

# Village View

The newsletter for the residents of Green Hammerton

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## Such good sports!

by Katharine Calvert  
and Simon Mack

What amazing sunny weather we had for the Dougie Mack Memorial Sports Day on 11 Sept! As a family we very much wanted to provide an event for the village that would bring the community together in Dad's memory with plenty of races, competitions and coffee, tea and cake. Dad would have loved that it was such a successful, well attended afternoon.

The event started with a moment's silence for the Queen kindly led by Wilf Gowing. Thank you to everyone who entered the decorated wheelbarrow competition which was won by Evie, Annie and Ella Lambert and judged by Ian Flatt.

There are so many people that we would like to thank for making the

event possible including everyone that helped with the races, raffle, tombola, sweets, bubble-wand stall, face painting, refreshments and board game area as well as setting up and clearing away.

Thank you also to donors of raffle and tombola prizes. We appreciated every prize especially the china duck that was donated for the tombola which created much interest. We would also like to thank Brian Halling for all his help, support and guidance. Finally, thank you to everyone that came along.

The sports day has always been very much about everyone having a great time and not about making lots of money. However, we are so pleased that there was a profit of around £350 this year. The money will be put towards future sports day activities and a defibrillator if one is purchased for the village hall.

Let's all get training for next year. Put Sun 10 Sept 2023 in your diary.

## Parish council update

by Martin Simpson, chair of  
Green Hammerton parish council

We are closely involved in the consultation for the proposed Maltkiln development and will shortly be circulating documentation provided by Harrogate Council to enable and encourage villagers to express their views.

Several councillors have been much engaged with county councillor Arnold Warneken to try to resolve the problems with road closures that have cropped up from time to time. The major road works appear to be completed for now! An electronic 30mph speed warning sign will shortly be installed opposite the junction with St Thomas's Way.

Funds provided in connection with planning consents for the new estates have been identified and £25,000  
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Annie Lambert on her way to winning the first ever sports day wheelbarrow race with Anna Calvert in hot pursuit as a scarecrow takes a tumble.

allocated to the cycle way which should now move to the next, planning stage. More news in the next issue. Meanwhile, the planning application for remodelling the plinth opposite the Bay Horse has been submitted.

The village website has been resuscitated thanks to Chris Holloway and contributions are now invited. See Chris's article, below. It is up to villagers how they wish to populate and use their website which will be linked to the parish council website.

The mundane but important work of organising grass cutting, commenting on village planning matters and dealing with concerns raised by residents continues on a day to day basis. A meeting with Harrogate Borough Council is being arranged to review the recent litter bin regime changes.

Next month will see us start work on next year's budget and, eventually, the precept. In the difficult financial climate we will strive to find a balance between minimising our element of the council tax and having sufficient funds to serve the village effectively.

## Village website returns

*by Chris Holloway*

The Green Hammerton village website, [greenhammerton.org.uk](http://greenhammerton.org.uk), is now back online under a new administration team. There's lots of good content on the site but much is out of date and needs to be refreshed, updated or removed.

The current details in the local business section will be removed as much of the information is out of date. If you run a local business in Green Hammerton, or the surrounding villages, and you would like to be added to this section going forward then please send the exact copy you would like adding to the site to [contact@greenhammerton.org.uk](mailto:contact@greenhammerton.org.uk).

We will contact those listed on the 'Village life' and 'Groups' pages in due course to clarify if they still wish to be included on the site and if details need to be updated. Feel free to contact me proactively via the email address above if you already appear on these pages or would like to.

Updating the site is a big undertaking so the initial focus is to get the

information there up-to-date and usable. In the future, we will reach out to residents for feedback on what other information could be included on the site.

## Good breeding all round!

*by Rosie Powley*

The fourth generation of the Powley family stepped into the ring at the Great Yorkshire Show back in July.

Over 80 years ago my great grandfather, Richard Powley, was a very successful showman, being the head herdsman for the Duke of Westminster in Alford, Cheshire. He regularly showed pedigree Dairy Shorthorn and pedigree Jersey cattle at major shows all over the UK and Ireland. My grandad, Tom, was also a regular on the show circuit in his younger years, assisting my great grandfather with the Dairy Shorthorns and Jerseys in the ring, as well as working for the Duke over his summer holidays before moving to Yorkshire and settling to create our own beef herd at Oak House Farm at the bottom of the green in Green Hammerton alongside my father Mike.

Fast forward to 2022 and a lot has changed about the Powleys and their cattle. I doubt all those years ago that Richard would have thought that his great granddaughter would be showing her young pedigree South

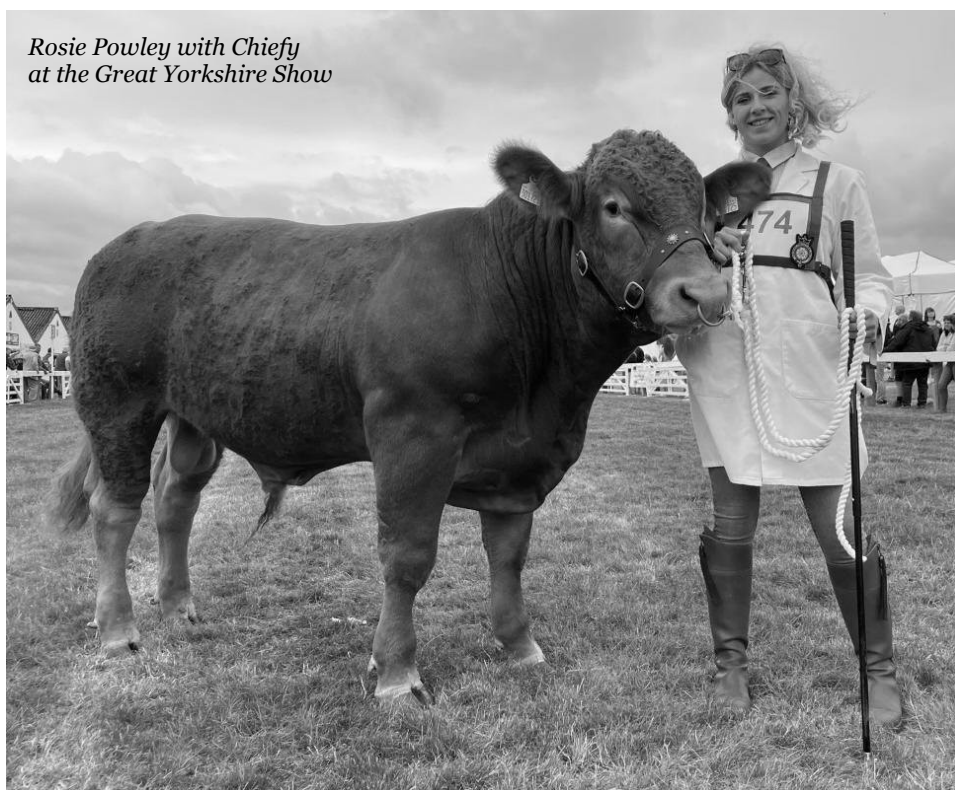
Devon bull in the ring at the Great Yorkshire Show! Our young bull, Oak House Chieftain ('Chiefy' at home) was extremely successful in the ring. He was named a reserve junior champion and reserve male champion, achieved a second and a special commendation for the best young bull and won rosettes in group events too. He was led by my father, Mike, in the grand parade in the main ring while I took the breed champion, Enterprise Chephira.

Throughout the week Chiefy was impeccably behaved. At only 15 months old and weighing over 750kg if he threw a toddler tantrum, I would know about it! Luckily, we had all of our strops out of the way before he went to Harrogate. His favourite part of the show was his daily baths down at the wash complete with a full shampoo and set with clay to get him looking pristine. I think he loved the attention! Now back at home, he is living out the rest of his summer in the field with his girlfriends but he still comes up to the house every evening for his back scratches and tickles.

It is an honour to be the fourth generation of Powleys to show at the Great Yorkshire and to see that the passion for cattle and farming has been passed down through the years too.

- New Prime Minister, Liz Truss, visited Oak House Farm two years ago when she was International Trade Secretary.

*Rosie Powley with Chiefy  
at the Great Yorkshire Show*







## Stage whispers

*with Annabelle Polito  
of Badapple Theatre*

Badapple Youth Theatre is back up and running with limited spaces still available for our Tuesday evening sessions open to all 7-14 year olds at Green Hammerton village hall. Please contact our administrator Claire Jeffrey on 331304 if you would like a space for your young person. Remember we do have scholarship places available if your family is experiencing financial hardship.

We had a fantastic Youth Theatre summer school, pictured above, with a record 24 actors, technicians and writers working together towards the premiere of Hammerton Galactic by A J Lowe. We found out what happened when aliens crash landed in Green Hammerton and had such a large company we had to use two full stages.

Our autumn season of Badapple 'theatre on your doorstep' kicks off with two national tours. Our unique double bill with a World War Two flavour twins Danny Mellor's Yorkshire Kernel and a new, one-woman performance, The Land Girl, written by Kate Bramley and performed by Emily Chattle. Catch it locally at Hushwaithe (6 Oct), Wetherby (7 Oct) and Harrogate (8 Oct).

Meanwhile, our much loved comedy, The Frozen Roman, returns to Green Hammerton village hall on Sun 9 Oct at 7.30pm. An emergency meeting at the pub gets heated as villagers rack their brains for new ways to fight the imminent housing development that threatens village life as they know it. The discovery of an ancient burial site under foot may just throw them a

lifeline if they can somehow authenticate their mysterious findings. But things aren't always what they seem! Tickets cost £12 with concessions available. For all ticket bookings and more information see [badappletheatre.co.uk](http://badappletheatre.co.uk) or call 331304.

## Talking shop

*from the Havela team*

After waiting patiently for three months we have eventually received listed building planning permission to make the café open plan to the shop.

Building works have therefore started with investigations into the rear 77cm thick wall. It appears to contain an old chimney but we are still none the wiser as to how this was used or when it was decommissioned. If any residents have knowledge of how the rear of the premises were used in the distant past we would be very interested to find out more. We are fairly sure there will have been a brick structure of some sort attached to the building as there was the chimney stack in place at one time and that will not have been part of the current flat roof.

The rest of the building works commence in earnest at the end of October. We will, of course, minimise disruption to the shop and post office which is entering a very busy period leading up to Christmas. The kitchen design is underway, fixtures and fittings will be ordered in due course and external landscaping is planned for February next year.

Our target is to open next spring with a possible prior soft opening to test the menu and café service and processes.

## Noticeboard

- An audition for the next **Green Hammerton drama** production will take place on Tues 15 Nov at 7.30pm in the village hall, writes Chris Turner. Rehearsals start in the New Year and performances are set for Fri 24 and Sat 25 March. I haven't quite decided which plays we will be doing but the format will be the same as last time. In other words, the shows will consist of a main play lasting around 30 minutes with perhaps a shorter 'support' play plus a couple of individual musical and comedy turns. We are an informal, friendly and supportive group. I will try as far as possible to match actors to their commitment and experience levels. Everyone is welcome. Any queries then please contact me via [c.turner2011@btinternet.com](mailto:c.turner2011@btinternet.com) or 806597.

- A **'Bake it!' afternoon tea bonanza** in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association takes place at the village hall on Sat 8 Oct from noon to 3pm. The event includes a cake sale, raffle, tombola and kids' games. Prize donations welcome. More information from Tammy King-Horsfield via 07842 555484 or [timbertoo@icloud.com](mailto:timbertoo@icloud.com).

- A kids' **Halloween party** takes place at the Village Club on Sat 30 Oct from 2pm. Prize for the best costume.



- Many thanks to Ivan and Margaret Andrew for **sponsoring** this issue of Village View and to another villager who has similarly contributed but wishes to remain anonymous.

- **Gauntlett Explorer Scouts** based in Green Hammerton participated in a bumper summer camp at the Poacher International Showground in Lincolnshire along with 5,000 Scouts and Explorers from around the world, enjoying some of the 70 activities on offer. Autumn term started with an overnight camp with 1st Marston Moor Beaver Scouts followed by a 12km hike. They have also begun an environmental and conservation project at Goosemoor Nature Reserve in Cowthorpe. New members and helpers always welcome. Enquiries to [gauntlett.es@gmail.com](mailto:gauntlett.es@gmail.com).



● The **bells of St Thomas' Church** rang out on 9 Sept to mark the death of the Queen courtesy of, from left, Liz Powley, Rosie Powley, Martin Leather, Katharine Calvert, Sheena Powley, Alan Smith, Simon Mack and Mike Powley.



● A **coffee morning** and afternoon at the village hall raised £1,900 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The event was hosted last week by Chris Turner (fourth left) with helpers, from left, Barbara Linford, Sally Morrill, Felicity Evans, Sue Holden, Moira Bailes, Rosie Powley, Sheena Powley and Lindsay Cuncell. Thanks also to Ian Bailes, Janet Dimond, Brian Halling and Claire Jeffrey for setting up the hall and clearing up.

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*Let's finish with some more pics from the sports day (see front page).*

