

# HUMBIE PARISH and COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## **Minister's letter**

This year seems to have gone very fast, and we're nearing Christmas already again! We just had a wonderful harvest celebration, with beautiful decorations all around the church, and are now looking towards the end of the year and the renewal of God's promise of his love and care for us, as we remember and celebrate once more the birth of the Christ child. This promise is indeed there – despite the situations of uncertainty, of fear, of war and unrest in the world. And it is an invitation too: and invitation to us, to show each other the love and kindness, the hope, peace and justice shown by God's coming into the world. The children are already excited about the Nativity service – and we have this, and many other events planned for the Advent period – more details further on. There are other signs of renewal in our church: since September, a weekly Children's Club meets on Wednesday afternoons, 3.30-4.30pm, alternating between Humbie Village Hall, Yester Church and the East Saltoun Session Rooms, with songs and stories, crafts and games, and coffee and tea for parents and grandparents. We also had a deep clean and a bit of a clear out of the Stables, which have now been redecorated, to accommodate different groups and events.

Nevertheless, the congregation is small, and the Kirk Session consists of a small number of elders. Some of our very committed members are about to move away, others are restricted by illness: so we always welcome – and indeed need – others to get involved with events, such as the Nativity service, and general church life.

From the New Year, our Sunday services will start at the slightly earlier time of 9.30am, to help with the continuous pattern of worship across our linked parish of Humbie I/w Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church. We hope that you will help us in making this change work.

As always, you can find out more about the church and about our news and events on our facebook page and our website, at [humbiechurch.org](http://humbiechurch.org). We also send out a short weekly email, listing upcoming services and other news. If you would like to receive this email, please sign up on our website or contact me on 01620 811193 or [aschuetzbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:aschuetzbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk). And if you would just like a chat, please get in touch too, or meet me at the Hub, where I am (nearly) every Thursday, 1-2pm.

I look forward to seeing you!

*Anikó*

## **A change to our service time**

When Anikó arrived, nearly a year ago, the linked parishes of Humbie and Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church held three Sunday services – two at 10am, and one at 11.30am, resulting in a need for pulpit supply every week. Since then, Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church has decided to hold only one Sunday service, which now alternates between the villages every week, and which allows Anikó to take the services both there and in Humbie on most Sundays.

However, for some people the change from a 10am service time to 11.30am was very severe, and the later time is proving difficult to meet for some of the congregation. To allow for a compromise that works for the majority of people, and to enable Anikó to see both congregations on most Sundays, the Humbie Kirk Session have agreed to change the Humbie service time from 10am to the slightly earlier time of 9.30am, thereby allowing Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church to move to an 11am worship time. This change will be implemented from the New Year, starting on 8 January (after a later service at 11am on 1 January in Humbie Church). We hope that you will help us in making this change work. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anikó.

## **On a wee boat across the sea....**

The Iona Community offers great programme weeks in the Abbey and the MacLeod Centre on Iona, where guests and staff form their own community life by discussing, learning, praying and working together. Would you like to participate in such a week? Ask Anikó for a programme booklet. If there are a number of people interested in a church trip (together with Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church) to Iona in 2017, we'll investigate dates and programme options, and might soon be off on that wee boat ourselves...

## **Blythswood Shoe Box Appeal**

Not long to go until Christmas.... This year, we would like to support the Christmas Shoebox Appeal for Blythswood Care, helping families in need at Christmas time. Items needed include toiletries, small items of clothing (e.g. hats and scarves), stationery and small toys – with each box prepared for either a child, a teenager or an adult (more information at [blythswood.org/shoebox-appeal](http://blythswood.org/shoebox-appeal)).

If you would like to fill a shoebox, please bring it to the church, by Sunday 6 November. Fliers with more information on what is needed, and how it needs to be packed, are available in the church and at the Hub.

## **Family Ceilidh**

A great big thank you to everyone who supported our Family Ceilidh on 7 October, where the Lairds o' the Dance Ceilidh Band played to the fantastic display of dancing talent (and of all ages, too!). A special thanks to all who organised, planned, prepared and catered on the evening, and to all donors of raffle prizes – which caused great excitement.

## **Thank you!**

... to all who helped with the recent deep-clean of the church and the Stables, and the redecoration of the Stables. Both buildings look fantastic!

## **Christmas Eve Family Service**

If you are interested in joining the choir for this service, which takes place at 4.00p.m. on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December in Humbie Church, please contact Sharon Dirkin: [Sharon.hamlyn@aubreycm.co.uk](mailto:Sharon.hamlyn@aubreycm.co.uk).

For participation as shepherds, angels, wise men etc. or helping with refreshments, please contact Margo Hodge: [humbiemill@btinternet.com](mailto:humbiemill@btinternet.com)

## Christmas Services

There are a lot of things planned for Advent time:

- of course, the Advent Sunday services on Sunday mornings at 10am in Humbie Church, including a service of Lessons and Carols on 18 December
- Advent evening services, on Thursday evenings at 7pm (1 Dec Bolton Church, 8 Dec East Saltoun Session Rooms, 15 Dec Humbie Village Hall, 22 Dec Yester Church)
- a 'Blue Christmas' service, for all who have lost a loved one, and miss them especially at this Christmas time, held on 18 December, 4pm, in Bolton Church
- the big Nativity service on Christmas Eve, at 4pm, at Humbie Church, followed by refreshments
- a Watchnight service on Christmas Eve, 11.30pm, at Humbie Church, led by members of the congregation
- a Christmas Day service, held jointly with Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church, at 11am in Yester Church
- a New Year's Day service, held jointly with Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church, at 11am in Humbie Church, followed by coffees and teas in the Stables

**We hope you'll join us for any or all of these occasions!**

## CHURCH REGISTER

**Wedding:** 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016 Samantha Mills & Chris Coutts, Upperkeith Farm Cottages

**Deaths:** 24<sup>TH</sup> December 2015 John Johnnston (Ian) Sharp, Drummohr Nursing Home, Wallyford, formerly Ewingston

17<sup>th</sup> May 2016 David Heaphy, Hilton Lodge Nursing Home, Haddington, formerly Middlemains

## LIST OF ELDERS

<b>Session Clerk:</b>	Liz Hunter	2 Leaston Farm Cottages
	Elizabeth Bayne-Jardine	Hattonhill
	David Cunningham	East Peaston
	Janice Dagg	Saltoun Station, Pencaitland
	Donald Hardie	Chesterhill
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Margo Hodge	Humbie Mill
	John Mair	New Mains
	George Pate	Stobshiel Mains
	Max Ward	Stobshiel House

## CHURCH ROTAS

Date		Minister	Reader	Flowers	Coffees/ Teas
Nov 6	10am <b>Communion</b> , followed by coffees and teas	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Liz Hunter	Anna Edwardson	Lynne Lowrie
13	<b>Remembrance</b> , starting at <b>10.45</b> at the War Memorial	Peter Kimber	Jim Hunter		
20	10am Joint service with YBS Church in Humbie Church	Members of the Congregations	Colin Lowrie	Anne Mair	
27	10am	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Elizabeth B-Jardine		
Dec 1	7pm Advent Evening Service in Bolton Church	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
4	10am, followed by coffees and teas	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Lynne Lowrie	Margo Hodge	Nicola Bolton
8	7pm Advent Evening Service in the East Saltoun Session Rooms	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
11	10am	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	John Mair		
15	7pm Advent Evening Service in Humbie Village Hall	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
18	10am, Lessons and Carols	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell		Team Effort	
	4pm, Bolton Church, Blue Christmas Service, for all who have lost a loved one and miss them especially at this Christmas time	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
22	7pm Advent Evening Service in Yester Church	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
24	4pm, Nativity Service	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
	11.30pm, Watch night Service	Members of the Congregation			
25	<b>11am, Yester Church</b> , joint Christmas Service	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			
Jan 1	<b>11am</b> , Humbie Church, joint New Year's Service, followed by coffees and teas	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell			Ruth Slight
8	<b>9.30am</b>	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	George Pate jnr	Muriel Pate	
15	<b>9.30am</b>	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Patrick Flockhart		
22	<b>9.30am</b>	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Max Ward	Sally Heaphy	
29	<b>9.30am</b>	Pulpit Supply	John Heaphy		
Feb 5	<b>9.30am</b> , followed by coffees and teas	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Lois Bayne-Jardine	Lois Bayne-Jardine	Muriel Pate
12	<b>9.30am</b>	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Janice Dagg		
19	<b>9.30am</b>	Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell	Al Beck		
26	<b>9.30am</b>	Pulpit Supply	Janet Beck	Janet Hancock	
Mar 5	<i>details to be published in due course</i>		Jonny Gibbs		Liz Hunter
12			Margo Hodge		
19			Joan Sampson	Carolyn Pate	
26			Patrick Edwardson		
Apr 2			Donald Hardie	Fiona Robb	Joan Sampson
9			Alastair Salvesen		
16			Muriel Pate	Team Effort	
23			Paddy Scott		
30			Jim Hunter	Janet Beck	

**If you are unable to read on one particular Sunday, please arrange to swap with somebody else and inform the Minister (on 01620 811193 or [aschuetzbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:aschuetzbradwell@churchofscotland.org.uk)). She'll let you know the readings in the week preceding the service and a list of readings for each month is also available by the church door and in the vestry.**



On 5<sup>th</sup> June, another successful Messy Church event was held in Humble Hall. Although there were fewer children attending – probably due to the beautiful weather that day - we had a lovely time with the theme of Loaves and Fishes. Everyone enjoyed seeing how grain was turned into flour in the old days using a stone grinding wheel and the smell of freshly baking bread made us all feel hungry. The small loaves turned out a lot bigger than anticipated. Fish mobiles and collages were all a work of art and the decorated flower shaped biscuits were as popular as ever.

The next event was held in Gifford Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> September when the theme was God the Provider/Harvest. The children made body shaped collages (using life sized outlines) showing the things needed to keep a healthy body and mind. We had a lucky dip in a huge tub of grain with a lot of the “findings” being donated to the local foodbank. Thank you cards for all that we appreciate, supplied by the land and the Lord were beautifully decorated. Hyacinth and narcissis bulbs were planted in lovely decorated pots, which will hopefully be flowering by Christmas time. There was also a fabulous miniature farm created for the children (old and young) to play with.

The children have a lovely creative and friendly time at the Messy Church events, which conclude by the telling of the appropriate Bible Story relating to the various activities, a song, prayer and sharing an evening meal. Please feel free to join us at the next Messy Church which will be held in the Fletcher Hall, East Saltoun on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017 from 4.00 to 6.00 p.m. Look out for the flier in your child’s schoolbag, which will be distributed nearer the time. Details will also be given at the various Church Services, on local Notice Boards and on Facebook – just “like” our pages. If any mums, dads, grandparents etc. wish to help out or just give us some ideas for the activities, please contact Margo Hodge or Janice Dagg.

## HUMBIE BABIES & TODDLERS

After a little break the toddler group has just started up again, so most people are new to the group.

Everyone is welcome; we are catering for babies and pre-school age accompanied by a parent/grandparent/carer. We provide a wide range of activities for children including painting, play dough, craft activities, sand pit, play kitchen, trampoline, climbing frame, books, music, baby toys, tricycles, dolls’ prams, cars, train track, dolls’ house, mega blocks, stickle bricks, shop toys, jigsaws and games. The cost includes a healthy snack for the children and tea or coffee for adults!

We will be running on a Wednesday morning 9.30 - 11.30 in the Village hall.

Cost £1.50 for eldest child, 50p for subsequent siblings, under 6 months FREE!

For further information please contact us through the Humble blog [www.edubuzz.org/humble](http://www.edubuzz.org/humble) or find us on face book "humble babies and toddlers"

We look forward to meeting you.

## HUMBIE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The children worked hard on entries for The Haddington flower show as soon as we got back from the summer holidays – and it paid off!! Lilli won the cup for the most entries in the 5-7 age group and we had lots of tickets throughout the classes. The club also won the cup for a group collage of a ‘fun fair’.

We are now making plans for a Halloween Party and then we will need to get the Guy ready for the bonfire – it is all go!

The club is under new management and new ideas and suggestions are welcomed. A newsletter is about to be published to keep everyone informed about what the club is about.

Myself, Mrs. Pate and new support worker Bernie enjoy the enthusiasm the children bring to the club and we enjoy the variety of projects we get involved in. Please feel free to get in touch at any time - 01875 833 247 or by email

[eanderson@humble.elcschol.org.uk](mailto:eanderson@humble.elcschol.org.uk)

**E. Anderson**

## HUMBIE PTA

The autumn term is well underway and we welcomed our new P1s into the school in August—the playground is a busy place now!

This term the class topic has been 'our community' and the classroom is full of fantastic artwork depicting Humbie and our landscape. The children have visited the John Gray Centre in Haddington to see old photographs of Humbie and been impressed by some suitably old and impressive documents! In case anyone in the community is interested the archives are open to the public to go and explore at your leisure.

Further to the exploration of their community, the children went for a ramble on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October which saw them visiting Johnstounburn House and enjoying the ramble, the exercise and the nature around them.

The children are doing their daily mile which takes them around Humbie – it keeps them fit, wakes them up and they all love it. Feel free to join them if you spot them on their walk.

Engaging in the arts is always a priority for the kids and they have enjoyed a trip to see Gangsta Granny at the Kings Theatre this term. They've enjoyed lots of artwork with their visiting art teacher, Mrs Macleod. Some of the children have started fiddle lessons too so we're looking forward to the first recital! Mrs Anderson has kept them busy with some Scottish country dancing after their PE teacher Mrs Dougall had her baby earlier this month.

The school website is improving with more and more content – if you have any information that you think we should be sharing or any photos you would like to see on it please send them across. There are fabulous blogs which the children write telling you about their activities and achievements. Please check them out.

The children put on a brilliant harvest festival for all the parents and told us the story of the little black cloud. He kept raining on people until they all got fed up so he got sad. He redeemed himself by helping out a farmer in distress who needed the rain for his crops. The children acted,

narrated and sung their way through this story with great skill and passion. We all had a sing-along to 'Big Red Combine Harvester' which was enjoyed by everyone and we collected lots of food for the local food bank which was presented by our older children.

We have a few events coming up in the next few months which we would like to invite you all to share with us:

**Humbie Family Fireworks** – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November -4pm – donations on the gate please. All money raised goes directly to supporting the school and the After School Club, an essential resource for the parents and children. This is a fantastic event for all the family.

**Humbie Winter Market** - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 3pm – a brilliant community event in its third year. Come and enjoy some festive fun, get all your Christmas shopping in one place, support local businesses and your local school and have great festive fun!

If you'd like to get involved with the school, organising events, helping out at the market / fireworks, baking, teaching etc. please get in touch with us at [humbiepta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:humbiepta@hotmail.co.uk) or stop one of us for a chat – Helen, Tracy and Jennifer are all happy to help.

As ever we enjoy the community help and involvement and are extremely grateful for all the enthusiastic help and encouragement we get so thank you so much. The children benefit enormously from all the fundraising and funds we are able to access with your support.

You can also help us whilst doing your every day shopping online - register online and start raising money for free every time you shop! Every penny counts.

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/humbieprimary>

## HUMBIE BOX OFFICE

HBO's 15<sup>th</sup> season opened last month and the season continues with 9 more films screened between now and the end of April. Membership for the whole season is only £22, and guest entry to single films is £4. There will also be a special children's matinee on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 5.00 pm when we are showing **ZOOTOPIA**. Evenings begin from 7.30 with wine, teas and coffee, with films starting at 8pm.

Full details of the programme is available at [www.humbieboxoffice.co.uk](http://www.humbieboxoffice.co.uk) or email [info@humbieboxoffice.co.uk](mailto:info@humbieboxoffice.co.uk).

## ORCHARD PROJECT

Our fledgling orchard is now six months old, and is looking healthy and full of promise for the years to come. As the trees were one or two years old when we planted them, it will be at least another year until we start to see some more fruit, though there were a few beautiful apples this year - as pictured. Most of the trees are apples, and there are also plums, pears and a quince. Red, white and black currants were planted along the path way too.

Although there was hardly a weed in sight when we finished planting the orchard back in March, it didn't take long for them to re-establish. After one morning of weeding we decided we'd had enough, and took the sensible option of laying down a weed-proof membrane which has been covered by woodchip supplied by East Lothian Council.

The entrance way to the orchard is now looking rather smart with its metal archway installed, around which we have started to train two apple trees – our own East Lothian Pippin and another variety well-adapted to cool northern climes, Keswick Codlin (Lake District). We chose a wide archway to enable wheelchair access.

There are some exciting plans afoot for the children at Humbie Primary School to use the space for growing and learning. An application has been submitted to the Postcode Lottery Fund for a grant to create wooden sculptures inspired by nature with a local wood carver, and we are aiming to have some planters ready for sowing in the spring.

Finally, at the time of writing plans are afoot for a juicing day at the orchard in mid-October. Although the orchard doesn't yet have enough of its own produce, villagers are encouraged to bring along apples and bottles for taking home juice, and we will be using a traditional scrapper (to break down the apples) and press to extract every last drop!

The orchard is for everyone in and around Humbie, and if you are interested in hearing about future orchard events please get in touch - you can email [humbieorchard@gmail.com](mailto:humbieorchard@gmail.com) to be added to the mailing list. Events will be posted on the Humbie Orchard Project Facebook page, and on the notice board in the Humbie Hub.

With thanks again to Humbie Community Fund whose grant enabled us to buy the trees and materials to get the orchard started.





The AGM of the Humble SWI was held in the Kirk Stables on 5<sup>th</sup> May when we elected Morag Taylor as our new President, Karen McKnight (Vice-President), Muriel Pate (Secretary), Isobel Brotherston (Treasurer), Janice Dagg, Jennifer Edward, Margo Hodge, Liz Hunter and Anne McAlpine (Committee). Mrs Betty Bell is our Honorary President.

A good number of our Members took part in the Federation Triennial Show, held in Athelstaneford on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, with various individual successes but, unfortunately, no silverware for Humble this time.

The annual outing on 25<sup>th</sup> May was poorly attended, with only 4 of us taking part in the Open topped bus tour around Edinburgh. It wasn't a great day weather-wise but the tour was very interesting. We set off from the Village Hall to Newcraighall Park & Ride, from where we took the train into Edinburgh Waverley, a much cheaper option than taking cars into Edinburgh.

After a refreshing cuppa, we decided on the "Green Bus" open top tour. Our "live guide" was Michael, who made everyone very welcome and explained what would be happening during our tour. It turned out that he was very knowledgeable about the various buildings and historical events, as well as entertaining,

We left from Waverley Bridge and proceeded along Regent Road where we saw Calton Hill and The Observatory as well as wonderful views of the Old Town and Arthur's Seat, which was particularly spectacular with the gorse being in full bloom. Unfortunately, Holyrood Palace was closed to the public as Her Majesty's representative was in residence for the duration of the Church of Scotland General Assembly. We passed the Royal residence, noting the smart guards on duty, and Queen Mary's Bath House and the Queen's Gallery before the controversial Scottish Parliament Building, then further round Holyrood Park towards Our Dynamic Earth – the Millennium project. We then drove through Canongate, taking in the beautiful Kirk then up the Royal Mile past John Knox House, as well as

the various Closes. It has been said that the old maps of Edinburgh looked like a "Gutted Haddie" with the main spine being the Royal Mile and all the wee bones (the Closes) coming from it. From there, we went to Chambers Street and on to Greyfriars where the famous dog Bobby is commemorated. Onwards again through the Grassmarket, home to many historic pubs and eateries as well as the site of public executions in days gone by. We proceeded on towards Johnston Terrace and the rear view of the Castle, which almost appears to have grown from the rocky crags, then on through Lawnmarket and down The Mound, which houses the National Gallery and the famous Princes Street Gardens. From there, we took in Charlotte Square, George Street and the Georgian House, passing the First Minister's official residence en route. All too soon we were headed along George Street and Market Street to where we started. The tour took a bit over an hour and 20 minutes.

We decided to stay on the bus a bit longer and hop off at the National Museum, where we enjoyed a lovely late lunch. The Museum has been transformed in recent years and is well worth a visit – entry is free, although there are stations discretely placed where donations can be made to support the work of this attraction. All too soon, it was time to board the train back to Newcraighall but we still had our tea to enjoy at the Foresters Arms in Pathhead, where we also met up with other Humble Rural Members, who had been unable to join in our Capital Day out. We have such a beautiful City on our doorstep that sometimes we forget to take the time to admire and enjoy it.

Our first meeting of the 2016/17 session was held on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We were joined by baby Oliver (son of Mairi Curle), who was so quiet that we forgot he was there. Vice-President Karen McKnight gave an excellent demonstration on felting, when we were encouraged to make pictures using different colours of wool. Some are still to be completed but there were a few lovely landscapes in the making.

At our October meeting, we learned of the inception of the Dunbar Community Bakery,

which opened in 2011 following the closure of the last family bakery (Smith). Davie “The Boss”, Colin “Head Baker” and Marie and Nicky “Apprentices” gave a very full report of how the project was funded and run as a Social enterprise and its progress to date. From near closure a year ago, the bakery has been turned around and is now open 6 days a week. The staff members are all young, enthusiastic and local. It supplies to various retailers throughout the area including Humble Hub. The newest product from the bakery is the East Lothian Loaf, instigated by Mungoswells Flour Mill and made entirely from produce within the District, including Black & Gold Oil and even the salt is East Lothian sourced. We were lucky enough to have a taste of this new loaf, as well as many other mouth-watering products, which were all given the thumbs up – high praise indeed, according to the Bakers.

Our next event is the annual Charity Rainbow Whist, to be held in Humble Village Hall on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 for 7.15 p.m. PROMPT. The chosen charities for this year are Parkinson’s Scotland, Alzheimers Scotland and Cystic Fibrosis. Entry costs £3.00 each, which includes tea/coffee and light supper. This is a fun night and the keenly fought for booby prizes will again be locally supplied bags of tatties. All are welcome.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 97<sup>th</sup> Members’ Birthday Party will be held in The Plough Tavern, Haddington at the earlier time of 7p.m. PLEASE NOTE this is a change from the syllabus.

The theme for our 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting is “Diamonds are Forever” by jeweller Moira Graham.

Ladies, you are all welcome to attend any of our meetings as a Member or Visitor.

Janice Dagg

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE

The usual issues of planning and transport dominated the agendas of the past six months.

The Community Council [CC] hosted a further meeting in Humble Village to gather residents’

reactions to East Lothian Council’s Major Issues Report. The principal focus of the meeting was on the proposed allocation of land for housing in Humble and the consensus which emerged was along the same lines as that from the CC’s previous consultation - that the addition of several houses a year was a more appropriate way to develop the village than a single one-off ‘blob’ of new housing. There was general dismay that the views expressed at the earlier meeting did not seem to have influenced the Council’s proposals in any way or swayed the votes of our councillors. The proposals for housing in Humble remain unchanged in the latest draft of the Local Development Plan – to which the community is again asked to submit a response.

The CC continues to press ELC for a 30mph speed limit for Humble village. ELC have still not responded in writing to the CC’s formal request for such a limit. Humble meets all the criteria set by the Scottish Government for a 30mph limit and government policy is clear – ‘...where appropriate a 30 mph speed limit should be the norm in villages. [...] it is self-evident that villages should have comparable speed limits to similar roads in urban areas...’ ELC have conducted a further speed survey – average speeds are not amongst the government’s criteria for 30mph designation.

Discussions continue with ELC over the provision of additional parking in front of the village hall. An outline scheme has been proposed and funding is now being sought to create environmentally-sensitive hard standing for an additional dozen-or-so spaces.

ELC has provided funding for a trial bus service between Humble and Haddington. The service runs three days a week from the village hall. The trial runs till the end of March 2017 and continuation is dependent on usage during the trial period.

The CC chaired a meeting between management of the Windymains sawmill and residents along the B6368 to explore concerns about HGV numbers, safety standards and road conditions. The sawmill reiterated its willingness to follow-up

any complaints of dangerous driving by timber trucks - call on 01875 321950 - all they need is details of the incident and the make/colour of the truck. It was agreed that the CC will formally request ELC's Roads Department to conduct a road condition survey.

Only three nominations were received for the Humble Ward in September's Community Council elections, so all three candidates – Al Beck, Margo Hodge and Frank Kirwan – were deemed elected.

### **NOTE FROM DAVID RODGER**

**Windymains Timber Ltd** is to work along with the Community Council to seek improvement to the condition of the B6368.

The poor condition of the road is a real concern as it affects the wellbeing and safety of everyone who travels along it.

We have a meeting organised with the council, on October 20<sup>th</sup>, regarding the condition of the road.

We will report back with the results of the meeting and we will evolve a plan of action based on the outcome.

In the meantime Windymains urge anyone who sees a lorry being driven in an inappropriate manner or at excessive speed to get in touch - the number of the sawmill is - **01875 321950**

### **LOTHIAN BROADBAND and a near completed HumbleNet:**

Lothian Broadband has had a very busy summer - and we are very happy for this. The HumbleNet has now 70+ subscribers who can enjoy fast broadband for all the things that require fast internet speeds. The network is close to be fully completed. Keith Marischal still needs to be sorted out and we are working hard to satisfy the needs of its residents.

We would like to thank everyone who made this net possible. It has been an incredible journey for all of us.

Looking forward:

The initiative and grant that allows you to get a free of charge standard installation (a saving of £185!) is time limited and also not a bottomless money pot. The initiative will finish at the end of March, but premises will need to be connected by the end of February to allow processing of the claims.

After that time you can still get connected to the network and get fast broadband, but you would need to pay for the installation.

We are here for you:

If you are still unsure about the whole system, please do not hesitate to contact us, or even see us in the Humble Hub Tech Shed. We are happy to show you all the equipment and take our time to explain the system and service to you.

There are also leaflets in the HumbleHub that are there to be taken home.

Otherwise, our website has a lot of information about why you do not need a phone line for getting very fast internet and what you get with the standard installation, as well as answers to frequently asked questions. Have a look at: [www.lothianbroadband.com](http://www.lothianbroadband.com)

For those that have been connected, we hope you enjoy the service.

Esther, Chief Marketer, Lothian Broadband

### **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**For several years, Humble Community has put on a Christmas lunch for residents who may not find it so easy to get out and about. Last year's lunch, on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, was very much enjoyed. We continue to have several people who are willing to help on the day BUT we do not have someone who would be able to take on the role of organizer: all of our helpers now work. Is there anyone who would like to take on the role? Last year's organizers and helpers would give you a lot of support. Please contact Janice Dagg or Liz Hunter if you would be interested.**

## HUMBIE HUB

It has been a busy summer at the Hub, with lots going on. We have enjoyed hosting many different events and of course the art exhibitions have been very successful. Keith View, our holiday flat, has been occupied regularly through the summer months and we have met some lovely people from all parts of the world, bringing them to Humbie to enjoy the beautiful countryside.

On the Shop and Cafe, we want to supply as much local produce as possible and we are always looking for new local suppliers. Dare I say! We are now thinking about Christmas and will be stocking charity Christmas cards to support St Columbus Hospice as we did last year. Other Christmas goodies will be on offer - so watch this space!

The Tech Shed continues to be rented by Lothian Broadband Networks and they are expanding fast! The Therapy room has massage therapist Dawn Cowan every fortnight on Mondays and reflexology by Geraldine weekly on Fridays. We are still looking for a hairdresser, so if anyone knows of a hairdresser who would be interested, please do let us know.

We are now getting into a pattern of our regulars and we even have a knitting group on Friday mornings. I have been amazed by the number of people who have come to visit the Hub, who have had some connection with Humbie in the past, quite a few with the Post Office, but mostly with the Children's Village. It is such a pleasure to be able to give them the book on the history of Humbie compiled by John Bolton, to browse through.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the local community and beyond for continuing to support the Humbie Hub. Our aim is to bring people together and provide a community Hub for everyone to enjoy.

Morag Taylor  
Manager  
Humbie Hub

## HUMBIE COMMUNITY FUND/DUN LAW COMMUNITY BENEFIT TRUST

### *Humbie Community Fund*

Since the spring Newsletter, the Trustees have agreed the following grants:

Humbie PTA - £550 (fireworks)  
Humbie Box Office – up to £300 (sponsorship for two children's matinees)  
Humbie PTA– up to £1500 (art project)  
Humbie Kirk - £400 sponsorship for 7<sup>th</sup> October fundraising ceilidh

The Fund covers the printing costs of this newsletter.

### *Dun Law Extension Community Benefit Trust*

At its May and September 2016 meetings, the following awards were approved:

Heriot Community Council - £713 for a new community noticeboard  
Oxton & Channelkirk CC - £500 contribution to annual fireworks event

The Trust meets quarterly (February, May, September and November) and the next meeting will be held in Fala on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The closing date for applications for this meeting is 30<sup>th</sup> October. Full details of the application process and application forms are available at [www.dunlaw.org](http://www.dunlaw.org).

If you have an idea for a project/grant application you would like to promote and lead, or would like more information about either fund, contact Alastair Beck (833647, [humbie-becks@zen.co.uk](mailto:humbie-becks@zen.co.uk)).

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