

GROUP REPORTS APM 2018

Kirk Hammerton News

We have now been compiling and printing this village newsletter for over 26 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.
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.

In recent times the Chapel has been used for a variety of village meetings etc., initiated by the closure of the village hall during improvements. Members are pleased for it to be used in this way.

Les Hornby

Village Library

The library 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) 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.

Les & Janice Hornby

Village Hall

Now that the upgrade is complete we have a village hall to be proud of. Our late chairman, Peter Raisbeck, worked tirelessly to complete these improvements. His dedication during the final months of his life was unbelievable. Thanks also to David Harrison whose contribution was immense. We have received many compliments from users from outside the village. The hall is well used for functions and meetings, but new members on the management committee are urgently required.

Les Hornby (Treasurer)

Cricket Club

Village cricket is struggling and Kirk Hammerton is not immune from that. This season we have resorted to fielding just one team which has had a successful start to the season. 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, and Steve Balcombe of the Victoria Inn, plus many local people who have sponsored match balls. This year we are again hosting some junior matches for Ouseburn C.C., and our ground will be used twice by Bilton in the Wetherby League to overcome a fixture clash. Supporting junior cricketers is vital to the future of the game.

Les Hornby (Life member, groundsman and treasurer)

Keep the Hammertons Green Action Group

There has not been much activity from Harrogate and the developers this month. We expect this is the *quiet before the storm* and is likely due to Harrogate planners continuing to breakdown our well researched and valid objections with counter arguments; and the developers working on their planning applications. Oakgate have booked the Green Hammerton Village Hall for two consultations events to show case their Cattal (*Malkiln*) proposals on Tuesday 8th May and Tuesday 12th June. The campaign team have not been sat idle either. Behind the scenes the team are working on preparations for fund raising events, which we will announce in due course. The group also continues to build on our evidence and objections by further research and investigation in preparation for the EIP.

There is certainly plenty to do and because each stage becomes more technical we will also need to seek further professional advice and guidance where appropriate. To do this we will need to raise further funds and we hope that you will continue to support our events and hopefully have a bit of fun at the same time. Please look out for the advertisements and help our community to continue the fight against the new settlement.

Thank you for your support