

Village View

The newsletter for the residents of Green Hammerton



Christmas 2018



Everyone's a winner ... the Bay Horse darts team are, from left, Jon Clarke, Philip Jackson, Neil Phillips, Ian Woodhouse, Kenny Poulter and Simon Mooring. Ian hails from Boroughbridge and Kenny from Tockwith but the rest are Green Hammertonians! Bob Mitchell also played last season. Jean Davey sells raffle tickets at home matches for league and cup entry fees and Tina Clarke promotes the club on the Bay Horse website.

Pub darts team beats all comers

Congratulations to the Bay Horse darts team who were champions of last summer's York Phoenix Monday Darts League fourth division. Captain Neil Phillips reports on a tremendously successful and well supported first 18 months for the club.

We won all 18 league matches from April to October, a unique feat among the 49 teams competing across the league's five divisions last season, and finished 17 points clear of the runners-up. We found ourselves 1-3 down in the best of seven games matches including the final contest of the season but on both occasions applied the pressure and won the last three games to secure victory. (Matches consist of a triples game from 1,001, two pairs games from 701, and four individual games from 501.)

We were also runners-up in the PDL Trophy, a knockout competition for all teams in the league which was an amazing achievement. Meanwhile, Phil Jackson

and I were runners-up in the combination pairs competition for clubs in divisions three to five and Simon Mooring and I finished second in the ordinary pairs competition for the same clubs. The finals were pretty nerve-racking as they were staged in front of about 100 spectators at the Poppleton Road Working Men's Club in York.

Our main aim now is to consolidate our position in the third division during the new winter league which began at the end of October and we're already finding much tougher.

The club formed in summer last year but without any funds. Very generously Dougie Mack bought us a dartboard and John Lambert contributed a shield for our in-house competition. Open to all, it took place between 'blind pairs' drawn out of a hat.

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Schedule set for planning inspection

by Chris Eaton of Keep the Hammertons Green

The independent planning inspector who has been appointed to scrutinise the controversial Harrogate Borough Council Local Plan has now issued guidance on how he intends to conduct the Examination in Public. He has identified a list of questions and matters that the examination will focus on. It is interesting and encouraging to see from the list that the inspector has recognised where the main issues lie and we remain optimistic that when we and others make our case the proposal for a new town near Green Hammerton, Cattal and Kirk Hammerton can be overturned. Our arguments are strong and the council's processes and decision making have been flawed.

The action group is preparing its submission for the inspector to meet the deadline of Fri 14 Dec. The inspector will review all submissions and then start the oral hearings in Harrogate's Council's offices from Tues 15 Jan. We expect the new settlement will be considered on Wed 30 and Thu 31 Jan.



Last March, when we made objections in the last Harrogate Borough Council draft local plan consultation, many residents nominated the action group to act as their agent and participate in hearings on their behalf. We will be doing just that and are continuing to work hard to prepare for the next stages in this long process. The funds you have helped to raise are being put to good use, paying for additional specialist support to give our campaign the best chance of success.

The documents issued by the inspector can be downloaded from harrogate.gov.uk/localplan/examination. If you have any further questions then please contact me via christian.eaton@btinternet.com or 07972 216658. Thank you for your support.

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This year I won with Phil Jackson and the runners-up were Ian Woodhouse and Alison Ross. She had never played darts before but went home with a trophy! Next time we'll probably create the pairs by drawing one name out of a hat with names of our regular players and the other from a hat of novices to encourage everyone to have a go and make the competition fairer.

We're always on the look-out for new league players. Anyone interested would be made most welcome. Matches start at 8.45pm on Mondays. Contact me on 07795 387441.

## Shows for all ages

by Annabelle Polito of Badapple Theatre

Jez Lowe's festive Thor'd Out show comes to Green Hammerton Village Hall on Sat 22 Dec at 7.30pm. Jez's Christmas tour has become quite a tradition in recent years. This time it's Christmas Day in the long house. Jez and the Bad Pennies will be sheltering from a Viking winter, huddled around the roaring fire beneath the rafters of the great hall. The band once again invites special guest Benny Graham to join them on a journey across the great North Sea, sharing songs and tales of the northlands. Part folk concert, part music-hall revue, this is an ideal sing-along and laugh-along to drive the cold winter away. Tickets £14 plus £12 concessions and £7 for under 16s. Early booking recommended as there were only 30 tickets left as Village View went to press. Call 339168 or visit [badappletheatre.com](http://badappletheatre.com).

Badapple Youth Theatre is mounting a 'play in a weekend' challenge. This is your chance to see the stars of the future as a dedicated bunch of our students embark on new version of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol adapted especially for them by Kate Bramley. They have two days to get the show up and running under the impressive leadership of director Sue Rosser and actor Frances Tither (last seen in The Thankful Village). Performance takes place on Sun 9 Dec at 6.30pm at Green Hammerton village hall. Tickets £5 which includes refreshments.

Finally, we're hosting a fundraising Christmas coffee morning at the village hall on Sat 8 Dec from 10am to noon at the Village Hall. Expect tea, cakes and Christmas treats to purchase, as well as kids' crafts, a raffle and maybe even a mince pie or two!

## Roger's nature notebook: feathered friends that travel afar

by Roger Mattock

As we approach winter we will find in the fields around Green Hammerton three species of winter migrants from the thrush family: redwing, fieldfare and mistle thrush. These birds have flown in from Scandinavia and northern Europe. Yet what about our most common member of the thrush family that is found in our gardens, the blackbird? A native species here all the year round but maybe not. Birds that reared offspring in your garden this summer are not hardy Yorkshire birds. Along with their young they migrate south in the winter to southern England, France and Spain. So what of all those blackbirds feeding in our gardens over winter? They're among 20m blackbirds that migrate to the UK, many from Scandinavia.





## Race night is an all-round winner

*by Annabelle Polito*

A race night at a packed village hall in September raised over £1,600 for Keep Green Hammerton Green. After an update on the campaign from Chris Eaton, six races were beamed 'live' at intervals on the big screen with commentary by aficionados of the turf, Simon Hartley and Martin Knights, resplendent in their flat caps, welly boots and wax jackets.

Congratulations to the winning team (pictured above by Jayne Knights) of Mandy and Karl Kuunal, Jo and Chris Nottingham and Roger Mattock. Chris Eaton and cohorts won the booby prize for last placed team: a bunch of fresh carrots and an inflatable hobby horse! Who says it is all about winning? Gill Singleton and Claire Jeffrey were the two lucky winners of hampers. The evening would not have been complete without one of Chris Holloway's famous quizzes to keep everyone busy in between races.

Simon and Eleanor Renny, Caroline Hartley and Tom Polito ran the Tote while bartenders Abi Hindmarch and Nick Coad did a sterling job keeping the cocktails flowing and Jon and Tina from the Bay Horse served a delicious curry supper. Amelia Renny designed very professional-looking race cards.

Thanks as well to organiser Jayne Knights, all those who supported the event and the sponsors namely be world class, Alfred Hymas Haulage, Yorkshire Country Cottages, Stephenson's, the Nun Monkton Ferryboat and the Main Company.

## Church gears up for Christmas

*by David MacDonald of St Thomas's Church*

The run up to Christmas is always a busy time in the Church's calendar and this year is no exception. First up is the advent carol service on Sun 2 Dec at 6.30pm at St Thomas's. Do please join us and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies afterwards. By now you will have received details from us of all the services taking place this month in benefice churches at which everyone can be assured of a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Plans are afoot to purchase new chairs for the front of the church to replace the blue plastic ones which have been in use for the last three years. Proceeds from the village hall coffee morning on Sat 12 Jan will be put towards this cause.

Our parish churches here and in Whixley depend heavily on a loyal team of volunteers to keep things going, for instance, by cleaning and flower arranging, setting up and being on duty at services as well as helping to maintain the buildings. In this context special thanks for all their hard work go to Helen Walsh and her team of cleaners and flower arrangers, Martin Leather and the fabric committee, Rachael Holloway and the Sunday school team and Helena Leather, our loyal and always dependable vergers. But there is always room for more! If anyone in our growing village feels they would like to help in any way do please let me know. Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to Susan Goss-Clements for donating over £80 to the church funds from the sale of her hen's eggs.

**Chaos reigns at the village play!**  
See review and colour pic on back page.



# Armistice Day centenary and history special

## A promise fulfilled

*by the editor*

The Mack family ventured to northern France in October to trace the final weeks of the life of their ancestor and Green Hammertonian, John Clapham, who died in the First World War. John is Sandra Mack's great uncle.

Their tour ended on the centenary of his death at the cemetery where he's buried. Simon told Village View: "His niece and my grandmother Mary, always said she wanted to visit her beloved uncle John's grave before she died but sadly never had the chance. I took some earth from her grave at St Thomas's Church and placed it at John's grave to finally fulfill her promise."



Pic by Tina Clarke

Simon has compiled a book about his research and John's story which is available to view at the Bay Horse and church. He also displayed it along with medals and official documents while wearing army uniform and beside a selection of Brian Fox's army memorabilia at a Remembrance-themed coffee morning at the village hall which raised £225 towards the village's collection for the Royal British Legion's poppy appeal.

Brian Halling said: "Thank you to everyone who helped, contributed raffle prizes, baked cakes, displayed memorabilia, army equipment, dressed up in uniform, read poems, washed up, cleaned up and came along. Brilliant!"

• John Clapham's story was published in the Christmas 2014 edition of Village View available among the back issues at [greenhammerton.org.uk](http://greenhammerton.org.uk).

• Inspired by Simon Mack's research, Tina Clarke of the Bay Horse hopes to start a history group in the New Year. She said: "We aim to try put together a booklet with some history of the pub over the last 100 years. We'd welcome any information or old photos that anyone has about the pub and the village. We would also like to have some of the photos framed and hung around the pub." Contact Tina via [bayhorse.greenhammerton@btinternet.com](mailto:bayhorse.greenhammerton@btinternet.com).

## History examination

*by Ivan Andrew*

Sometime in February or March I will give a talk on Green Hammerton from 1911 to 1919. It will include a description of the village and village life at that time and memories of at least one resident who was killed in the First World War. Some of you will have been to previous talks. This time I will commemorate all those from the village involved in the war.

A memorial board in the church bears the names of villagers who went to the war from the village and returned including William Watson, Albert Nightingale, Walter Pauling, William Spencer, Charles Powley, Fred Taylor, John Whincup and Roger Gardham. There is no record of these six people in the 1901 and 1910 censuses so I'm particularly keen to find out more about them. Likewise, if you know anything about the men who are commemorated in the stained glass window I'd love to hear from you.

Many of you have already supplied me with information about the village or your house and any further information would be very welcome particularly details relating to houses that have since been remodelled or knocked down. Also, if you know how I could get in touch with people who had relatives in the village at that time please contact me via 331158 or [ivan.andrew@btinternet.com](mailto:ivan.andrew@btinternet.com).

## Children pay their own tribute

*by Jenny Langley of Green Hammerton School*

Green Hammerton Primary School held a special Remembrance worship. Barry Atkinson spoke to the children about the First World War and how it affected families in our community and we presented him with a wreath to lay at the Whixley war memorial. Two year six pupils wrote a beautiful response prayer, the choir performed Shalom and we all sang Peace Perfect Peace and It's a long way to Tipperary. Children in class three made clay poppies with the residents of St John's care home which were displayed in St Thomas's church over the Remembrance weekend. We have also supported the British Legion by selling poppies in school. Turn to p6 for more school news.

## Two stars, two wars, two generations

by Roger Mattock

My grandfather Horace Mattock served as a lance corporal in the Worcestershire Regiment in the First World War. He was already a soldier at the beginning of the war and fought in the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign for which he was awarded a Star medal. He was seriously wounded while sitting around a campfire by a surprise mortar fired by the Turks. Despite injuries to head and knee his war service seemed to have continued as I have documentary evidence of service as an acting sergeant at the end of the war. The Star is one of three campaign medals he was awarded. I have just one of them.

Horace's son and my father, Trooper Edward Mattock, joined the Reconnaissance Corps as an 18-year-old in 1942.

Although I can't be sure, it's likely that he participated in the Italian Campaign until D-Day which he also took part in. I have photographs of him with liberated civilians in Lille, France. He finished the war in Hamburg, Germany. He was awarded three medals all of which I have including the 1939-1945 Star. My father was demobbed from Fulford Barracks, York, in 1947.



A calendar of historical scenes from Green Hammerton and Whixley has been published by the parish in aid of the Whixley Church restoration fund. Printed on high-resolution card the calendar showcases 12 archive prints, most of them sepia and taken over a century ago. The handy size makes it ideal for posting abroad and as a stocking-filler. Calendars cost £7 and are available from Whixley and Green Hammerton shops, Helen Walsh (331066) and Barry Atkinson (331419).

## Bellringers in national commemoration

by David MacDonald

Bellringers from the Church of Ascension, Whixley, rang to mark the centenary of the Armistice together with hundreds of other ringers nationwide on Remembrance Sunday. When the bells rang out on 11 November 1918 they heralded the end of the most catastrophic war the world had seen. It was estimated that some 1,400 bell ringers were among those killed during the war and the focus of this year's campaign has been to recruit new ringers to fill their place and to honour their memory together with all who served and died during that conflict.



Pictured below in the belfry are, from left: Tony Ayre, Clive Roper, Janet Dixon, Rod Aungier, Ian Bailes, Janine Jones, David MacDonald and Brenda Harpham. Sandra Witham was unable to attend.





## School makes friends with Rotary Club

*by Jenny Langley of Green Hammerton School  
and Martin Simpson*

We're backing the End Polio Now campaign organised by the Rotary Club to eradicate polio by planting a thousand purple crocus bulbs in the grounds of St Thomas's Church. The crocus is the symbol of the campaign. Martin Simpson, York Ainsty Rotary Club member and Green Hammertonian, told the children about the disease and arranged the planting with Martin Leather.



In another venture with the Rotary Club we will participate in an exciting district-wide link-up with children from Nepal. Forty children and 10 teachers will visit the area from March 16 to 31 in the Kids Aloud 2019 initiative. As well as visiting our school, the Nepalese children will team up with our choir and others from Harrogate primary schools to compose a new musical work called Monkey Boy for performance at the Harrogate Royal Hall. The Harrogate Brigantes branch of the club, which is organising the visit, is struggling to find homestay accommodation for the visitors. If you can help please contact Rotarian Diane Stokes via 01423 548086 or d.stokes17@ntlworld.com.



Pupils are sporting new kit at rugby and hockey competitions. The kits are sponsored by Premier League Primary Stars and were organised for us by Sporting Start.

## All the fun of the Christmas fair

*by Annabelle Polito of  
Friends of Green Hammerton School*

We warmly invite you to the school Christmas fair on Sun 9 Dec from 2 to 4pm. There will be a host of festive stalls, refreshments, children's craft activities and games to play. Have fun playing 'Santa's socks' and see if you can win a treat! The school choir will sing in the hall at 3pm and Father Christmas will be in his grotto to find out what everyone would like in their stocking this year but only if they've been good, of course!

## Pub's musical December

*by Tina Clarke of the Bay Horse*

Nine of our staff and customers, pictured below, took part in the 10k Shine Walk in York raising over £1,100 for Cancer Research UK.



We're staging two music nights in December. Beth Armitage returns on Sat 1 Dec at 8.30pm and we host a night in aid of Epilepsy Research featuring Richard Upton on Fri 21 Dec. Meanwhile, our first Christmas pensioners' lunch is set for Wed 5 Dec at 1pm. Cost £12.50 for three courses. Our Christmas fayre menu is available from Sat 1 to Sun 23 Dec. All meal bookings via 330338.

Finally, we're seeking bar and waiting staff to expand our team. Applicants need to be aged 18 and over and able to work on a regular basis. Various shifts available. Please contact Jon or I as above.

## A word from our sponsors

This issue of Village View is co-sponsored by Janet Dixon of Kirk Hammerton. She is holding **Otago classes** in Green Hammerton as supported by Springbank Surgery. Otago is a very gentle, low impact exercise and can be chair-based if required. Classes help prevent falls in and outside the home, improve stability and balance, boost confidence and are great fun! They cost £5 (no booking necessary) and take place in Green Hammerton village hall on Fridays from

1.15-2pm. More information from Janet via 330867 or 07916 344727.

Our other sponsor is **Redrow Homes** which is building two, three and four-bedroom homes at Churchfields in Green Hammerton from £242,950. They include the detached Bramham, featuring a designated study and four double bedrooms with an en-suite shower room in the master available from £474,950. A Help to Buy equity loan can reduce the initial cost or let Redrow help sell your current property. Further details via [redrow.co.uk](http://redrow.co.uk) or 01423 586905.



Many thanks to two villagers who have again donated a sum to Village View in exchange for a **Christmas greeting**. Brian and Lindsay Councell send season's greetings to all their friends in the village. Ian and Dicky Black wish all their friends and neighbours a very happy Christmas and New Year. And a merry Christmas from all Village View correspondents and the editor.

## Noticeboard

• In the last fortnight there have been several **incidents of crime** in the village reports Chris Chelton. In one incident barns at the bottom of the green were broken into overnight and power tools stolen. Details are unclear but there have subsequently been reports of chalets at the Bay Horse being broken into, and houses and/or cars targeted on Bernard Lane. Burglaries are rare in Green Hammerton but these incidents suggest residents need to be alert, check property is secure and report anything suspicious either direct to the police on 101 or to their neighbourhood watch coordinator.

• **Candlelight meditation classes** will be held at Green Hammerton village hall on Thu 6 Dec and Thu 10 Jan. Classes will include body movements, relaxation and guided meditation to suit all abilities. Limited spaces available at £6. Book by contacting Jenni Kirkwood via 07546 295968 or [jenni.druyoga@gmail.com](mailto:jenni.druyoga@gmail.com). Visit [jenniyoga.wordpress.com](http://jenniyoga.wordpress.com).

• A charity evening at **the Village Club** in Sept raised £1,296 for the Alzheimer's Society reports Paul Evans. He said: "A big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes and supported the event". The highlight of the forthcoming programme is another charity event in the form of a soul and disco party in aid of the British Heart Foundation and in memory of the late Keith Horner. Tickets at £6 include a curry supper and are

available from the bar. Other events include: Fri 7 Dec, quiz; Fri 14 Dec, open mic; Fri 21 Dec, quiz; Sat 22 Dec, members' Christmas party; Sun 23 Dec, children's Christmas party and draw; New Year's Eve Party; Fri 4 Jan, quiz; Fri 11 Jan, open mic; Fri 18 Jan, quiz; Fri 25 Jan, Country & Western; Sat 26 Jan, bingo.

• Alistair Taylor once again seeks volunteers for work days at **Helenfield**. Work includes scrub clearance and other management to enable the nature reserve to become a haven for wildlife. The sessions run from 10am to 3pm and take place on Thu 13 Dec and Sun 13 Jan. Wear robust clothes and stout boots and bring a packed lunch. Gloves and tools provided. Contact Alistair via 330330 and [alistairgreenhammerton@gmail.com](mailto:alistairgreenhammerton@gmail.com) or simply turn up on the day.

• The **West of Ouse Oil Syndicate's** contract with Tate Oil was renewed by Terry Pearson in October. The syndicate has been running for over 20 years now. Jane Bannan is handling communication with members but doesn't have an up-to-date list. If you are a member and would like to know the few small changes to the contract please contact her via [janebannan@btinternet.com](mailto:janebannan@btinternet.com) or 339442. She said: "I'd also welcome comments on the scheme that I can forward to potential members. The fact that you don't actually know the price until the oil is delivered worries some people despite the reassurances that it will be cheaper than from anywhere else we have found!". New members welcome. More information from Jane, as above.

• The **Ainsty Farm Shop** holds a Christmas taster day on Sat 1 Dec.



• As a postscript to last issue's focus on the facilities operated by the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity Brian Halling reports that the playing fields have been used as a **heliport** by Redrow's chief executive and travelling management team.

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Colourful characters ...  
from left: Russ Piper,  
Claire Jeffrey, Martin Knights  
and Helen Walsh

## Last Panto in Green Hammerton

### *Play review and pic by the editor*

The fifth annual village play was staged last weekend to packed houses and great acclaim. The new production, 'Last Panto in Green Hammerton', was a sequel to the 'Last Tango' comedy performed by our thespians two years ago. The ailing amateur dramatic society (not our's; the one in the script!) is again resorting to sex to try and drum up interest in its next production, a re-write of Dick Whittington.

Russ Piper was a tour de force as highly strung, demanding society director, Gordon. On stage for the full hour, with lots of lines and in a state of increasing exasperation he had plenty of reason to sweat (all in character, of course). Claire Jeffrey shone as society secretary and deluded songstress Joyce with an array of expressions and superb timing making her character all the funnier. Martin Knights perfectly captured the seen-it-all-before stage manager, Bernard, wearily casting his eyes to the ceiling in disdain as Gordon's ideas get all the more hairbrained and everything starts to collapse around them, almost literally. (The wound on his forehead made up by Rita Horner of wardrobe

looked so convincing too). Completing the cast was Helen Walsh as Margaret and, like Claire a veteran of all four previous productions. She showed remarkable resilience when she fell off the back of the stage on the opening night but, in the society's true spirit, carried on regardless and, remarkably, unharmed. Ironically, her character sustains a broken arm and leg.

The incident wasn't in the original script but director Chris Turner had made several clever customisations. The show opened and closed to the strains (in more ways than one) of Claire belting out Don't Cry for me Argentina as she had done in 'Last Tango'. The curries cooked at the Bay Horse by Jon Clarke were referred to by Bernard as he took up a potentially perilous position behind Gordon as the hind legs of a pantomime horse and, in what's becoming a panto-like tradition, Simon Mack also found his way into the narrative as the supplier of a dodgy word processor.

The evening was rounded off by a superb chicken pie supper by Sue Holden and her team. What a fabulous community occasion. Thanks so much to everyone involved for their huge efforts. Proceeds (to be totted up) will be split between the Green Hammerton Recreational Charity and Keep the Hammertons Green.