

Village View

The newsletter for the residents of Green Hammerton

Aug/Sept 2019

Brian's in the pink!

by the editor

“It turned pink once for cancer research. Find the hall for some coffee.” Would you have recognised your village from this clue?

It featured in a treasure hunt-type programme called Finders Keepers on BBC Radio York which visited the Green Hammerton book sale and coffee morning on 13 July. Pink Hammerton was the name of a village fundraising campaign for Breast Cancer Now led by Liz Hines in October 2011.

On arrival presenter Jeremy Buxton spoke to Brian Halling of our Recreational Charity who was also interviewed by Radio York recently about being a skipper on the Nun Monkton ferryboat. Brian told

listeners how July's coffee morning was raising funds towards the £2,000 needed for a sound loop in the hall which he hopes to have installed by the end of September. Villagers enjoying their cuppa gave a big “hello” to Clare Frisby (also Jeremy's partner) back in the studio.

Brian handed over the next clue which led Jeremy to Great Ouseburn village hall where he met Hamertonian Jenny Hymas representing the North Yorkshire Dance Academy that was meeting there and includes her daughters among its members. The trail concluded at Aldborough Roman village.

Finders Keepers previously visited Green Hammerton three years ago when the clue was deposited in the post office.

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Jeremy Buxton of Radio York interviews Brian Halling about the village hall

On your marks (or Macks?) for the Dougie Mack memorial sports day

by Simon Mack

You are invited to the sports day in Green Hammerton on Sun 8 Sept with races from 2pm. It would be fantastic if past and present villagers could attend. Please spread the word.

Dougie and helpers began the sports day in 1973 and it became an annual event in the village's social calendar until 2012. From comments I've received since my Dad's passing, some people's fondest memories of living in Green Hammerton was the sports day. I know my Dad loved helping to organise it and leading on the day.

There will be a variety of races for all ages from toddlers to grandparents including a slow bike race, egg and spoon, sack race, dress your grandparent and other team events. The afternoon ends with an under 8s and over 8s fun run similar to a junior ParkRun. This may become a monthly event on the playing fields depending on interest. There will also be a fancy dress competition with prize money for pre-school, key stage 1 and key stage 2 children. Note that there is no theme. We will also have free side attractions and a tuck shop, raffle, tombola and refreshments. Donations of cakes, biscuits & scones and prizes for the raffle and tombola would be appreciated. If you like to donate could you please contact me via simonjmack@hotmail.com or 07711 129310 or Chris Turner on 331306 or c.turner2011@btinternet.com. Alternatively, just drop your items off at Windy Ridge. Look forward to seeing you there!

Below: Bags of fun ... flashback to the girls under 13 sack race in 2011. From left: Lucy Hill-Smith, Polly Kirkwood, Charlotte Stobbs, Olivia Robinson, Lucy Calvert, Rosie Powley, Lottie Hill-Smith and Catherine Hughes.



Green Hammerton from the air – see back page picture special

New door is a silver lining

by the editor

Green Hammerton post office owner Chris Hay remains resolutely upbeat after the break-in on 16 June at about 5am.

"No-one was hurt, very little was taken and I get a new front door out of it," was how he reflected on the situation to Village View. "It could've been so much worse. The thieves were just ne'er-do-wells and could've made a right mess of the place. I don't suppose they'll ever be caught." Two youths and a man entered the property via the window in the front door and stole three bottles of gin and vodka and a parcel. Five police vehicles attended the incident. "The police officers said they'd never been to Green Hammerton before and what a nice village it was. Let's keep it that way," added Chris.

The post office has just been redecorated and a smart new door – without window and with three locking points –fitted.

Parish council round-up

by Gill Singleton of Green Hammerton parish council

Defibrillator: Purchase of a second defibrillator for the village has now been finalised. It will be positioned at the Village Club. Thank you to Paul Evans for his support and co-operation on this.

Plinth area: The plinth area will be tidied up during the next few weeks. If anyone would like to join the working party please contact Tina at the Bay Horse. A long-term upgrade of this central communal space is in the process of being discussed but before decisions are made the village will be invited to comment. As a start the telephone kiosk is scheduled for a make-over in late autumn.



Vandalism: Very disappointingly there have been a few worrying incidents of vandalism in the village, the most recent being removal of letters from the village hall sign. The council will look at ways to prevent re-occurrence. If anyone witnesses antisocial behaviour of this kind could they please contact a member of the parish council immediately.

Parish council vacancy: John Lambert tendered his resignation at the last meeting. Thank you for his contributions over the last year. There are now two vacancies. If you're interested in joining please contact our chairman Ian Bailes or clerk Sue Reid via clerk.ghpc@gmail.com for details.



School delighted with higher grading

by Jenny Langley of Green Hammerton School

Our school has been judged 'good' after a two-day inspection by Ofsted in May. This was our first inspection since being graded as 'requires improvement' in January 2017.

The school takes pupils from the Green Hammerton, Whixley and further afield, with places for children aged from three years in its Early Years Foundation Stage class. The EYFS provision was praised during the inspection "Children in the early years get off to a flying start."

We're delighted by the outcome of the inspection and incredibly proud of our achievements. The inspection reflected the commitment and work of staff, governors, children and families over the last two years. Since the school's previous inspection the leadership team has effectively addressed most of the areas for improvement.

The inspector also praised the positive relationship with parents and the community as reflected in the Ofsted questionnaire, Parent View. Nearly all parents and carers who responded would recommend the school to others and those who responded in writing to the inspection survey were overwhelmingly positive.

Tina Turner

Tribute Evening

- Drinks Reception
- Hog Roast Supper
- Auction of Promises
- Bar
- Gin Bar



Date Saturday September 14th
Time 7.30pm until late.
Place Main Pine, The Green,
 Green Hammerton, YO26 8BQ.

Price £25.00

Organised by Hammerton Entertainment.

Tickets available from

Main Pine Green Hammerton YO26 8BQ.
 Post Office Green Hammerton YO26 8BQ.

PSN Services Kirk Hammerton YO26 8DT.
 Tel No: 01423 339389
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Have your say on details of Loxley Homes application

by Chris Chelton of Keep the Hammertons Green

Most residents will be aware that two years ago Harrogate Council planning committee approved an outline application from Loxley Homes to build 80 houses at Green Hill, the field nearest Green Hammerton between New Lane and the A59. This approval agreed the principle of development on that site.

The application has now moved to the next stage, looking at what is termed “reserved matters”. This means that Loxley Homes have put forward a more detailed plan of their proposals and must once again go before the planning committee to get them agreed. It also means that residents can, if they wish to do so, make comments upon or object to any aspect of the updated plans which are shaping up to deliver this.

More details can be found on Harrogate Borough Council’s planning portal. Go to bit.ly/newlaneloxley. Those visiting the portal are particularly encouraged to read Loxley Homes’ design and access statement, dated 19.6.19. This raises a number of concerns including:

- A secondary emergency/pedestrian link is proposed at the north-west corner primarily for emergency vehicles. In the design and access document summary this is now referred to as “a secondary access from the north (which) serves a small number of dwellings” which suggests unrestricted vehicle movements onto New Lane, increasing the traffic on a popular walking route.
- The remodelled junction of the A59 with York Road will require right turning vehicles to exit where York bound traffic has reached an even higher speed on the down slope.
- Condition 4 required that affordable houses be “evenly pepper-potted across the site and will be constructed in parallel with the private sale units”. However, the plan shows that most will be concentrated against existing houses on New Lane and will form a block, restricting any view for current residents.
- This is a high density urban development on a prominent sloping site when viewed from the east (see

artist’s impression, above). The amount of green space and tree planting within the site should be increased to mitigate the damage to the landscape even if this requires a reduction in the number of housing units.

Consultation on this reserved matters application is open until Mon 12 Aug for anyone wishing to register a comment or objection.

While we cannot stop development on this site taking place we have the opportunity to influence what Loxley Homes want to build there and how it fits with the current village so do have your say.

‘3,000 houses’ consultation reaches next stage

by Chris Eaton of Keep the Hammertons Green

The controversial local plan is still undergoing its examination in public which is being conducted by an independent government-appointed inspector.

The formal hearings were held early this year. Subsequently, the inspector called on Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) to do further work on the plan. In particular, he required the council re-address its sustainability assessment of Green Hammerton and other possible sites for the 3,000-house new town.

HBC did that reassessment and then undertook an unsatisfactory informal consultation in which we participated. We believe that the council has done a poor and biased piece of work. Perhaps unsurprisingly (given that the same officers who selected Green Hammerton initially were re-assessing their own work) the outcome was to re-confirm Green Hammerton as the best site for the new town.

The next stage is a formal consultation on the sustainability assessment addendum. That consultation opened on 26 July and runs until 6 Sept. Members of the Action Group have already done considerable work to identify the weaknesses and flaws in the addendum. We are now drafting a robust and compelling document which we will submit as our formal response to the consultation. This will be read by the inspector who, we must hope, will share our concerns about the poor HBC reasoning which has again resulted in the selection of Green Hammerton when, by any properly conducted, objective analysis, it is not the best site for the new town.

We are in very technical territory here and we do not expect that many residents will feel able to participate in this consultation in their own right but you may be assured that we will be doing our utmost to demonstrate to the inspector why HBC's continued insistence on Green Hammerton as the best site is so wrong.

If you do wish to participate in the consultation individually, the various documents and consultation forms are being made available at public buildings across the district. Alternatively, go to consult.harrogate.gov.uk. You can contact the group via christian.eaton@btinternet.com.

STOP PRESS:

Some good news. Field GH9, the plot on the opposite side of the B6265 to Churchfields, has now been formally removed from the local plan. The sustainability report says the site will not now be allocated for housing. The developer's application to build there will still be heard by the planning committee on Tues 6 Aug but planning officers have recommended it be refused.



In addition, Harrogate Council has publicly accepted that the proposal by Flaxby Park to re-open the rail halt at Goldsborough (pictured) is a viable one and would support both their new settlement and the proposed 3,000-job business park. The site would have a park and ride facility too. Chris Chelton of Keep the Hammertons Green said: "The stations at Cattal and Hammerton have consistently been used to justify the council's selection of Green Hammerton or Cattal as the 'right' site so this marks what could be a significant shift in their position."

Scouting for Explorers

Andrea Cayton of Greenway Park in Green Hammerton leads the local section of the Explorer Scouts comprised mainly of youngsters from the village and Whixley. Here she gives a rundown on what they get up to and how you can join.

Explorer Scouts (formerly Ventures) are the oldest youth section of The Scout Association. The unit is open to young people aged 14 to 18. We take part in a very wide range of activities through which we hope to develop life skills.

With the arrival of summer, the end of exams and a Duke of Edinburgh expedition looming on the horizon the Explorers have tried to be out and about as much as possible in the last few weeks. However, the term started with a look at poverty in the UK and the expenses involved in a household (beyond the latest computer game and designer hoodie!). The Explorers took part in a challenge to cook a two-course meal made up of products a family may receive in a food bank parcel with a twist that we took all the labels off the tins. They completed a food bank challenge with each Explorer given £13 to buy as many items as possible to feed a family. Purchases were then donated to a local food bank.

Orienteering at the permanent course in Valley Gardens, Harrogate, provided an opportunity to put our navigation skills and teamwork skills to the test. Meanwhile, great fun was had at York FootGolf. Footgolf is a combination of football of golf which basically involves kicking a football around a golf course. A few fell foul of the water hazards and the tricky slopes near to a couple of the greens but it was enjoyed by all. We also invested a new member into the unit while we were here.

Our Duke of Edinburgh bronze team took part in a practice expedition and put the finishing touches to their assessed expedition which will take place in September. Our silver team discussed next year's canoe expedition and looked forward to what type of expedition gold will be. Our final week of the year was spent with the Tockwith Bowls Club. This provided an opportunity to try another new activity and also interact with members of the community.

We break from regular weekly meetings now for the summer. However, we will head to Southampton in late August for a week sailing around the Channel Islands and one of our members will be in the USA and Canada for the World Scout Jamboree.

We have spaces available for local young people aged 14 to 17 who may be interested in joining. We are looking for volunteers to help run the Explorer Scouts. If you can spare a couple of hours every week or every couple of weeks and you'd be interested in helping local young people achieve skills for life please get in touch. Absolutely no experience or special skills required. For more up-to-date on the Explorers visit our Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram and search for 'Gauntlett ESU' or contact me via gauntlettetu@gmail.com.



Watchmen and women wanted

by John Lange, Green Hammerton
Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

We have two vacancies for street coordinators in our Neighbourhood Watch to cover Boroughbridge Road and Meadow Vale. Seven other residents cover the rest of the village.

Basically, a coordinator will be aware of who lives in or visits the street regularly and will look out for anything suspicious especially unknown vehicles parked or driving slowly. The coordinator's neighbours may also let it be known when they are on holiday so any suspicious activity near their property can be reported to the police.

The ethos underlying Neighbourhood Watch is support for the vulnerable in society and, in particular, improving quality of life for all by reducing crime and fear of crime. In Green Hammerton we have Neighbourhood Watch signs on each road into the village. The idea is that any potential villains or vandals will think twice. The signs indicate that we look out for each other and report suspicious behaviour.

All readers of Village View are encouraged to read the local Neighbourhood Watch webpage which is full of advice on home security, scams, cold callers and lots more. Go to www.nwatchharrogate.org.uk.

If you would like to volunteer as a street coordinator, please contact me at Low Royd on The Green or via penny_john@hotmail.com.



Car Boot/Table Top Sale

St Thomas' Church
Fabric Fund

CAR BOOT/TABLE TOP
Bank Holiday Monday
August 26th
The Green,
Green Hammerton
YO26 8BQ

Sellers: Cars and Tables £8.00
Vans £10
Arrive from 8.00am

Buyers: By donation
Open 9am to 12.30pm

Refreshments
available

All proceeds to go to St Thomas' Church Fabric Fund
Call 01423 330694 for further information
www.greenhammerton.org.uk

A Poetry Performance

In aid of Breast Cancer Care

Saturday 28 September 2019

In The Village Club, GH (YO26 8AE)

Doors open 7.30pm

Green Hammerton's very own David Walker will perform work by various well known figures from the 1980's and beyond including Dr John Cooper Clarke. Please be advised that some of the pieces contain material of an adult nature!

Free Admission

Donations to Breast Cancer Care welcome

Raffle * Bar open all evening * Food and hot drinks available courtesy of the Coffee Shack



Enquiries 07968733249

Noticeboard

• The next **British Heart Foundation CPR course** run by patient group volunteers from Green Hammerton and Tockwith surgeries is scheduled for Tues 24 Sept at 6pm at Green Hammerton. An opportunity to donate will be offered at each session with proceeds used for consumables needed for the course and any remainder given to the Foundation. For more details or to book contact toni.ramsay@icloud.com via email or 322828. Also contact Toni if you would like the training but are unavailable so that she can note you down for next time.

• The Green Hammerton website will need a **new webmaster** in the coming months as incumbent Steve Ross seeks to move from the village. If you'd like to take over the role contact him via spross32@aol.com.

• Please don't leave it too late to get your tickets for **Tina Turner tribute evening** being held at Main Pine (see ad, p3), writes Gill Singleton. Tickets available at the Green Hammerton post office. We have had a terrific response for contributions to our auction of promises and raffle but if anyone has an unwanted bottle of gin tucked away our gin bar could be a destination for it! We're also looking for some young volunteers to assist with the event. It's guaranteed to be a fun evening. Please contact me on 339275 if you can help.

• **The Bay Horse** is again joining the Shine Walk for Cancer Research UK again in York on Fri 4 Oct If you would like to join our team sign up at

bit.ly/bayhorseCR. To fundraise for this we will host a charity music (with the wonderful Beth Armitage) and curry night on Sat 7 Sept from 8pm. Tickets at £12.50 including a curry supper available at the Bay Horse from Sat 10 Aug. The next three-course pensioners' lunch will served on Wed 11 Sept at 1pm priced at £12.50 per head.

▪ The **Village Club programme** for the next two months is as follows: Fri 9 Aug, open mic; Sat 10 Aug, bingo; Fri 16 Aug, quiz; Fri 30 Aug, Country & Western with Christine Ringer; Fri 6 Sept, quiz; Fri 13 Sept, open mic; Fri 20 Sept, quiz; Fri 27 Sept, Country & Western with Stu Peters.

A word from our sponsor



Come and visit the Nun Monkton ferry boat at the Priory Estate and follow the path to the confluence of the Nidd and the Ouse. Take a trip over to the beautiful National Trust Benningbrough Hall or explore walks on the Moor Monkton side of the river.

Volunteer skippers and crew cover our weekend sessions. If you'd like to learn a new skill we'd love to hear from you via info@nunmonktonferryboat.org. Also see nunmonktonferryboat.org. To book our self-drive drive boat hire call 339055.

We operate Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, from April to Oct. Season tickets are available at £25 for two adults and up to three children.

▪ Redrow's sponsorship of Village View has now ended. If you or your business wish to sponsor a future edition get in touch with the editor (see above).

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Here are two more pics from the Radio York visit (see front page). Above, from left: Michelle, Eva and Jamie Flint, who moved to Churchfields a year ago, man the tombola. Below: Jeremy Buxton gets villagers to say hello to colleague Clare Frisby in the studio.





Flying colours

by the editor

These fine photos of the village were taken in May by new resident Neil Coote of Paddock Way. Following his retirement Neil moved with wife Margaret to the Redrow development from Lincoln where he was a member of the RAF College Cranwell Flying Club. Through his contacts he was given permission to fly over Green Hammerton by the RAF Linton-on-Ouse Air Training Corps and Redrow. Flying in a Grob tutor aircraft from Linton, Neil circled over our village before heading to Cranwell via the North York Moors and Bridlington.

He told Village View: “I respect that some longer established residents may be opposed to new development like the 3,000 houses, a view that Margaret and I share. However, these photographs may go some way to giving villagers an insight into and better understanding of this tasteful new Churchfields development.”

He added: “Thank you to all of our new neighbours and friends who have made us so welcome. Thanks also to Redrow who have been exemplary housebuilders. Without exception every tradesman on site has been so polite and helpful every step of the way. They make a great team that we would certainly have no hesitation to recommend.”



Roger's nature notebook

with Roger Mattock

At this time of the year our garden birds are feeding their young and need all the help they can get. This is why I keep my bird feeders topped up all year round. It attracts an array of birds to the garden. Now we're getting fledglings being fed by their parents. But having so many birds in the garden will also attract predators. Four times in the last few weeks I've seen a male sparrowhawk in the garden. Twice it has managed to catch prey. On one occasion I saw it fly into the corner of the garden to eat its supper. I watched from an open bedroom window and was rewarded for my patience when it popped up onto a frame at the bottom of the garden and I managed to get a few shots of it. I know that not everyone will be a fan of the species but this bird also has a family to feed. I wonder if anybody else has had this garden visitor.

