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Editor's Piece.

Hello and welcome to this month's Newsletter.

All the people connected with the "Burns Night" should be praised and congratulated not only the kids involved but the youth leaders and organisers. There has been many acknowledgements and thanks from people who came along to the evening and not only those shown on page 3

Wind turbines are dominating this issue, sorry for that but think its food for thought. Please note last month's article relating to saving the Barn Owls at Bempton, the author was Mr Hinde not Mr Hindle

I've been informed that there is now a new number for non emergency contact with the Police. The new number is 101 it is operational now and the old 0845 number will be phased out. 101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police when its less urgent than a 999 call 101 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. ``

Don't miss the Lambing Lunch on 13th March. A nice way to spend the afternoon and meet old and new friends.

The 'Amble Through History' at Lttlethorpe sounds intriguing, book your place and take in some history!

All the best to everyone, spring is finally here!

Rosie Mitchinson (Editor)



Please save your old postage stamps in aid of **RNLI** and drop them off to Susan Gilbank 7 Kilham Road tel 420049 many thanks

I would like to congratulate the members of the Youth Club who both organised served and hosted the **Burns Night Supper** at the Village Hall. It was a fantastic evening professionally run with excellent food and entertainment. Everybody connected to the Burns Night should feel very pleased with their efforts. Teresa Blofeld

Members of the Rudston Youth Club and helpers are to be congratulated on the first class evening many of us enjoyed on "Burns Night" in the Village Hall on Saturday 28th January. The Piper and the dancers were all of a very high standard very well done everyone.

Dick and Elizabeth Robinson

BEETLE AND BINGO DRIVE

ON Friday 9th March 2012

At 7pm

Admission £2.50 to include drink and biscuit
Please come along with friends and family and enjoy a fun
and friendly evening

RUDSTON BOWLS CLUB.

There will be a meeting of Rudston Bowls Club on Monday March 26th in Rudston Village Hall at 7pm, ahead of the 2012 season.

Could all present members please attend but if you are unable to do so please ring me on 01262420600 beforehand.

Anyone interested in playing bowls is very welcome at that meeting or you can come along to the bowling green on Burton Fleming Road on a Wednesday afternoon at 2pm from April 25th and have a go!

Kathleen Thornton (Sec.)

RUDSTON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 17TH APRIL AT 7.30 PM

IN RUDSTON VILLAGE HALL

Everyone in the Parish of Rudston over the age of eighteen is invited to attend this meeting

It is hoped that as many people as possible will attend and bring suggestions as to the future running of the hall and any ideas for events they would like to see take place

We do hope to see you on this occasion

ALL SAINTS, RUDSTON, SOCIAL COMMITTEE

We had a very successful Snowdrop and Aconite walk in the beautiful grounds at Thorpe Hall thanks to Sir Ian and Lady Macdonald. The weather was reasonably kind and we raised £1200 for Church funds. Thanks to all who came and those who helped in any way. Visitors commented on the abundance of flowers in their natural setting and thought it superior and cheaper than Burton Agnes. Some people like to return every year and some came twice this year to share the experience with their friends.

Our next event is a Lambing time Lunch at Low Caythorpe on Tuesday 13th March. Tickets £10 each to include main course, desert and coffee. There will be 2 sittings at 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. There will also be a raffle. Please phone June on 420237 to reserve a seat at your preferred sitting as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as seats are limited. Everyone welcome. We are a third of the way through lambing as I write so hope to turn some lambs out tomorrow if it is warm and sunny and we await the rest being born.

Forward planning-- we will be having a safari or traveling supper on Friday evening 25th May, so please book that date in your diary for an entertaining meal out. For more information or to book a place phone June 420237. More details April & May.

Thank you for your continued support. June Sellers (Social Secretary).

AN AMBLE THROUGH HISTORY On Sunday March 11th at 2 o'clock

At Littlethorpe where John Gatenby is taking a walk around some of the farm and pointing out, below the modern landscape you can see today, some archaeological features from up to 3,000 years ago for instance the site of an iron age cemetery and the route of the Roman road. The earthwork called the Argarn Dyke still exists the only surviving length of this mysterious earthwork thought to have been erected in the Bronze Age.

Numbers limited so places must be booked in advance please

£5 include afternoon tea, in aid of All Saints Church, Rudston

Please contact Chris or John 01723 890464

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012

The Rudston Village Hall Committee are making plans to celebrate the **Diamond Jubilee**, we are hoping to keep you informed of what is taking place as we get it organised.

The first event will be a **PLOUGHMANS LUNCH** organised by the Rudston Youth Club

In the afternoon a **PARTY** for all residents of Rudston. Everyone will be asked to bring food which will be shared.

After tea there will be various **GAMES and QUIZZES** followed by:-

'RUDSTON'S GOT TALENT'

Contenders will be given a 5 minute slot to entertain, the public will vote for their favourite on the night.

We do hope this will be well supported and we will keep you informed of further details.

If you have any suggestions as to anything else you would like to see happen please do let us know.

Wind turbines and wildlife: The RSPB's position

In a recent issue of this newsletter, David Hinde criticised the RSPB for failing to object to a proposal for a wind turbine in Bempton, which he claimed would pose a threat to a range of bird species including barn owls and migratory geese and swans.

As this issue is a cause for concern to a number of local residents, I thought it would be a good idea to clarify the RSPB's position, both in terms of our general policy on wind turbines and on this specific proposal.

The RSPB believes that climate change is the most significant threat facing the natural environment. As such, we support the deployment of renewable energy, but not where it will have a significant impact on protected wildlife. As a conservation organisation, we take the potential impacts of wind farms on birds and other wildlife extremely seriously and assess the potential impact of numerous proposed wind farm developments on these grounds. If we have any concerns, we make these known.

Wind farms can potentially affect birds in three ways; collision, disturbance and habitat damage. However, the majority of wind farms and individual turbines, if sensibly sited, should not adversely impact upon birds. I will deal with the three potential effects individually so you can see what we mean by "sensibly sited".

Collision: Most studies have shown that, under normal circumstances, birds don't usually fly into wind turbines. They are more likely to collide at times when their visibility is impaired. However, studies in Denmark have shown that even at night, birds tend to fly round wind farms in the same way they would a building. Large birds seem to be more susceptible to collision because they cannot brake and swerve as swiftly as small birds. Even so, collisions do appear to be quite rare events.

Disturbance effects vary between different species of bird.0 I am aware that wind turbines are a highly emotive issue and understand that local residents often have serious concerns about them for reasons other than wildlife conservation, including landscape issues. However,

as a wildlife conservation charity, we can only give our professional opinion in relation to potential conservation impacts on birds and other wildlife as it is outside of our remit and expertise to comment on any other basis. I have discussed the proposed turbine with representatives from both Natural England and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, and neither organisation was aware of any significant conservation threat to birds or wildlife from the proposed turbine.

Mr Hinde argued that if we did not change our position, then local people should object to the plans for a new visitor centre at our Bempton Cliffs reserve. We believe that any plans we have to improve the visitor experience on reserve should be judged on their own merits rather than on an unrelated issue.

The RSPB has been working as part of the community of Bempton and Buckton for over 30 years; we employ local people, we support local businesses including the local Post Office and pub. In recent years we have been working with local schools to help ensure every child has a first-hand experience of the wonderful nature on their doorstep

Dr Michelle Lindsay RSPB Conservation Officer, Yorkshire

CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND

The East Yorkshire Landscape of Open High Rolling Farmland lies within the Yorkshire Wolds designated area of High Landscape Value. The landscape character is sensitive to the Wind Farm development.

There are no vertical man made structure in this environment. The tallest structures is the Humber Bridge. The 12 turbines in operation at Lissett (125 metres) are approximately the same height as the towers of the Humber Bridge, and are visible for 35 km.

East Yorkshire is facing the imminent threat of views of one or more large wind farms, with turbines on average 125-126m tall in whichever direction you care to look. ERYC Strategic Wind Energy Developments Oct 2011 listed 31 wind farms approved/appeal in process / pending consideration or operational. These large wind farms will be interspersed with smaller turbines (however over 30-40m) springing up in the countryside around the larger sites. There are 200 smaller turbines in the planning process listed on the ERYC website. The campaign to protect Rural England among other organisations are greatly concerned about cumulative impact of hundreds of wind turbines imposed on the Wolds and Heritage Coast landscape, large and small compromising views, vistas and horizons.

Chris Huhne has stated that he aims to install 32,000 wind turbines in the UK within the next 20 year, however, with the precarious state of the economy, and the enormous cost to construct off-shore, it seems more likely that many thousands of them will be built on-shore. In many cases this will also mean more overhead power lines and unsightly pylons adding to the landscape destruction.

The £billions cost of building these on-shore turbines is paid for by the consumers through energy bills, which are now so high (and set to continue to rise over many years) they are forcing millions of people into fuel poverty. The coalition government has done nothing in policy terms to reverse this trend, continuing with a policy which is pushing up the cost of living, in the name of saving the environment (the so-called "Green Agenda") The vast subsides these wind farms receive wind farms would not be built. It's all about the dash for cash!

The think-tank Civitas has released a damning report that concludes that horrendously expensive wind farms do not fulfil "sustainable" objectives. They cost more fuel than they save, and they cause no CO2 saving, to the contrary they increase our environmental footprint"

Greg Knight MP recently stated on his e newsletter that "Wind Farms" - desecration has gone too far, I say no more wind farms in East Yorkshire. These Monstrosities are not saving the planet - they are trashing our countryside.

The Campaign to protect Rural England are also very concerned about wind turbines at the end of their 20-25 year life. Decommissioning - removing/ recycling (which is very limited) wind turbines does not appear to be taken into consideration by anyone in the industry, right through to planning and operation. End of life cost analysis is not done up front, as a matter of course, by developers. The huge cost escalating over 25 years gives a great deal of cause for concern, as 14,000 turbines have been abandoned in the USA. When subsidies run out they are no longer useful, and because of the exorbitant cost of removing them no-one wants to shoulder the expense, so they are just left to decay. Is this the fore runner of things to come in the East Yorkshire countryside?

The Yorkshire Wolds and Heritage Coast (19% of the Yorkshire and Humber coastline is defined as Heritage Coast) is a beautiful, unspoilt and untouched landscape of tranquil splendour. A place where you can escape the crowds and walk for hours. The Woldsway covers 80 miles from the Humber to Filey, through the wonderful countryside painted by Britain's most famous David Hockney (BBC Countryfile 8.1.12) Plans are now underway by East Yorkshire Tourism Dept. For the David Hockney Trail. This is expected to bring visitors from all over the world. The development of industrial wind farms across the wolds and along the Heritage Coast, is completely at odds with the £millions being invested in this and many other superb tourism initiatives in the area to benefit the local economy. All are dependent on the unique, untouched wolds landscape which is why CPRE East Yorkshire opposes the proliferation of wind farms and the devastation caused to our precious landscape.

If you are against Wind Farms please write to Greg Knight

Campaign to protect Rural England East Yorkshire Branch

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The Brain Teaser (Answers on page 18)

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MORE TREES THIS YEAR

Can you remember the catch phrase "Plant a tree in 63" and then "Plant in 64". Now in 2012 we are to have a million trees planted in the UK. I heard recently of one school who have already started, and no doubt other organisations will follow, especially in this Diamond Jubilee year.

Few of us would want to plant any of the traditional hardwoods in our gardens, but why not plant a tree that gives colour, and a crop that we can use, so naturally, I suggest my favourite fruit the apple. For best results in our area, the varieties "Charles Ross" and wonderful Christmas apple "Blenheim Orange", both are dual purpose trees, ideal for apple pies and desserts.

It is not to late to plant, even this month or later, providing container grown trees are used, and where space is limited, make sure the trees are grafted onto type M9 root stock.

Dick Robinson

FLORENTINES

- 8 ozs plain chocolate
- 2 ozs margarine
- 4 ozs soft brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 5 heaped tablespoons desiccated coconut
- 3 heaped tablespoons chopped nuts
- 2 heaped tablespoons chopped glace cherries
- 2 heaped tablespoons mixed peel
- 2 heaped tablespoons sultanas
- 1. Melt chocolate in a small bowl over a pan of simmering water.
- 2. Spread melted chocolate in bottom of a swiss roll tin. Leave to set.
- 3. Beat together margarine and sugar, beat in the egg, add all the other ingredients.
- 4. Spread mixture over the chocolate.
- 5 Bake in a moderate oven Gas 170 degrees for 30 to 40 minutes
- 6. Leave to cool, cut into slices, remove from tin when quite cold.

Church News



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Rudston with Boynton, Carnaby and Kilham

Church Services and Events

March

4th 9.30am Holy Communion + *Trailblazers*

11th 9.30am Morning Prayer

18th 9.30am Mothering Sunday: Holy Commun-

ion + Trailblazers

25th 10.00am Boynton: Joint Benefices Holy Com-

munion

There is a service of Holy Communion each Wednesday Morning at 10.30am followed by coffee

From the Vicarage,

Good news! The Rudston Heritage Project has just been given a £5,000 grant from LEADER, an organisation which supports the preservation of local heritage. The next step is to submit a bid for 'the big one' - £50,000 Heritage Lottery Funding to create a visitor area in the church with seating, professionally made information boards and a working model of the area and

it's heritage over the years. There will be material for villagers, schools and our many visitors. Thank you to those who are working really hard to make our bid a good one: Watch this space!

In the meantime we continue with our Lenten journey. It's a time where we look within and reflect on those things that help or hinder us and our relationship with God. This year we will have a weekly Lent course again, entitled "Were you there?". It looks at four important events in the Easter Story: Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday and Easter Day. The relevant scripture passage is read, then an examination of the situation, discussing the feelings, the thoughts and fears of a person standing 'in the wings' of the event. We are looking forward to some interesting and challenging discussions! You can attend on either a Tuesday or Thursday so call me if you want more information.

Every blessing,

Glyn

Crosslands Column

We start this month with a dilemma. It arises from something mentioned in a newsletter last year though, so may be familiar. Concerning recycling, the feared reduction appears to have finally happened. Our results for October to December, together with a payment which is a fraction of previous amounts, are to hand. It shows a glass collection in October, nothing in November, and paper in December only. Actually, I suspect this to be another knock-on effect of the closure of the Bosville, who I know made good use of the "glass" ones. It is natural of course, that households will use their own blue bins, but ERYC Are keen to see "recycling banks" maintain their popularity. Here then is the dilemma, because they wish them to be "promoted" by the parish council. Whether we can do more than raise the matter via the newsletter like this or ask everyone not to forget the Burton Fleming Road facility, I'm not sure. After all that, later in the month I found the clear glass container full, especially after I transferred someone's bottles left in carrier bags. Either another pub is using us, or someone has a serious drink problem!

A "last minute" communication had resulted in surprise guests at the last parish council meeting. It was to talk about the two proposals for farm wind turbines mentioned in the last newsletter. Though it was of interest and they came armed with the usual statistics and computer generated photographs, the parish council had already made its response to the county council. That was to recommend refusal. There was then (after the guests had departed) much debate over the nearer Springdale proposal. There will probably be a separate article about that in this or a future issue. Suffice to say here that after those two time consuming topics and a host of more usual matters, the last meeting finished rather later than usual.

Since then, one of the proposals (tuft Hill) has been amended to just one turbine instead of two. This has at least 'softened' parish council opinion, who now seem split on the issue. A response to reflect that has just been submitted to E.R.Y.C.

Latest news from the company for the Thornholme Wind Farm is that they have submitted further 'environmental information' containing more on 'cultural heritage and archaeology issues' to the county council. It has resulted in another bulky file on the subject, so a while yet before any decision.

Given the recent national kerfuffle about prayers before council meetings, it may be of interest to those who have attended one at Rudston that we don't start that way. Not even when Revd. Cope was a member. If we did though, I am quite certain that members would deal with the matter more sensibly than the one reported. Anyone not wishing to 'take part' in prayer would simply stare into space or something for a minute. There seems to be no limit to these 'human rights' we hear about, but shouldn't they be balanced against 'common sense'? Next parish council meeting 21st March, God willing! Phillip Crossland (Clerk)

BROADBAND

The Government has announced that it wants the UK to have the best broadband network in Europe by 2015, which means the East Riding could see super fast broadband rolled out to many places where the existing service is slow and unreliable.

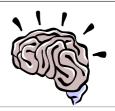
East Riding of Yorkshire has the opportunity to bid for Government funding to secure a better services but needs evidence to show how current broadband is working for both businesses and individuals. A project has been established led by the Resource Strategy to develop a Local Broadband Plan detailing how investment in broadband infrastructure will benefit the area and where that investment should be prioritised. The plan is expected to seek Cabinet approval late in the summer.

To assist the development of The Local Broadband Plan, the Council has developed a dedicated website to enable residents and the business sector to register their interest in getting a better broadband service. As well as seeking opinion how an improved service will benefit them. The site allows current users to carry out a broadband speed test on their own connection and this will identify to the Council where internet 'slow spots' exist across East Riding to focus any investment.

The site will be available between February and October 2012, and can be found at: http://broadband.eastriding.gov.uk/

The Brain Teaser (Answers from page 11)

Yesterday, today, and tomorrow.



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11th March 'Amble through History' at Littlethorpe

13th March Lambing |Lunch ay Caythorpe

26th March Rudston Bowls Club Meeting at 7.30pm

17th April Rudston Village Hall Committee at 7.30pm



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