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### **To Kirk Hammerton Parish Council**

We have pleasure in giving the following reports for the Parish Council A.G.M.

#### **Bonus Ball**

In various formats this lottery has been in existence for over thirty years and has provided a bit of fun for the participants and funds for the Cricket Club, Village Hall, and Playing Fields. At present we have two cards providing funds of £150 per year to each of the three organisations and prize money of two £20 winners each Saturday. We do feel that interest is waning and the £150 a year is not what it used to be. We are considering terminating this.

Les & Janice Hornby

#### **Kirk Hammerton News**

We have now been printing this village newsletter for nearly 25 years. It continues to be very popular, it contains more and more information, and consequently is more time consuming. We do thank the contributors, the advertisers, the sponsors, and those people who deliver it. We wonder if an event could be organised to celebrate the silver jubilee, a significant milestone, with some thought as to how it may continue when we are no longer able to do it.

Les & Janice Hornby

#### **Methodist chapel**

There has been a Methodist chapel in the village since at least 1812 and the present one has been here since 1899. We do thank the members from Tockwith who take an active part in chapel activities, without whom our continuation would be in doubt. For many years now we have worked with the Anglican congregation to show a joint presence in village life and provide a varied form of worship. We are continually reviewing this relationship to ensure that we use our resources to the best advantage.

Les Hornby

#### **Village Library**

The library is now settled in its new site, is well stocked and well used. Many thanks to Sheila Hornby who keeps it in order.

Les Hornby

#### **Newspapers**

We have been supplying newspaper to the village since 2008, that is since the closure of the village shop.

We have papers available from 7pm. (8pm. on Sundays) but this with all our other commitments is still taxing. Apart from providing newspapers we believe that our house is a focal point for the village where people stop and chat. This does help to identify anyone who is in need for whatever reason. Uncollected newspapers also instigate enquiries. We feel that if we ceased to supply newspapers this "watchful eye" would be lost. Something we do not want, but what else could we do?

Les & Janice Hornby

### **Village Hall**

The extension on the south side of the hall is now complete and in full use, a big improvement to the facilities.

We are now getting close to selling the land for development for a house in keeping with the locality. This will enable us to demolish the kitchen and build one more in keeping with current requirements and provide a reception area which would also be suitable for small meetings... We should also be able to replace the main front window, like for like, and upgrade what was the caretaker's house.

Les Hornby (Treasurer)

### **Cricket Club**

Village cricket is struggling and Kirk Hammerton is not immune from that. However we continue to field two teams every Saturday (not always easy). We have an excellent setting for village cricket in the park, thanks to John Pick. The club is so well supported by, Steve Halsall, president, John Pick, vice president Tony Gill, sponsor, and Steve Balcombe of the Victoria Inn, plus many local people who have sponsored a match ball. It is hoped that in the next year or two we will be able to provide a more modern pavilion. This year we are hosting some junior matches for Ouseburn C.C. and Queen Ethelburga's college. Supporting junior cricketers is vital to the future of the game. It is hoped that this could be a plus in applying for grants to upgrade our facilities.

Les Hornby (Life member and treasurer)