somewhat tenuous connection between Green Hammerton and Florence Nightingale. The legendary nurse was sister-in-law to Sir Harry Verney, an MP for Buckingham, who was known to the Fremantles.

The presentation was followed by a lively and varied concert by the Collavoce choir led by Catherine Field-Leather. A collection raised £182 for church funds.

## Youngsters give panto a go

*by Annabelle Polito of Badapple Theatre*

The young actors at Badapple Youth Theatre will perform Cinderella at Whixley village hall on Fri 10 Feb at 7pm. Written especially for them by Badapple's

Youth Theatre leader Richard Kay, this pantomime promises all the obligatory villains, fairies, heroines, animals, handsome princes, songs and jokes that you would expect plus professional lighting, sound and props from the theatre company's technical staff. Tickets are £4 on the door (including refreshments and cake) or in advance from [badappletheatre.co.uk](http://badappletheatre.co.uk). Do come and support our young actors and enjoy a rollicking adventure with Baron Hard-Up to boot!

Badapple Theatre invites you to a fundraising coffee morning on Sat 11 Feb from 10 am to noon in Green Hammerton village hall. Books, cakes and refreshments will all be available along with a raffle with all profits going towards the youth theatre.

Finally, our latest touring production Eddie and the Gold Tops comes to Green Hammerton village hall in a special gala performance on Sun 26 March. Revenue will help pay for our new touring van.

Kate Bramley's comedy drama celebrates the swinging sixties with the tale of Eddie, a much loved milkman from a family of great Italian milkmen. In the frenzy of 1963 music fever, Eddie becomes a beat group star quite by accident. He inherited the family milk round from his father and has fulfilled his deathbed promise to never miss a delivery for the good people of the village. But suddenly things are on the up! His songs are heading up the charts and if he can get there by tonight he'll be on Top of The Pops. But when things take a churn for the worse how will he get back for the morning milk?

This fun-filled evening includes live music from Jez Lowe from 7pm and the play from 7.30pm. Light supper also included. Tickets at £15 via 339168 or [badappletheatre.com](http://badappletheatre.com). Proceeds will go toward a new touring van.

## School's song and dance

*by Laura-Wells Law of Green Hammerton School*



We welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress of Harrogate to the grand unveiling of our brand new stage, pictured above, following a carol concert which was enjoyed by the VIP guests. Extensive fundraising across the year including the most recent Christmas fair, along with a pop-up café in the school, bake sales and discos, has enabled us to buy a new stage. The school nativity also

made use of the new asset.

We have recently been awarded funding from North Yorkshire County Council which will support creative workshops in the village to develop dance, drama and literacy, in conjunction with the Badpple theatre company.

Our choir performed at the Harrogate Christmas Concert at the Harrogate International Centre as part of our local cluster of schools. What a spectacular job they did! A very special mention to Rebecca Atkinson who amazed the audience with her beautiful and very confident solo. The organisers messaged us afterwards: "Congratulations to all you fabulous singers who performed in this amazing concert. The singing was wonderful and Reindeer on the Roof was superb especially with the adults joining in! Many thanks for taking part and helping so many people to get into the Christmas spirit."

We're all getting our dancing shoes in preparation for the annual cluster schools' dance festival on Wed 15 Feb. This year the theme is musicals and the year one to six children will be dancing to songs from The Lion King, The Little Mermaid, Mary Poppins and High School Musical. Break a leg everyone!

Please check out our latest artwork on display at the surgery. We hope it helps to cheer people up when they visit. As a thank you our children had a visit from the nurse and were given a lollypop treat. The children were thrilled to help out and love contributing to the local community.

## News in brief

• Frank Owen from the Clarity charity spoke at the last meeting of **Kirk & Green Hammerton WI**. Founded in 1854 Clarity creates employment for blind people through the production of toiletries and cleaning products. Several members placed orders for goods and everyone bought raffle tickets with prizes of products from the range. Pat McCormack is pictured receiving a boxed set of organic soaps from Frank.

A green hearts workshop is the form of our next meeting on Tues 14 Feb at 7.30pm at Kirk Hammerton.



• **Chatty Ramblers** is still going strong with a walk every first Thursday of the month. Our latest route took us around Martin-cum-Grafton with a very nice lunch at The Punch Bowl. Three-month old Mollie joined us on this walk, a great addition! For more information contact Chris Turner via [c.turner2011@btinternet.com](mailto:c.turner2011@btinternet.com).

• **Cricket nets** have started on Tuesdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm at the Johnnie Lawrence cricket school in Tadcaster. The new season starts in mid-April. We are in desperate need of new players. For more information including car share to nets please call Neil Phillips on 07795 387441.



## Village hall schedule

Here's a quick reminder of current weekly activities at the village hall courtesy of Claire Jeffrey:

- Brownies. Mon 6pm. Mandy Kuunal, 330527.
- Rainbows. Wed 6pm. [vickylabbot@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vickylabbot@yahoo.co.uk).
- Karate. Mon 4.45pm. [enquiries@martialartsforlife.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@martialartsforlife.co.uk).
- Parents and tots. Fri 10am. Kirsten Henry, [tom.kirsten@btinternet.com](mailto:tom.kirsten@btinternet.com)
- Junior football. Sat mornings. Kate Bramley, 339168.
- Book club. Thu 8pm monthly. Peter Morrill, 331162.
- Pilates. Tues 9.30am and 10.30am. Sessions usually run as six-week course. Claire Morrell, 07789 966759.
- Fit4Fun. Wed 9.30am. Circuits-based class. Ian Salvin, 07827 338775.
- Dru yoga. Thu 6.30pm. [jennidruyoga@gmail.com](mailto:jennidruyoga@gmail.com).
- Coffee morning and book exchange. Second Saturday in the month from 10am to noon.

Among the hall's quirkier bookings is the spring meeting of the British Dragonfly Society next month.

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