

# Village View

The newsletter for residents of Green Hammerton

Feb/March 2020

## Parish council round-up

*by Gill Singleton of Green Hammerton parish council*

### New village website

VTS Designs of Malton have been awarded the contract to upgrade and improve the Green Hammerton website. Work will start early February with the hope to go live sometime in March. All parish council information will be readily accessible on the website as well as village news. VTS already works with our Recreational Charity. If anyone would like to be involved in this project or take over the running of the village email could they please contact me via gill552@btinternet.com.

### Strata Homes/New Lane

It has been a difficult few months for village residents, in particular those living on New Lane. Currently, many Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) regulations relating to the development of this site are being

contravened and several health and safety issues have occurred. We're making progress in rectifying this situation but it is frustratingly slow. The HBC case officer, Highways department, Strata, their contractors, our North Yorkshire County councillor and, last week, the local police are all now involved in ensuring there is a marked improvement in the running of this site. To better help us work towards this improvement could you please contact Sue Reid, Parish Clerk, on clerk.ghpc@gmail.com and report anything that causes concern. Maintaining a precise record of the date, time and details of incidents is really important in our fight to minimise the disruption.

### Plinth area

The plinth area is looking less than pristine. We offer our apologies but progress is being made. The telephone box is due for refurbishment this spring and two new benches are being ordered for delivery in April/May thanks to the financial support of local residents Debs and Russell Langhorn, NYCC and the parish council. A general tidy-up and planting will be carried out during February.

### New councillors

We currently have only three parish councillors and desperately need more support to enable us to serve the village. If you feel you could give up some time to work on the council please contact parish clerk, Sue Reid, for details via clerk.ghpc@gmail.com.

## Watch this space

*by Chris Eaton of Keep the Hammertons Green*

As Village View went to press we were still awaiting the inspector's report into the soundness of the local plan which includes the controversial proposal to build a new town near Green Hammerton and Cattal. In fact, it is possible that by the time this newsletter has been distributed Harrogate Borough Council may have published the report on its website. Here's the link to the page you need: [bit.ly/3000houses](https://bit.ly/3000houses). You will also be able to view the report on our website, [kghg.co.uk](https://kghg.co.uk). Click on the 'reports tab' and follow the link to inspectors' documents. Whatever the content, we will review the implications and, if needed, take further advice from specialists and then advise you on how we propose to respond.



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## They can hear the bells

by David MacDonald of St Thomas's Church



Whixley residents living within earshot of the church and are used to hearing the bells ringing out on Tuesday evening practice night could be forgiven for wondering what the reason was behind the various bings and bongs issuing forth on a Saturday afternoon in January. Could it have been something to do with that ardent Brexiteer, Mark Francois and his supporters working out their frustration at being thwarted in their attempts to get Big Ben to bong on 31 January? Thankfully, no it wasn't. What they heard was the sound of the brave souls who tackled the spiral staircase of the bell tower in response to the invitation to find out a bit more about the art of bell ringing.

Eight adults and six children paid us a visit including two very experienced ringers. Several of them tried their hand at ringing under very close supervision.



After all, with dangling ropes attached to large lumps of steel weighing several hundredweight you can't afford to take any chances! Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience. They learnt about how the bells are rung up and down, and the difference between a hand stroke and back stroke as well as the sally (the fluffy coloured bit) and the tail (the end of the rope).

The Whixley bell team is grateful to all those who came along and made the event very worthwhile. If anyone would like to find out more but is unable to commit to coming to our regular practices on Tuesday evenings then come along to our proposed follow-up open practice on Sat 15 Feb at 2pm. By all means give me a call on 330836 or just turn up on the day.

▪ Sunday school meets at St Thomas's Church on the fourth Sunday of each month from 10.30-11.15am, adds Rachael Holloway. This month we looked at the celebration of Candlemas (see pic, below, left). We heard about the story of Jesus' presentation at the temple and talked about what it means when we describe Jesus as the light of the world. The highlight, though, was making some edible candles to take home! For more details about Sunday school please me contact me via [rachael.holloway@sky.com](mailto:rachael.holloway@sky.com).

## Collections and presentations

▪ Proceeds from the **Tina Turner tribute** last September have been presented to two charities. Mike Janulewicz is pictured handing a cheque for £7,000 to Helen Quigley of Myloma UK and Brain Tumour Research and Support received the same sum. The organising committee also included Gill Singleton, Annie Jackson, Ley Howes and Sally Newman.



▪ The **poppy day collection** around the village raised £686. Organiser Rob Hughes wishes to thank collectors Pat Hague, Gerry Reilly and Gill Blacker, the shop, Bay Horse and Village Club. Meanwhile, the coffee morning in November raised a further £143 for the Royal British Legion appeal.

▪ There was a big response to an appeal by Julia O'Connor in the autumn edition of Village View for **unwanted IT equipment**. She collected items on behalf of tour operator African Pride which passes them on to the Turing Trust. A total of over 150 items from the York area will be re-purposed and recycled in African schools. "Thanks to everyone who donated," said Julia. "It's always interesting meeting new people in the village too."

▪ Boroughbridge Young Farmers' Club collected over 400 **Christmas trees** from Green Hammerton and surrounding villages. They raised £2,191 for Macmillan Cancer Support and club funds.

## A word from our (new) sponsors

This issue of Village View is sponsored by **Strata**, a Yorkshire-based home builder. Their Adore development is coming soon to New Lane and will feature a collection of contemporary three-, four- and five-bedroom homes. The spacious homes feature high specification throughout, from world-leading brands including tiles by Porcelenosa and sanitary ware by Villeroy & Boch. Our award-winning configurator technology allows you to make the home yours, with personalisation options in every room. Visit [strata.co.uk/Adore](http://strata.co.uk/Adore) or call 01423 900607.



*The editor adds:* Strata Homes has generously agreed to sponsor all six editions of Village View this year. This is great news. It will give scope to produce larger issues with more colour as well as cover the cost of the growing print runs. The continued support of Arena Group, which provides copies at a peppercorn rate, further aids the ongoing viability of Village View.

## Opportunities for young actors

*by Annabelle Polito of Badapple Theatre*

Badapple Youth Theatre invites you to its latest show, *A Little Bite of the Big Apple*. Set in the roaring 20s, a group of chorus girls think they have an all expenses paid ticket to a life of fame and fortune as they head off to the Big Apple but everything is not quite as it seems. You can catch our young actors at Whixley village hall on Sat 8 Feb at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £6 with under 5s free. Admission includes the short play performance and refreshments and is open to all members of the community not just parents!

The project is part-funded by a grant from Arts Council England as was student mentoring sessions given earlier in the term by our two professional actors, Anastasia Benham and Danny Mellor, who starred in *The Snow Dancer* at Christmas.

The next course of youth theatre sessions with Sue Rosser starts on Tues 25 Feb in Green Hammerton and continues throughout term-time culminating in another big show on Sat 6 June followed by the final fun session of the year on Tues 9 June. Classes run on Tuesdays from 5.30-6.45pm at Green Hammerton village Hall for 7-10 year-olds and 7.15-8.30pm at the Village Club for Y6 and secondary school ages. There

are currently spaces for students in both classes so get in touch if you know anyone who may be interested. No previous acting experience necessary and all are welcome.

Finally, a date for your diary. The popular Badapple 'make a play in a week' summer school will run from daily from Mon 27 July to Fri 31 July from 10am to 4pm under the expert guidance of Sue Rosser. The cost is £100 for the week. The course is always popular so reserve your place via 339168 or [badappletheatre.com](http://badappletheatre.com).

▪ An interview with Kate Bramley to mark the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Badapple will be published in the Yorkshire Post magazine on Sat 8 Feb.

## Village hall weekly activities

*by Claire Jeffrey*

Here's the annual reminder of regular weekly activities at Green Hammerton village hall:

- Badapple Youth Theatre. Tues 5.30-6.45pm during term time for school year 3-6. See story, left. [clairejeffrey@badappletheatre.com](mailto:clairejeffrey@badappletheatre.com)
- Book Club. Thu 8pm, monthly. [petermorrill@gmail.com](mailto:petermorrill@gmail.com).
- Brownies. Mon 6-7.30pm. [kuunalmbtinternet.com](mailto:kuunalmbtinternet.com).
- Coffee morning with book sale. Usually second Saturday morning of the month. Liz Powley, 330246.
- Collovoce Collective (choir). Wed 7.30-9pm. [collavocecoro@gmail.com](mailto:collavocecoro@gmail.com).
- Dru yoga and occasional meditation. Thu 6.30-7.45pm. [jennidruyoga@gmail.com](mailto:jennidruyoga@gmail.com).
- Fit for Fun circuits. Wed 9am. [iansalvinbtinternet.com](mailto:iansalvinbtinternet.com).
- Junior football for 5-9 year olds. Sat 9.30-10.45am. [greenhammertonjuniorfootball.org](http://greenhammertonjuniorfootball.org).
- Karate. Mon 5-5.45pm. [enquiries@martialartsforlife.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@martialartsforlife.co.uk).
- Otago. Fri 1.15-2pm. [dixon816btinternet.com](mailto:dixon816btinternet.com).
- Pilates. Tues and Fri am (2/3 sessions). [claire@goldsboroughphysiotherapy.co.uk](mailto:claire@goldsboroughphysiotherapy.co.uk).
- Rainbows. Wed 6pm. [vickyabbott@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vickyabbott@yahoo.co.uk).

## Friends plan colour dash

*by Helen Sargent of Friends of Green Hammerton School*

Thanks to all who supported our Christmas fair. We raised over £1,500 to buy IT equipment and had a lot of fun at the same time.

There will be a Bags2School charity collection on Thu 13 Feb. Please put aside your good quality unwanted clothes and we will collect them from outside your house that morning at 8am. The following items are accepted: adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, handbags, scarves, ties, jewellery, socks, lingerie, belts, household curtains, towels, bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers.

Our inaugural colour dash will take place on the village playing fields on Sun 17 May and is open to all. More details to follow. It promises to be a great event, if not a little messy!

## Fond farewell to popular pooch

by Neil Phillips

Our dog Clayton died in December. We received over 60 messages of condolence for which Carol and I were very grateful. Some people suggested a piece in Village View so here goes.



Clayton first came to stay with us in 2009. Our son asked Carol and I to look after him for a week while my daughter-in-law was in hospital having our first granddaughter. Unfortunately, because of a shortage of space in my son's flat after our grand daughter was born, there was no room for Clayton. Carol and I then adopted him for the next 10 years.

He soon became a close member of our family, travelling thousands of miles on our days out at the seaside and on caravan holiday trips. Clayton soon became a very popular figure in the many cafés and farm shops we visited. Staff were always spoiling him bringing him sausages as a treat.

Clayton also became a very popular member of the village too. He was often seen up to 10 times a day walking with us through our lovely village. Children would say what a lovely puppy he was not knowing he was actually quite an old dog. Clayton had many girlfriends including Lilly and Pippin and took a liking to Karen the post lady! Because of my health a walk with Clayton would always include several bench stops when people would always stop to stroke him.

Sadly, with age Clayton became slower and then fell ill for the last year of his life. We took him with us to Filey at the end of November knowing it would probably be Clayton's last holiday. Sadly, on 2 December Clayton deteriorated very quickly and died two days later. He was a very valued and loved member of our family. Clayton was a special little man and a gorgeous boy. Lilly will miss him and the village won't be the same without him.

## Roger's Nature Notebook

*In a new series of Roger's Nature Notebook, Hammerton naturalist Roger Mattock suggests places to watch wildlife in Yorkshire starting with a reserve near Leeds.*

The RSPB's newest reserve, St Aidan's, is just a 30 minute drive from Green Hammerton. Take the M1 to junction 46 then the A63 towards Selby and A642 to Swillington from which the reserve is signposted.

The reserve is a reclaimed open cast mine and is massive. You can walk a short circular route from the visitors' centre or a much longer route using the many paths. This year kestrels have nested in the top of the old walking dragline excavator. I've watched four fledge this year. You're also likely to see kingfisher and many other birds, butterflies and insects over the seasons. Short-eared owls have over-wintered. Last year the site boasted a quarter of the 40 pairs of rare black necked grebes that bred in the UK. I spent an hour watching and photographing a pair, a real highlight for me.



• St Aidan's also has a network of flat cycle paths ideal for young children. The excavator is also well worth a visit in itself for those interested in industrial history. See [walkingdragline.org](http://walkingdragline.org). Ed.

## Noticeboard

• The next Green Hammerton **junior run** will take place on Sat 8 Feb. Meet at 8.55am by the table tennis table on the playing fields. Three laps for over-8s and 2 laps for under 8s. Parents/carers most welcome to join in. No pre-booking needed or entry fee.

• Jennie Hotson of Bernard Lane demonstrated making Christmas cake decorations at the December meeting of **Kirk & Green Hammerton WI**, writes Susan Bowe. The following month Sam Blacker and Steve Ross gave an interesting illustrated talk about their walk along Lady Anne's Way. We look forward to a demonstration by the Wholemeal Café about cooking to prevent food wastage on Tues 11 Feb at 7.30pm at Kirk Hammerton village hall.

• Green Hammerton will be featured with photos in a **Yorkshire Life** supplement on towns and villages to be published with the March edition of the magazine.

• The next **Bay Horse pensioners' lunch** is on Wed 12 Feb at 1.30pm. Cost is £12.75 for three courses. The menu is now available to pre-order at the pub or by emailing [bayhorsegreenhammerton@btinternet.com](mailto:bayhorsegreenhammerton@btinternet.com). The pub currently has vacancies for bar and restaurant staff aged 18+. Shifts will include evenings and weekends. Applications with CV to Tina as above.

• A big thank you to all our customers who have bought **Ellie's eggs** from the stall at the allotments, writes Liz Hines. The hens have now gone to live at Noah's Eggs in Little Ouseburn. Look for the sign half way down the main street.

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