

Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

April/May 2018



Have we got news for you



by the editor

The all-new Green Hammerton Recreational Charity social committee are pencils-poised and ready to go with a whole host of bright ideas for village events over the coming months ... and years, we hope.

Pictured above at their inaugural meeting on Feb 2 at The Bay Horse are, from left, Liz Hines, Claire Jeffrey, Julia O'Connor and Jenny Hymas (chair). The other members are Sue Lambert, Julea Cook, Rebecca Nunns and Lucy Bettam.

Jenny told Village View: "We're concentrating all our efforts at the moment on an exciting and extremely glamorous Royal Wedding evening reception." See the back page ad for full details. She added: "We'll soon launch our own GHRC events Facebook page to keep the village up to date with all forthcoming get togethers. Once we've recovered from the Royal Wedding we'll be planning a big summer family barbecue. Watch this space."

Come inside!



**School pupils
play house – see p3**

Planning objections stack up

*by Susan Goss-Clements of
Keep Green Hammerton Green*

A big thank you to everyone who wrote to Harrogate Borough Council to object to plans by Loxley Homes to build 80 houses on prime agricultural land down New Lane. Alan Smith (pictured, below), who is part of the Keep Green Hammerton Green Action Group, delivered 85 objections ahead of the deadline which, in addition to the 190 objections already received, made a total of 275 lodged complaints about the proposed. Our thanks too to Chris and the team at the post office who gathered objections from villagers.



There was also a brilliant response to the Harrogate Borough Council draft plan consultation. Nearly 600 response forms objecting to it were completed by local residents and delivered to the council ahead of the deadline. The Keep Green Hammerton team, in association with Keep Kirk Hammerton Green, also submitted a group response supported by your petition which is available on the reports page of the group's website, kghg.co.uk.

We now need to bring in and fund expertise to assist us as we prepare our case against this new 3,000 settlement for presentation to the inspectorate. We ask all residents to please give what they can either via our justgiving.com/crowdfunding/keepthehammertongreen or by sending donations direct to our new treasurer, Sally Newman at 6 South View, Kirk Hammerton,

YO26 8DT, or by direct bank transfer using account number 61312768 and sort code 30-91-92.

And finally, volunteers are wanted. The Keep Green Hammerton Action Group is a small team of people who have been working tirelessly since last June to fight the 3,000-house development and other smaller sites. If you could deliver leaflets, write letters to the press or even analyse statistics, we'd love to hear from you. Please drop us an email headed 'Volunteers' to kirkhammerton.kghg@gmail.com with details of what your skills are and what you are prepared to do.

Stone the (scare) crows: that's a good fundraising idea!

*by Annabelle Polito of
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

We invite you to support a brand new family event to help raise funds for our school: the Green Hammerton & Whixley Scarecrow Festival which takes place on Sun 13 May from 11am to 4pm followed by a Scarecrow Hoedown in Whixley village hall from 4-6pm.

The theme will be 'a day at the movies'. There will be refreshment stalls on the route between the two villages and a central refreshments area on the school field. The cost is £5 to enter a scarecrow (including the trail map) or £2 for a map only. Entry forms and hoedown tickets from Green Hammerton or Whixley village shops or via scarecrowfestivalfoghs@outlook.com. Alternatively you can download forms from greenhammerton.org.uk/foghs. The deadlines for scarecrow entries and hoedown tickets are Fri 27 April and Fri 4 May respectively. Participants from outside Green Hammerton or Whixley can display your scarecrow on the school field.

The Scarecrow Hoedown will feature local band Decadence, pie and peas supper with ice cream (all included in the ticket price), cash bar, raffle, children's games and, of course, prizes for the top scarecrows! Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for children with under 3s free.

Finally, a (foolhardy?) group of school mums, dads and juniors will be braving the Yorkshire Warrior 10k Obstacle Run on Sun 21 April at Ripley Castle in aid of school funds. They will encounter hills, bogs, river crossings, lake crossings, slides, barbed wire, electric fence, crawling, climbing, log carrying, sandbag carrying and much, much more! To join our friendly team or to find out how to donate, please call the school on 330314.





School report

from teachers at Green Hammerton Primary School

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) by Miss Langley

We were delighted with the positive SIMAS report in February which reflected the positive ethos of the school and the work that we are doing to improve. "The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Green Hammerton as a Church of England school are good. Swift and influential developments are enabling the school to provide its pupils with the quality of education and nurture that reflect the Christian belief of the God-given unique and infinite worth of each child. Clearly understood Christian values are the foundations of the caring, respectful relationships within school, ensuring all pupils and adults value each other and work together in harmony." The report reflects the hard work of the staff, governors and children. Thank you, to everyone who supported us during the inspection process.

Redrow project by Miss Sanderson

Last term children from years three to six teamed up with Redrow Homes to design a bedroom for one of the show homes in the village. The children enjoyed a walk in the village, drawing inspiration from nature and came up with some brilliant ideas. The children were invited to the Redrow site in February for the grand unveiling of the show homes and to see their ideas in the bedroom that they had helped to design. Some children even cut the red ribbon to officially open the property! Following on from this year five and six

children wrote promotional pieces for the show homes and a selection of this work was shared with the Redrow team. As a thank you for all of the pupils' hard work, Redrow very kindly presented us with a cheque for £250 (see pic, above). We would like to once again thank them for their generosity and the opportunity to work with them.

Emma Brindley, national interior design manager for Redrow, said: "The children's artwork was amazing and translated really well into the bedroom design. For example, we have used bark pattern wallpaper as there was a lot of reference to trees, twigs and bark. We've also incorporated two large paintings of leaves, inspired by the beautiful drawings of leaves and also the collages which used leaves and sticks. We have vases on the window sill and mounted boxes on the wall filled with greenery and nature that were also inspired from the school's nature walk."

Debating Competition by Mrs Wells-Law

We entered a debating competition open to all North Yorkshire Primary Schools. Six pupils from years five and six went to the (new) Harrogate Council Chambers to take part in the debate entitled: "Is social media a danger to children?" Our pupils spoke clearly, articulately and enthusiastically in front of a tough panel of judges. Well done to all involved, you did the school proud and it was a pleasure to watch you all in action.

Fancy a walk? – see p5

Basketball tournament *by Miss Coulthard*

Children in years five and six took part in a basketball tournament at Meadowside Primary School. They competed in a pool of eight teams, with two from Green Hammerton reaching the semi-final. The final was very close with some exceptional basketball being played by everyone. One of our teams won the tournament. Very well done to all involved, your behaviour and attitudes were fantastic!

Ripon Cathedral Visit *from Miss Coulthard*

Class two, three and four all visited Ripon Cathedral in February. We had a guided tour of the cathedral, learning about its different parts. We ventured down to the crypt, took part in a baptism, ate some communion wafers and designed our own stained glass windows, based on a bible story. Our guides were interesting and informative and the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit, coming home with lots of new knowledge about the building. We are now busy creating art work to enter in the Ripon Cathedral in the Frame competition.

Theatre under threat

by Kate Bramley, Artistic Director, Badapple Theatre

I am a theatre writer and director who moved to Green Hammerton in 2003, bringing with me a national touring theatre company which is now based in the centre of the village. Admittedly, for a few years we flew under the radar but then donated a performance to the fundraising for the new village hall and it was safe to say the secret was out. Since then we have continued to put down roots. We now work with other community projects and run a weekly youth theatre, theatre summer school for young people that draws participants from across the country, weekly junior

football session, theatre and dance sessions in schools as well as provide technical support and training for the local amateur companies and put on 120 performances a year as far afield as Devon and northern Scotland!

This year we celebrate 20 years of touring and just after Easter embark on a 45-date tour of Amy Johnson. This play couldn't be more timely, inspired by one of Yorkshire and England's greatest air pioneers, and a reimagining of the show that launched Badapple at the Edinburgh Festival in 1998. The show (rehearsal pictured, below) calls at Green Hammerton village hall on Tues 1 May. Tickets from the contacts below.



We have weathered some stiff economic times these past two decades and now no longer have any Arts Council support which is putting all our projects under threat. At the moment we are working hard to ring-fence the youth projects so they are able to continue unhindered and draw on a skeleton budget on our professional projects. I only mention this because some friends in the village have suggested there maybe some among you who are able to help.



The cast of Dick Whittington (see p5)

We're currently looking for corporate sponsors or private individuals to consider becoming friends of the company and donating to the many projects we organise. For more information see the 'Friends Scheme' section of our website, badappletheatre.com, or contact our administrator, Claire Jeffrey, on 339168.

Aside from fundraising it may be that you have specialist expertise that you could provide on a voluntary basis. Across the summer we will be working with an ex-English Heritage curator to develop our strategy for audience development and community engagement going forwards. Alongside that we have to draw together a new business plan and tackle expanding our regular funding streams and developing new partnerships. If you have any expertise in these areas, or indeed in PR and media, and are willing to volunteer to mentor our team then please do get in touch.

▪ *Annabelle Polito adds:* Any budding young actors out there? Don't forget that Badapple Youth Theatre runs every Tuesday during term time at the Village Club. Fresh from our Dick Whittington production in Whixley (pictured, left) we invite anyone aged 7-16 to come and have a go. No prior acting experience necessary! The times are 6pm-7.15pm for 7-9 year-olds, 7.15pm-8.30pm for ages 10+. The price is £6 per session. Call 339168 for more details. Meanwhile, junior football sessions take place on Saturday mornings at 9.30am on the lower playing field pitch at Green Hammerton. They are open to all aged 4-9 and cost £4 per session.

Stroll into springtime

by the editor



We've all trudged the Kirk loop (as we call it) scores of times. For a different route from Green Hammerton try this gem that follows little used paths on the far side of Helenfield. It gets muddy so save it for a dry spell.

From the village plinth cross over the road and walk down New Lane to Helenfield. Enter the nature reserve and, at the stone bench, turn right and down to a stile.



Go over it and turn left, keeping the hedge to your right. Go over another stile and cross the field heading

just to the left of a white house. At the far side of the field turn left, passing a fingerpost. Beside a stile cross the next field in an 11 o'clock direction heading for a fence. Go over the stile and continue ahead between the trees (a nice peaceful spot), keeping the fence to your right. Pass through a gate within a larger metal gate and set off in a 10 o'clock direction across the next field aiming just to the left of the row of six trees.

At the furthest tree you have a choice. You can either turn right to cross a stile within a short wooden fence and turn left on the gravel track all the way to the bottom of the village green. Alternatively, keep ahead towards a metal gate. Immediately to the right cross a tiny, concealed footbridge over a dried up stream. Keep ahead with the barbed wire fence to your left. Pass through a metal gate and, at the end of the field, through a wooden gate to the left. Beware: this corner is often very muddy. Keep ahead up a broad track into the village.

Distance: 2.7 miles for the alternative route and slightly longer if you use the gravel track.

Time: 1 hour.

Parish council news

by Ivan Andrew of Green Hammerton parish council

The elections for the parish council take place on Thu 5 May. Please consider standing as a councillor. Further information from our clerk, Louise Pink, via greenhammertonparishcouncil@gmail.com or from the chairman, Ian Bailes, via i.bailes@btinternet.com.

We were delighted to welcome two new councillors, Lucy Lui and Chris Jackson. They are well aware that their present tenure on the council will be short due to the imminent election but we look forward to working with them.

The revised Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) plan for the development of at least 3,000 houses in this area is now under review. Developer CEG presented its proposals at a meeting in the village hall and may submit them separately if they cannot get agreement with HBC. The public consultation has been completed. The results will be sent to an independent planning consultant appointed by the government. The Keep Green Hammerton Green and Keep the Hammer-tons Green groups arranged for survey forms to be completed by parishioners and these views have been passed on to the appointed officer.

Loxley Homes have submitted revised plans for a development of 80 houses in the field between New Lane and the A59 with access via New Lane. Objections to this plan have been submitted by the parish council and many residents. It is also possible that Strata Homes will submit a plan to build a further 75 houses on the left hand side of New Lane with the intention, again, to use New Lane for access. HBC has been made aware that New Lane is unsuitable for any notable increase in traffic and the entrance from New Lane into York road is on a potentially very dangerous bend. Redrow have now opened three show houses (see story p3). Linden Homes has a sales office on its site but no completed houses yet.

Concern was expressed regarding a number of traffic issues around the village. These included cars parking near the Harrogate Road/York Road junction on the corner opposite The Green and outside the school which is particularly dangerous before and after school. It was agreed to invite a representative of the police to attend either the annual parish meeting (last week) or the regular meeting on Fri 27 April. We hope you will join us too.

Some road repairs have been carried out in the village but many have been left. We are trying to find out what is actually happening and when all the repairs will be completed. The new road in Meadow Vale has now been started.

Litter has been removed from the A59 but not from the B6265. This situation will be brought to the attention of HBC. A meeting has been held with the contractors to arrange the grass cutting sequence for this year. The pruning of the trees on The Green is to be discussed with the land owner. North Yorkshire County Council and the Ramblers Association have been informed about a blocked public footpath.

Wedding invitation –
see back page

Round-up

• **The Village Club** is arranging an Easter Egg hunt around the village for children with a party on Sat 31 March from 11.30am, reports Roger Mattock. A set of picture clues reveals the location of eggs posted around the village. Each entrant gets a prize and there will be a prize draw for a bigger egg. There have been some changes to the selection of beers at the Village Club. We have introduced Birra Moretti, an Italian lager brewed in Milan. We also now have three hand-pull beers from local breweries. Quiz nights will now start at 8.30pm on the following Fridays: April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, and June 1 and 15. Country & Western nights take place on Fri 30 March with Billy Leonard and Fri 27 April with Nick Carroll and Fri 22 June with David Wilson.

• **The Bay Horse** will hold a Psychic Night on Tues 3 April from 7pm. Bookings are now being taken. A 30-minute full reading costs £30 and a 15-minute reading £15. To book ring 330338. We currently have vacancies for part-time washing up staff (aged 15 and over), a pub cleaner to work Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9.30-11.30am part-time housekeeping staff to work flexible hours including weekends. Please contact Jon or Tina on the above number for further information.



• **St Thomas's Church fabric committee** has been busy with the help of local farmer Patrick Watson tidying up the yew hedge running down to the school gates (see pic, above), reports Steve Ross. Approximately four feet was taken off the top and then the rubbish cleared and road edges and graves tidied up. The committee also pruned several other trees within the graveyard that had become a hazard due to low branches. The committee is also in the process of arranging for the main stained glass window behind the altar to be repaired. Plaster and cement holding the window in place is missing in some places and a specialist firm has been hired to complete the repairs. This is a very costly process which is paid for by the fabric committee hence our fundraising activities. Any help towards the costs would be much appreciated. The committee will hold its annual car boot sale on the August bank holiday Monday on the village green. Full details in the next Village View.

• The **Christian Aid Week lunch** takes place on Wed 16 May at Green Hammerton village hall from 11.30am to 1.30pm, reports Angela Taylor. This year's theme 'a safe place to call home'. We will be serving a choice of home-made soup with bread, cake and coffee or tea, for £7. Stalls will include produce and home-made goodies, a tombola and raffle. The plant stall will have bedding plants, tomato plants, herbs and more. Offers of help and items suitable for the stalls would be greatly appreciated but most of all we hope to see you on the day. More information from Angela on 330330, Clare Beckett on 330746 or Enid Fisher on 331031.

• A trio of former Bake-Off contestants helped cook up a storm in **Redrow's show home kitchen** in Green Hammerton. Val Stones and her fellow contestant Louise Williams put the kitchen through its paces as they whipped up crepes and bakes. And there was a surprise in store for guests when another Bake-off contestant, the pastry-making pastor Rev Lee Banfield, turned up and threw on his apron. Val and Louise - like Lee - were contestants in the seventh series of Great British Bake Off, which aired in 2016, and Val also appeared in the last Christmas special. Val is pictured below with Amelia and Frankie Kitching. As Village View went to press Redrow reported four reservations with one 'early bird' registration on the new Churchfields estate which includes 52 private sale homes and 34 affordable properties.



• Andrew Thwaite will talk about chocolate at **Kirk & Green Hammerton WI** on Tues 10 April from 7.30pm at Kirk Hammerton village hall. Visitors are always welcome. Cost £4. More information from Susan Bowe on 330651. The highlight of our March meeting was a talk and slides from the Jenny Ruth Workshops which provide training and work for people with Downs Syndrome.

• Georgina Sullivan-Howe, an Independent Living Officer for Harrogate Borough Council, has a client in Green Hammerton who suggested she publicised the **Lifeline service** she provides more widely. Georgina explains: "Lifeline is a 24-hour communication service for those who need reassurance of knowing that help is always available. Lifeline equipment operates through your own telephone line and is activated by pressing a button in a pendant form either worn around the neck

Tockwith & District Agricultural Society

CAR BOOT SALE

Bank Holiday Monday

7th May 2018

Tockwith Show Field

Cattal Moor Road, Tockwith, York YO26 7QH

Sellers from 7 am, Buyers from 8 am

Sellers - Cars £8, Vans £10

Buyers - Free Admission (donations welcome)

Homemade cake stall & refreshments -

Hot local bacon/sausage sandwiches

For more info, contact Maureen 07960 990242

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or around the wrist. Once the pendant is activated a call will be made to our call centre handlers who will take appropriate action." More information via 01423 500600 or lifeline@harrogate.gov.uk.

• The Beast from the East has brought to these shores large numbers of **fieldfare and redwing**, reports ornithologist Roger Mattock. He said: "These birds are winter migrants and members of the thrush family and about the same size as a blackbird. Normally they gather in flocks on fields but, due to snow, they were unable to find food which has brought them into gardens. Sighting with photos have been numerous on the Yorkshire Birds and Birders Facebook site. I have had a pair of fieldfare visiting my garden, attracted by the apples put out for the blackbirds"



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Suits Sparkle

*Green Hammerton is commanded by
Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II
to invite you*



*to an evening reception to celebrate the marriage
of His Royal Highness Prince Henry of Wales
with
Ms Meghan Markle*



*at Green Hammerton Village Hall
on Saturday 19th May 2018 at 7:30pm*



*with Evening Meal courtesy of Ainsty Farm Shop
and Live Music from Citizen Smith*



Strictly ticket only ~ £47.50 each. Tables of eight for £380.00

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