

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

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## Shop takes stock

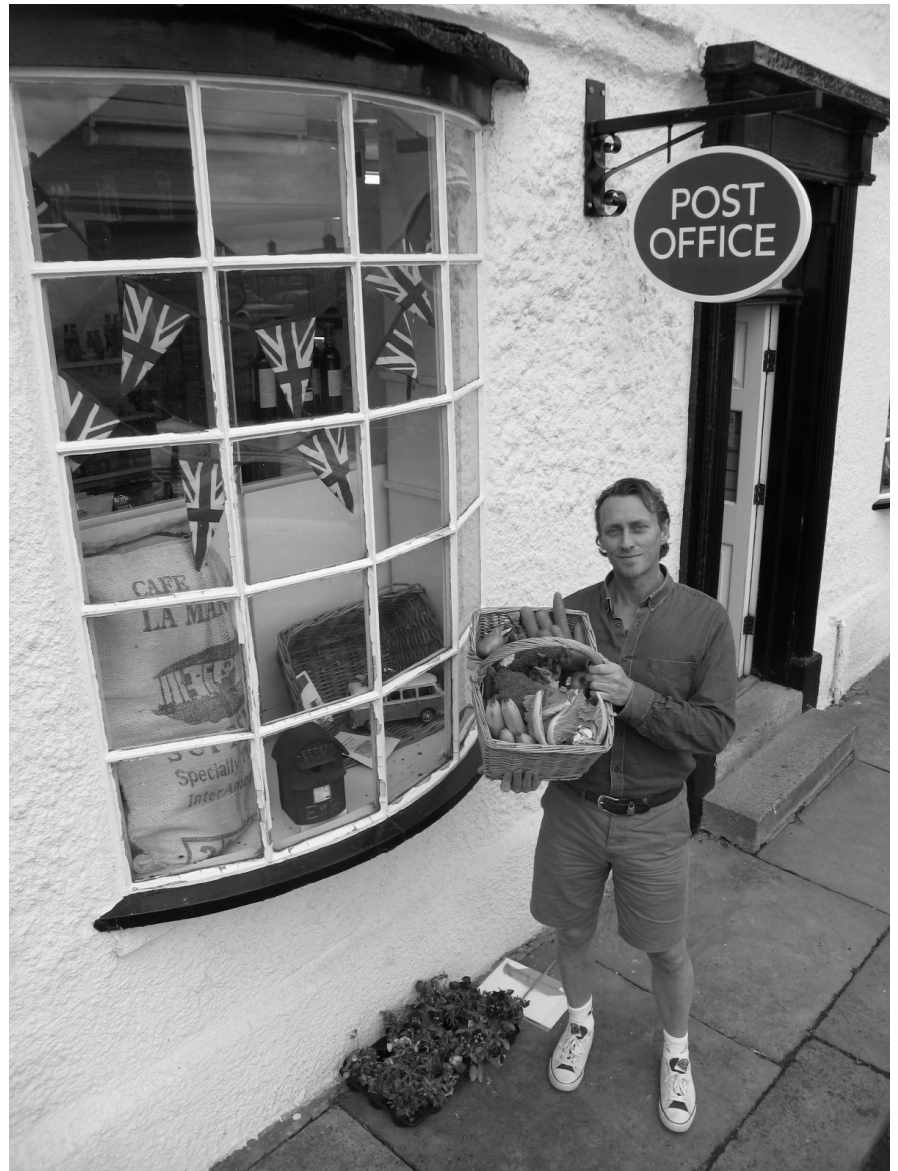
*by Christopher Hay*

**It's been an extremely busy few weeks since Ingrid and I took ownership of the village shop and post office.**

I have been training with the Post Office and we have appointed Helen Scaife from Great Ouseburn to work alongside long-standing stalwart Annette Atkinson. We have also appointed two teenagers from Green Hammerton to assist with the newspaper deliveries which we plan to extend to Sundays. On top of that we have been restocking while making best use of available space.

New product lines include fresh fruit and vegetables, artisan bread, rapeseed oils and dressings, flowering plants and a selection of local ales and hand-picked wines which we're excited about.

The white wine collection starts at



a refreshing £6.75 for a Spanish Viura, a perfumed, refreshing white with crisp apple skin and citrus flavours, to an excellent Sancerre from Domaine Jean Thomas which has a clean, fresh bouquet and overt and expansive palate with gooseberries giving it added weight for £13.25. For those that appreciate a good red our opening offers are a £6.75 for Les Courtances and £6.99 for Xavier Roger Malbec. The palates are full-flavoured with soft and juicy tannins. At the top of the range is a superb Argentinian

Malbec with a great story that retails at £18.50.

Residents have also been enquiring about the opening of a village café. Unfortunately, we have as yet not received planning permission nor found the right partner to run the café. We have therefore made a decision to rent out the main house for the short-term until we are better placed to move forward with the café.

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Many people have also remarked that it is not obvious that the premises is a village shop. Hopefully the shiny new Post Office sign erected on May 27 and the planned 'Village Shop and Post Office' sign above the door will help address that.

Mike and Alastair Rogers have been immensely supportive throughout this handover phase. We would like to formally thank them for all the knowledge and help they have provided at every turn. It was also with sadness and trepidation that we had to say goodbye to Alastair on May 20, his last working day with us.

We really appreciate all of the good wishes of visitors and encouraging comments on our improvements. We are working hard to ensure that the shop and post office will be exactly what this delightful village and greater community deserves. All the improvements we are planning will take time and plenty of money. Please bear with us.

Feel free to pop in and say hello to Annette, Helen and I or contact me via [greenhammertonto@gmail.com](mailto:greenhammertonto@gmail.com). You can also like us on Facebook. Search for 'Green Hammerton shop and post office'. We are posting updates and news on this page on a regular basis.

## Speak up about development plans

*by Gilly Leather*

I know you are all fully aware now of the two planning applications that the council is expecting to receive in the very near future for around 80 houses to be built by Redrow and 16 by Shepherd Homes.

Based on feedback from the village survey and comments from residents during our last two meetings the parish council is taking the stance that it will fight for considerably fewer homes on the Redrow site. Additionally, we will put pressure on North Yorkshire County Council highways department to improve access from the B6265 onto the A59 and Yorkshire Water to convince us that the foul water generated by any new build will be adequately dealt with. Every household should have received a consultation questionnaire from Shepherd Homes seeking views on their development plans and we would encourage you to respond.

If you feel strongly about either or both of these developments and wish to voice your concerns we urge you to also write individually to the departments and agencies involved in the planning process. Many individual letters carry a great deal of weight so the more people who write the stronger our case will be to help preserve the equilibrium of our lovely village.

Here are some useful addresses:

- NYCC Highways Department, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorks, DL7 8AD.
- Yorkshire Water, PO Box 52, Bradford, BD3 7YD.
- Harrogate Borough Council, Council Offices, Crescent Gardens, Harrogate, HG1 2SG.

The above all have pretty good websites too.

As regards other news North Yorkshire Council Council highways department has confirmed that our dropped kerbs are planned for installation during the 2015/16 financial year. Fingers crossed!

I think it is time that our valiant litter pickers got a mention so thank you to all those who turn out month after month to pick up other people's rubbish. The village certainly looks a lot better for your sterling efforts.

We will keep everyone informed at every stage of the development journey. Meanwhile we wish you all a very pleasant summer.

## Nottingham's and friends walk the Wolds

*by Chris Nottingham*



Four intrepid walkers from the village, Steve Ross, Jo Nottingham, me and Sam Blacker (as pictured above, from left) will set off to complete the Yorkshire Wolds Way on June 15 and the subsequent five days in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

So many people are touched by cancer either directly or indirectly. Macmillan do outstanding work in supporting those people. This year it is the charity nominated by the president of the Tockwith & District Agricultural Show which is why we've chosen it as one of the two beneficiaries of our walk. Our other charity is the Yorkshire Air Ambulance which has similarly helped so many people in our community. Both charities will receive the funds raised on the respective

Just Giving page along with half of funds raised by direct donations.

Those of you who know Jo and I will realise that we're not the most naturally athletic people and so walking 79 miles over five days is, indeed, a challenge for us. But we are confident that with your support we can complete this challenge, joined and mentored by Sam and Steve, the Tockwith Show's experienced long distance charity walkers who completed the 192-mile Coast to Coast route walk last summer. We're already benefiting from their guidance, coaching and motivation during our numerous meetings down at the Village Club and Bay Horse.

Should you wish to contribute, donations can be made in person to any of the walkers or on line via [justgiving.com/teams/chris-and-jo-nottingham](http://justgiving.com/teams/chris-and-jo-nottingham). Thank you in advance for your support towards what we believe are two very deserving causes.

## From dinner parties to a barbecue

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

Some 64 people took part in the latest 'meet and eat'. The evening raised £800 which was split between the church and GHRC. The main aim of this event is to meet and enjoy the company of old friends and make new ones. Many thanks to all those who took part and remember: you don't have to wait for another two years (when it is held again) to invite someone to dinner! See back page for picture gallery.

Our next social event is the family summer barbecue to be held on the green on Sat 20 June from 6.30pm. Adult tickets cost £7.50 which includes a burger, sausage, choice of several salads and puddings. Child tickets cost £2.50 which includes a hotdog, salad and ice cream. You are reminded to bring your own drinks, glasses, cutlery and crockery. To enable us to cater properly we would appreciate it if you could order your tickets in advance. Please don't wait to see what the weather is like on the day and then decide as by then it will be too late. Tickets can be obtained from Sue Holden (330440), Carole Rutter (331669), Liz Powley (330246) or the village shop.

## Chairs available ...

*by Lisa Moore of the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity*

Village hall users will have seen or even sat on our new upholstered chairs and very comfy they are too. We are now selling 50 of our newest old plastic chairs because of lack of storage space. Twenty have been snapped up which leaves just 30 available. They are very useful for those balmy summer evening barbecues or as extra chairs for special events, parties, Christmas, etc. The

chairs are stackable, all blue and on offer at just £10 for two or £20 for five. Please contact Brian Halling, our chairman, on 331485 if you are interested in purchasing while stocks last!

The GHRC committee warmly invites you to attend the AGM on Tues 23 June at 7.30pm with tea and biscuits from 7pm. This is an opportunity to learn about the events of the past year, improvements that have been made to facilities and, most importantly, help plan for the coming year.

▪ Like 'Green Hammerton village hall' on Facebook. You can also message us there for more information on events. Recent posts include 'meet and eat' pics in colour.

## ... and pews too

*by David MacDonald of St Thomas' church*

Thank you to all the mums, dads and children who came to the Good Friday workshop. Gosh: that seems a long time ago now! We had a very good turn out with hot cross buns and a very successful Easter egg hunt to finish with as a reward for all the hard work.

The Christian Aid lunch in May was also very successful thanks to the large number of people who supported it and, of course, Helena Leather, Angie Taylor and Enid Fisher who organised the event. Over £600 for the work of this very important charity.

As many of you will be aware we are planning to remove some of the pews from the church but we need someone to take them off our hands. So if anybody would like a pew or two for a reasonable price or knows anyone who might like one please let me know. They are about 18ft long and, being Victorian, made of very high quality oak. They could easily be adapted to fit into any suitable space.

We are very fortunate in this parish to have a peal of bells in the church at Whixley but, sadly, we are not over endowed with people to ring them. So, ever hopeful, we are putting out a call for anyone who is or might like to be a bell ringer to join us. To find out more come along to a taster session on Tues 16 June from 6-7.30 pm at Whixley church or call me on 330836.

Lastly, for those of you who do not subscribe to the Parish News I have a couple of dates for your diaries. Firstly, local choir Collavoco will perform at Whixley church on Sat 11 July at 7.30pm as a curtain-raiser to Whixley open gardens the following day. Secondly, our third annual car boot and table top sale will take place on the village green on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 Aug. Cars and tables £8 and vans £10. Sellers from 7am and buyers by donation from 8am to 12 noon. Refreshments available. Proceeds will go to our fabric fund. For more information contact Martin Leather on 330694.

## Council gives go-ahead for cycle route

*by Jon Purday*

North Yorkshire County Council has agreed the route of the proposed safe cycle track between Green Hammerton and Thorpe Underwood. Starting at Stoned Horse Lane (a farm track that's owned by the county council) it will run past Low Farm along the public footpath. At the far end of the farm track is a field also owned by the council that runs down to Score Ray Beck.

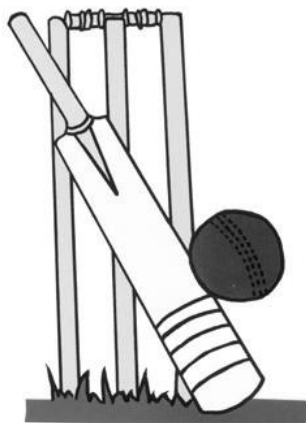
The cycle route will cross the beck then go around the field on the other side. This is owned by Brian Martin of Thorpe Underwood Hall who has generously agreed to provide for the development of the cycle track on his side of the beck where it will link to Moss Hill Lane then into the National Cycle Network.

The agreement of the county council and other landowners has meant that we can now carry out a full survey and technical specification of the cycle track. It will be carried out by Chain Events which created the 140-mile coast to coast route from Cumbria to Tyneside. Our route is a bit shorter at just over a mile! Once we have this specification and an estimate of the costs we can seek funding. The first place to start will be the companies that are building houses in our village and others nearby. A safe cycle route from these villages into the National Cycle Network is a big benefit for our community and adds to the attraction of the area. Helping to create such a link would be a win/win for developers.

## SOS: save our season

*by Neil Phillips, 07795 387441*

You may be aware that Green Hammerton Cricket Club has been struggling for players all season. Two games have already been called off for this reason. There's never been a more important time to ring me if you'd like to join us and prevent our 2nd XI folding for the first time in the club's history.



Much more positively, I've had a great response to start junior football sessions on Wednesdays from 6.30 pm from mid-July. A meeting will be held at the village club on Wed 24 June at 8pm. Can all interested in helping come along initially to find out what hoops we have to jump through to meet legal requirements?

## Everest mountaineer in our midst

*by the editor*

A first-hand account of an ascent of Everest was provided to an audience at Green Hammerton village hall by Baldersby farmer, Chris Brown MBE, on May 29, the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the day that the mountain was first conquered by Sir Edmund Hillary.

Chris originally visited Everest for a marathon in 1989 and following attempts in 1991 and 1993 successfully climbed the peak in 1999 aged 52. He likened the size and shape of the summit to the roof of a semi-detached house and revealed that the distance from base camp to the top is just five miles. (I guess it's the going up that's the tricky bit.) And what's it like at the summit? "Terrifying. You just want to get down," said Chris. He also spoke of his tremendous respect and admiration of the Nepalese people.

The evening began with a film presentation by Brin Bendon about his ascent of Cho Oyu in the Himalayas and ended with questions to Chris, Brin and Kate Taylor who climbed Everest aged just 18. The evening was in aid of the DEC Nepal earthquake appeal.

## Eat to the beat

*by Rachael Holloway of  
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

Food and drink seems to be our main focus in this final half of term. We're holding our last bake sale and will announce the overall winners of our bake-off for 2014-15. We're also providing refreshments at a number of events including sports day and the key stage two play. The final and one of the most enjoyable events of the year is the barbecue which takes place on the school field on Sat 11 July, from 6-10pm. Tickets at £6.50 for adults and £3.50 for children are available from the school office on 330314 or via foghsmail@gmail.com. New school or pre-school families or friends of the school welcome.

## Historical theme to WI meetings

*by Elsie Rymer of  
Kirk & Green Hammerton WI, 331641*

We delved into local history during our April and May meetings. At the former meeting we went back in time with David Cook to learn all about the Battle of Marston Moor and, in particular, the complexity of all the manoeuvring of troops in this important episode in national as well as local history.

At our most recent meeting Janet Hopton gave us a potted history of how the role of the Lord Mayor of York has developed over time. She then brought us back to the 21st century by letting us peek behind the



curtains of the Mansion House as she talked about her year as Mayor.

There are some changes to our published programme over the coming months. Sam Blacker and Steve Ross will give an illustrated talk on their Coast to Coast walk last summer on Tues 9 June at 7.30pm in Green Hammerton village hall. Anyone, male or female, will be most welcome at a cost of £3pp including refreshments. In July we will have our summer outing to Yorkshire Heart Vineyard for members only.

## News in brief

• **The Battle of Waterloo** is the next subject in Ivan Andrew's popular series of historical presentations with a Green Hammerton flavour. Wellington said it was "a near run thing" but did he realise quite how near contends Ivan. His illustrated talk takes place in the village hall on Wed 17 June at 7.45pm. Admission by donation to cover costs.

• **'Dru Yoga in the garden'** sessions are being held at Naworth House on York Road in Green Hammerton on Mondays in summer from 6.30-7.30pm, weather permitting. Regular Thursday classes at the village hall also continue. See [jennyoga.wordpress.com](http://jennyoga.wordpress.com).



• **The Microsoft phone scam** is ongoing, warns Bill Smith, our Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. A woman from one of the Knaresborough villages was targeted recently. The caller kept her on the phone instructing her what to do with her computer before she realised that it could be a scam. She terminated the call as soon as she realised. The man then rang her back four times. He had an Asian accent and the caller ID on the woman's phone showed "international". Do not enter into any conversation with anyone you are not sure about and never disclose personal details.

• **Next oil order dates:** June 17 and July 29.

• **Kirk Hammerton Singers** perform their summer concert at St John's Church in Kirk Hammerton on Fri 3 July at 7.30pm. Entitled Jolly Holiday, the programme includes Mary Poppins and 1930s medleys, I Believe and Defying Gravity. Tickets £5 (children free) from Nigel Robertshaw on 331081, Les & Janice Hornby on 330154 or on the door.



• **Anyone for tennis?** Boroughbridge Tennis Club based in Aldborough now boasts some of the finest facilities in the region. New, synthetic grass courts and floodlights were installed last month. New adult memberships cost £90 per annum with a £25 rate for juniors. See [boroughbridgetenniscub.co.uk](http://boroughbridgetenniscub.co.uk) for details. Four Hammertonians are among the members.



## Parting poem: Spring

*by Gilly Leather*

Willow warblers tumble down the scale,  
Duo tones of chiffchaff bore the ear,  
Blackcaps thrilling score uplifts the heart,  
Wren's loud trilling ratchets up a gear.

Bluebells peak out from the tufting grass,  
Cowslips form a mat on carpet green,  
Fat buds burst from youthful bare branched trees,  
Tiny wood anemone just seen.

Sunshine on the pond lights up the life,  
Bobbing, scooting insects dodge for room,  
Yellow brimstones, tortoiseshells appear,  
Cherry blossom hangs in scented plume.

And just across the road the lapwings swoop  
Guarding ground-hugged nests with wide-winged  
shields.

Spring is here.  
The warm air brings rebirth  
To all of nature's joys in Helenfield.

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