

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Women's Institute

The July meeting saw the return of Mrs Janet Leighton of St Helen's Farm. This time she gave an excellent cookery demonstration using the company's products. In August, we were all feeling artistic so held a Members' Craft Evening. Here, we shared our interests and expertise in such things as pot pourri recipes and the production of hand-made gift bags. The evening was a veritable hive of activity!

The evidence of our creativity was very much apparent at our Produce Show in September. The display was wonderful and credit must go to the ladies who helped to organise the day and set everything up. The judges were very impressed. The "roll of honour" is as follows:

Produce Class Winner

- Mrs Lilian Cole

Flower Class Winner

- Mrs Audrey Hutchinson

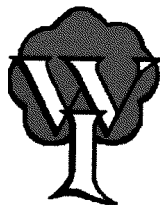
Handicraft Class Winner

- Mrs Brenda Jackson

Cookery Class Winner

- Mrs Pat Wilkinson

"Best in Show" went to Mrs Brenda Jackson and the "Overall Winner" cup went to Mrs Pat Wilkinson. Mrs Joan Seward won the prize in our special category for a hand-made tissue box cover.



Our speaker for the evening was Mr Kirby who gave a talk and slide-show on "The Pineapple Man of Londesborough". This turned out to be the famous gardener, Mr Knowlton, who grew pineapples and coffee at Londesborough Hall.

- YM

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker Branch has recently had two excellent speakers.

In August Mrs Janet Leighton of St. Helen's Goat Farm gave a talk on the running of the business from carousal milking to the marketing of products from the farm - cheese, butter, yoghurt etc. She was asked a series of questions afterwards and judged the competition for a milk jug, won by Mrs Douglass.

In September, Mrs Margaret Jenkins of Lockington, paid a welcome return visit to speak on Tales of a Primitive Potter, well laced with Lancashire humour.

Mrs Audrey Jamson, who awarded the best in show trophy to Mrs Barbara Harper - for a sampler with very fine beadwork, judged the Show. The cup for the highest points in monthly competitions for the past year was won by Mrs Gladys Handley, with Mrs Jenny Winn second and Mrs Mary Dennis and Mrs Janet Green third.

Sixty pounds has been sent to the Stroke Association, following this year's Strawberry Supper.

- MD

Village Hall

The Village Hall bookings continue to 'tick along' nicely, with a new art class on a Tuesday evening.

Some of the Committee Members are in the process of inspecting the Hall's gutters and downpipes with a view to clearing them out in readiness for winter. So, if you see someone elbow-deep in gunge you know they're up to some good!

The Hall is also sporting a brand new

kettle, kindly donated by a generous Committee Member, guaranteeing hot cups of tea for some time to come!

The Annual General Meeting will be coming up at the end of the year so now's the time to consider joining the Committee. So, if you want to have your say in the Hall's future, come and join us!

- YM

Parish Council

Vandalism – Malicious damage in the village has been apparent in recent months. If anyone should see or hear of such acts, please contact Neighbourhood Watch (Lynn Waddingham 422713) or our Neighbourhood Police Officer, Neil Stork – 01482 633088, 01482 634054 or Hessle Police Station 01482 649231. If these numbers fail to get a response and the damage is in progress call 999.



There is a new Police phone number available (01482) 326111. This is a 'call-taker' number, where someone will take the details and then decide if they should send someone out immediately.

Sewage – The catchment area for Ellerker's Waste Water Treatment Works will not be enlarged to include Brough. In an attempt to prevent further flooding in periods of heavy rainfall, improvements are to start soon to eliminate the flow of surface water from highways through the Treatment Plant,

20mph speed limit – In response to an enquiry about the possibility of a speed limit on Sands Lane, East Riding of Yorkshire Council have said that it is intended that these only apply to urban areas.

Cave Lane footpath – Has been sprayed to clear overgrowing weeds and will be trimmed in future to keep it clear. The riding of horses on the footpath constitutes trespass; transgressors can be prosecuted.

Highway flooding – The local authority highways dept. are to make improvements to try and get proper drainage at various

places where flooding occurs, especially at White Horse Farm corner.

Plinths – the plinths displaying the village name are now in place at Ring Beck cross roads and on Cave Lane.

Planning – Elder Cottage, extension to two storeys and at rear, second access. Initial application deferred, re-application made.

Allotments – the whole of the allotment at Hill Top is now let to Dr Brooker, this follows the resignation of one holder and the death of Mr Freer.

Foreign trucks – the unnecessary passage of large Spanish registered trucks through the centre of the village has been brought to the attention of one of the local growers and East Riding of Yorkshire Council. The grower wants to be able to erect roadside direction signs and ERYC have been asked to suggest a solution.

South Cave Interchange – preliminary plans of proposed changes have been shown to the Council by ERYC. The Council and members of the public who attended the meeting in the Village Hall made their views known.

Next meeting: 9th October, 2001

- TJP

ADVANCE WARNING

The 4th ANNUAL ELLERKER SHOW will be held in the Village Hall on Friday and Saturday, 25th and 26th January 2002!

Budding artistes are welcome to contact Diana Bushby on 422757 or David Wood on 424474.

Tickets for the event will be on sale early in January – Please watch this space for further details!

- DW

Playing Fields

The annual Barn Dance was held a White House Farm on Friday, 22nd June, more than 200 people enjoyed the dancing to the White Horse Ceilidh Band and the fine

fare prepared by the Ellerker ladies. As usual the village is indebted to the Bradley family for providing such an appropriate venue.



A special thank you to everyone in the village who supported the event with tombola prizes, setting up the barn, cleaning up afterwards and with the many other tasks which made the Barn Dance such a success.

It is nearly a year since our application to the Lottery for funds to replace the play equipment on the small field was refused. Thanks to the efforts of Gill Lancaster and Heather Ohikere, who found funds from other sources, replacement swings have been ordered along with a few additional play features. For those who are interested, the plans have been posted on the village notice board and in the new bus shelter for several weeks. It is hoped that the new equipment will be in place before the winter starts.

The Management Committee would also like to thank those on the rota who have taken their turn to cut the grass around the perimeter of both fields. This is a very important task which makes the cutting of the main areas much easier. A number of comments have been received complementing the committee on the attractive appearance of the fields during the summer.

There is a further plea to dog owners not to take their dogs onto either field, even if they do clean up after their pooches. Other dogs follow the scent and then leave their calling cards which are not cleared up, with unpleasant consequences for children and the parents, who have to deal with the result.

Sports Day will be held on Saturday, 15th September 2001 and the Christmas Party is provisionally planned for 15th January 2002. This is slightly later than usual, but there have been requests for the party to be held once the Children have gone back to school.

- TC-T

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- Ed

Green Electricity

Yorkshire Electric charge 5% extra if you wish to receive your electricity supply from a renewable energy source. If you buy "green electricity" from Scottish and Southern Energy, however, you may actually pay less than you currently do for the standard "brown" version from YE.

For more information call RSPB Energy on 0800 0288 552.

By using electricity from renewable energy resources you are helping to reduce your reliance on the burning of fossil fuel for electric power. The burning of fossil fuel adds to global warming which, it is thought by many scientists, will cause damaging changes in climate and weather patterns. Renewable energy comes from sources such as hydro-electric power, wind-power and the new, experimental, willow-burning "bio fuel" power station at Eggborough.

Not only is the burning of fossil fuel damaging to the environment, it is also a finite resource and at some point, sustainable alternatives will have to be found. By buying green electricity you are indicating that you wish alternatives to be investigated sooner rather than later.

RSPB Energy is currently offering low energy light bulbs at £9 for a pack of six. These bulbs cost more than conventional tungsten bulbs but last up to 10 times as long and only use about a quarter of the energy for the same light output. Because you are saving electricity, the total cost is less in their lifetime, than it would be for ordinary bulbs.

- TJP

Reduced Water Rate

If rainwater falling on your property does not drain into the public sewer, you are eligible for a reduced water rate. Not only will this save you money, it also helps to reduce the loading on Ellerker's Waste Water Treatment Works at Bow Bridge. Despite fairly recent (and costly) work to increase the capacity of the Works it still has difficulty coping with the volume it receives at times of heavy rainfall. As a result of this surrounding fields and water-courses become flooded with sewage – not a pleasant prospect. The following information comes from the Yorkshire Water Services web-site:

SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE CHARGES

In the past there was only one charge for the removal of waste water. Although shown on bills as a single charge, it actually covered the cost of removing and treating two different types of waste water.

- Foul water – waste water from cooking, cleaning, toilets, baths, showers etc.
- Surface water - water that drains from roofs, driveways, paths etc.

We now calculate these two charges separately. By doing this we can ensure that your charges more accurately reflect the level of service you receive.

Where surface water (such as rainwater) from any part of your property drains to a public sewer you must pay full charges. But if you can show that no surface water or groundwater from your property drains to a public sewer (directly or indirectly) you can pay a lower sewerage charge.

If you think you might be eligible for a reduced rate contact:

Yorkshire Water Services
PO Box 52
Bradford
BD3 7YD

- TJP

Doggy bins

You may remember the small red bins put up in South Cave as an experiment, to be used for collecting dog excrement. ERYC have recently changed their policy and now expect this type of waste to be put in ordinary litter bins (please wrap it up).

- TJP

Medibus

This service is proving to be very popular. Between the launch in November and last April, over 900 bookings were serviced. If you should need transport to hospital, it is important to book well in advance. If you need to use it phone: 01482-885880.

- TJP

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER—DECEMBER

October

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

November

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm

December

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm