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# VILLAGE VIEW

THE NEWSLETTER FOR RESIDENTS OF GREEN HAMMERTON







#### **Become a Nature Detective**





JOKES TO TELL YOUR DAD by Mason Kellett

What do snowmen like best at school?

Snow & Tell



Why did the scarecrow get a promotion?

Because he was outstanding in the field

Knock Knock Who's there? Hatch Hatch who? Bless you





## **BADAPPLE THEATRE GROUP**





# BADAPPLE THEATRE - TOURING THEATRE DOUBLE BILL! Comes to Green Hammerton Village Hall 17th September 7.30pm



Badapple Theatre are back in the village with another hilarious comedy theatre night. This time it's a double bill of thematically linked shows 'The Land Girl' by Kate Bramley and 'Yorkshire Kernel' by Danny Mellor. These two very different plays are both inspired by real reminiscences from the WW2 era.

"if you get chance to see this show do, for it is an engaging and uplifting experience" — YORK PRESS. This continues the Badapple 2023 national tours that celebrate 25 years of touring!

Tickets for this event are now on sale at www.badappletheatre.co.uk or by phone 01423 331304.

Tickets are priced £14 Adult/ £12 Concessions/ £8 (U16's). Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start.

More information from Claire- clairebadappletheatre@gmail.com

Do come and join us for a fantastic night of joyous performances among friends! @badappletheatre Supported by Arts Council England distributing funds from the National Lottery

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#### BADAPPLE YOUTH THEATRE- Brand new courses for September 2023!



These were the amazing scenes at the wonderful Badapple Youth Theatre Takeover in June this year when the students performed 4 short plays they had created by themselves for a supportive crowd. Huge thanks to everyone who made that happen!

We are expanding our youth theatre classes this autumn so we can offer even more to young people aged 7-16 across three classes every Tuesday night in school term time. The sessions are led by our creative team of Becky Lennon and Sue Rosser and are open to ALL young people who want to have fun with drama, gain confidence and work as a team. As we also introduce Arts Award to our courses this autumn you can also get certificates and even at the highest level UCAS credits along the way just by scrapbooking or vlogging about the journey!

Tuesday's at Green Hammerton Village Hall YO26 8AB: Class 1 (School YR 3-5) 4.45-5.45, Class 2 (Y6-7) 5.45-6.45, Class 3 (Y8 upwards) 6.45-7.45pm. See www.badappletheatre.co.uk to book or call 01423 331304

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Jez Lowe - Long-time Green Hammerton Village Resident., musician, writer and the occasional presenter of the BBC Radio 4

I'm a musician, writer and the occasional presenter of the BBC Radio 4 series "Open Country", and a few weeks ago I scripted and presented an edition which traced a walk from Ouseburn to Beningborough Hall, via Aldwark Toll Bridge and Nun Monkton. It was a journey that legend tells us, was taken by the 18th Century Northumbrian Bagpiper and Robin Hood-type character Jamie Allen, whilst being pursued by a platoon of soldiers from Boroughbridge.

My producer Helen Lennard and myself met up and interviewed several local people along the way, including Brian Halling (a volunteer on the Nun Monkton ferry), Dudley Valentine (head-man at the Aldwark Toll Bridge) and Kate Harpin (owner of Nun Monkton priory). We chatted about local history and traditions.

The programme, entitled "Chasing Jamie Allen", was broadcast on April 27th but is now available to listen to on the BBC website - <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00119dx">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00119dx</a>

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# VILLAGE NOTICEPOARD

### GREEN HAMMERTON LIBRARY @ LIBRARY COTTAGE

Children, young people and adults in Green Hammerton and surrounding villages will be able to enjoy reading and literacy activities from July 24th during the school holidays. Families can borrow new books, for themselves and their children, take them home, read them, write a book review and get a fun reward when they return books by the due date. The Library @ Library Cottage may be the smallest Library in England, but it makes big provision for all. (The smallest library is replacing Jane's Hair Design, next door to the Village Club on Boroughbridge Road).

#### Library Provision

\* Read & Play : Stay & Play to support and celebrate the care provided by grandparents, parents, guardians, child carers, nannies and governesses as well as statutory main provision. \* Primary school and day nursery visits (in small groups) \* Junior Scrabble Club (6-16 years) \* Junior Chess Club (6-16 years) \* Lego Club (6-16 years) \* Work from Home

\* Small group meetings &conferences \* English conversation Group \*Ramblers Rest Space \* Photocopying & Printing

> Opening Times for children young people and families: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 closed for lunch then 2.00 -4.30 Opening Times for Adults

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9.30-9.30 p.m.

Library sessions and activities are free, but your donations will go to a charity of our choice. If you would like to book in advance for Read & Play: Stay & Play or junior clubs or you are an adult wishing to book a space to complete the Times crosswords (concise and or cryptic), in silence, please contact Rita Lister on 01423 368886 or 07984 972 495.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We welcome our new Clerk and Finance Officer, Jane Merriman. Jane has been our Locum for the past few months and will be a great permanent addition to the team. Her email address is clerk@ghpc.uk This replaces any earlier email contact address.

We hope to have our new website and individual Councillors' emails available by the time the Village View is distributed. This will replace the previous redundant website. Watch for details on the notice board and the Village website and Facebook. Also, we continue to provide the basic Parish Council services in addition

to the special projects of the Cycle track and Helenfield. A successful Parish Meeting was held on 31 st may as well as the usual 'surgery' which is held at the monthly coffee mornings in the village hall.

We have a vacancy for a co-opted Councillor. Any community minded person who would like an opportunity to be considered please contact our clerk.

#### ARE YOU WILLING AND ABLE TO CONTIBUTE TO VILLAGE LIFE?

Several voluntary organisations in the village are in need of support and new members. Not everyone will fit the skills profiles, but if you feel you can contribute, and would like to be considered, please see the contacts below from whom more details can be obtained.

Co-opted Parish Councillor -clerk@ghpc.uk -

Governor . Green Hammerton C of E Primary School

admin@greenhammerton.n-yorks.sch.uk or

CofG@greenhammerton.n-yorks.sch.uk

Supporting Helenfield - clerk@ghpc.uk

Organising and/or participating in a litter pick and 'tidy up'

around the village - clerk@ghpc.uk

Join the Church cleaning rota (once or twice every few months)

- annabellepolito@gmail.com

Grant and charity fund raising coordinator - all and any of the above!!!

#### Coffee Mornings and Book Exchange

Don't forget our Coffee mornings are held on the second Saturday of every month.

September's morning coffee and teas will be served with freshly baked scones, cream, and jam.

Or if in a hurry, just take away some home baking.

It is an excellent opportunity to meet and chat and pick up a book.

#### Green Hammerton's Dog Day Afternoon - October 1 st Save the Date!!

We are holding our first fun dog show.

No dog needed to come – we are hoping it will just be a great family day out. Flyers with all details will be dropping through your letter box shortly.

#### Volunteers Needed

We desperately need volunteers to help with our calendar of events.

If you would like to help with: -

Baking, Cooking and Sandwich making - please contact Sue Holden 07877 548886 Dog Show - Setting up, Bar, Car-parking, Ticket Gate - please contact Gill Singleton 07770576402

#### Hall and Sports Field Hire

Don't forget the Village Hall and Sports Fields are for hire. A perfect venue for Parties, Clubs and Meetings For details please contact Claire Jeffrey 0777366216



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# Paw Patrol



# The Unsung Heros

This is not so much a piece about two German Shepherd dogs that were abandoned in the Romanian countryside and left to fend for themselves, but about the wonderful people who rescued them and brought them to the UK to start a new life.

Sam and Bonnie were found on the streets and rescued by German Shepherd Dog Rescue (GSDR), a charity founded in 2001 by Jayne Shenstone who still heads the organisation. GSDR is manned completely by unpaid volunteers who fit any rescue work around their own paid jobs and families and carry out home checks, dog assessments, transporting, walking kennel dogs, etc in their spare time.

GSDR works with a wonderful lady called Henna Nuutinen who rescues dogs that have either been dumped in Romania/Serbia or have ended up in a kill shelter. Once in a kill shelter the only way out is rescue. Back in 2019, Henna posted a picture of a pair of German Shepherd dogs that had been abandoned. GSDR stepped in and funded them to be kept in a safe place in Romania until arrangements were made for them to be brought over to the UK. Once in the UK they continued funding them in a kennel for several weeks until they found them a forever home. That home is here in Green Hammerton with Maureen and Jim Veitch. Sam and Bonnie (thought to be father and daughter) are wonderful, gentle companions who just want to play and please. To you all at GSDR, a huge thank you for saving them. GSDR says: We are in particularly challenging times currently with more and more dogs needing help or rehoming and sadly not many homes coming forward.

"Owning a new puppy is great. Maureen and I have had that pleasure many times over the years. However, rescuing a dog, or in our case two rather large ones, is more rewarding than we had ever imagined. It's certainly worthconsidering, and less expensive! To all you dog (and cat) rescue organisations out there, keep up the good work."

## Berry Orange Smoothie

An easy weekday breakfast ready in minutes

SERVES: 1

**TOTAL TIME: 5 mins** 

1 cup frozen mixed berries 1/2 cup low fat plain yog 1 tsp. grated orange zest 1/4 cup orange juice



puree all ingredients in a blender until smooth Serving size: 1 1/2 cups / 167 calories

2gms fat (sat 1g) 7mg cholesterol

31gms carbs; 24gms total sugars (added 0g)

8g protein; 5g fibre; 86mg sodium;

415mg potassium





Coming up in the next issue

Test your general knowledge with

"The Village View Quiz"

# **VANT**homes Discover Ambretone Park, by Avant Homes

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Opening times Thursday - Monday 11am – 6pm



Open 6 days a week, the village shop provides a great selection of your daily essentials. The café offers indoor and outdoor seating, serves freshly ground coffee & delicious light bites. We are dog friendly and for something special, why not

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#### **The Hammerton Ashes**

Sunday 30th July 1pm start including BBQ and Raffle

Green Hammerton Cricket club

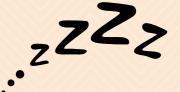
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Green Hammerton (ex players and local cricketers)

In memory of Dougie Mack
Please come along to help raise
money for the Cricket Club
Interested in playing? you are very
welcome please message me on
07795387441 Neil Phillips



# Health & Wellbeing

An article written by GP Partner Dr Richard Tatham from Springbank Surgery





I remember a school lesson about materialism, in which we were asked to draw or write about our most prized possession. I drew a picture of my bed, for no other reason than I loved sleep! Now I have teenagers myself and I plead with them to take their own sleep seriously. Bed times get later and later as their circadian rhythm shifts more towards that of an owl. Getting up for school would be easier if evening classes were an option!

Todays children have the added challenge of resisting the addiction the Machines of social media on their phones, with the dopamine hit of instant gratification, or perhaps the fear of missing out. Its not surprising that these factors outweigh the short term disadvantages of poor sleep, like tiredness the

next day; let alone the long-term risks of poor sleep, like obesity, diabetes and dementia. It's likely, therefore, that technology has had a part to play in the growing concern about insomnia. We even hear that the blue light these screens emit might impede sleep, byreducing a brain hormone called melatonin: the signal our bodies look for to say it is time for sleep. If we can't put our phones down in the evening, it's best we leave them downstairs. Our sleep falls broadly into two categories: REM (rapid eye movement) sleep and non-REM sleep. When we fall asleep, we hopefully drift deeply into a non-REM deep sleep. Then, as the night progresses, we have periods of REM sleep, which is when we dream. In REM sleep, our eyes can move randomly and rapidly, hence the name. However, the rest of our body is effectively paralysed, perhaps so we don't act our dreams in our sleep!

Both REM and non-REM sleep play crucial roles. REM sleep and dreaming are involved in emotional regulation, learning, and creative thinking. Non-REM sleep is also important for learning and adapting the networks of nerves in our brain, by strengthening connections. The connections between nerves are called synapses and our memories are strengthened by "pruning" unnecessary synapses. It's a bit like a having a vast collection of photographs from your life and going through them, reviewing each photograph and assessing its quality, significance and relevance. You remove the blurry or duplicate photographs, set aside those which no longer hold meaning, and finally curate your photo album. In this analogy, the photographs represent the connections (synapses) between neurons in the brain, while the act of reviewing and refining the collection represents synaptic pruning.

When we consider that much of this process happens automatically in our sleep, it is perhaps u nsurprising that poor sleep is considered a major risk factor for Alzheimer's disease. It is tempting for us to reach for sleeping tablets if we have insomnia. Sadly, these medications induce only a poor replica of the real thing. Sleeping tablets, therefore, do nothing to help prevent memory loss and may sadly make it worse. Instead, the evidence for giving ourselves the best sleep points to doing things naturally. As well as considering our nightly phone use, there are other things we can all do at any age to improve our sleep quality. Dr Michael Mosley, presenter and author, has a book called "Fast Asleep" which has some good advice, some of which I've borrowed here.

Ideally, sleep can be seen as a good habit and, like all habits, you can do it automatically without thinking about it. This works best if you have a regular time to go to bed and wake up. Regular sleep will more naturally follow a regular evening wind-down routine: avoiding eating after 8pm, dimming lights by 9.30pm, perhaps relaxing in a warm bath, listening to soothing music. Consider trying a "to-do" journal, simply listing the things you need to do the next day, parking the jobs there on the page overnight rather than agonising about them in the middle of the night. Then, if sleep does not come within 20-30minutes, you might try breathing exercises. A popular one is 4-2-4 breathing: breathing in for 4 seconds, holding for 2, breathing out for 4. Two minutes of this can feel very relaxing. If you are not sleeping, don't lie in bed feeling stressed about it. Get up and sit in a different room and read a book. When you start to feel sleepy again, go back to bed. Lying awake and feeling stressed about insomnia will help no one, so you may as well do something else instead. Similarly, forcing yourself to get up earlier and thereby restricting your sleep, can help combat insomnia the following night. Getting up with the sun will make the days longer, more productive, and help you sleep at night. Perhaps this is a reason why camping is apparently a good cure for insomnia!

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Another thing to try in order to improve sleep could be cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia (CBT-I) which is available online, "Sleepstation" being a popular option. There are plenty of apps such as "Calm", "Aura", "Headspace", "Balance" which have good reviews. We are constantly learning more about the fascinating topic of sleep. As well as Michael Mosley's "Fast Asleep", there are other interesting reads. If you want to know more about the science behind sleep, I would recommend Matthew Walker's "Why We Sleep". Ultimately, the answer to good sleep might be different for each person. Personally, I have a book which is the most boring in the world. I'll avoid writing down the title here, but it's guaranteed to make me sleep. Find your own boring book and treasure it!

