

Ellerker NEWS

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A r o u n d u p o f n e w s f r o m a r o u n d t h e p a r i s h

Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting was held at the end of October and Committee Members were elected. Some representatives are still to be confirmed, however Officers are listed below for information:

Chairman: Mr David Green
Treasurer: Mr Mike Parker
Secretary: Mrs Yvonne Morris
Booking Officers:
Mr Dennis Cooney and
Mrs Jessie Puckering

Elected Members: Mrs Diane Tarleton
Mrs Jane Standen
Mrs Val Culley
Mr David Wood

Representatives:

Mrs Margaret Green, after many years staunch service to the Committee, is retiring as the representative of St Anne's Church. Thank you, on behalf of all the Committee Members past and present, for your support.

St Anne's Church: Mrs Pat Christmas
Parish Council:

Mrs Jessie Puckering

Women's Institute: Mrs Ann Barker
Mrs Lilian Cole

YCWA: tbc

Playing Fields: tbc

As ever, the Committee will work hard throughout the coming year to keep the Village Hall in good condition and in popular demand. All that remains is to wish you all a merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year!

- YM

Parish Council

Cave Lane footpath – This has now been given a smooth tarmac surface and is a pleasure to walk on.

Planning – Applications for development have been received for: Pear Tree House, Croft Garth Farm, Stonebeck House, BT Phone mast at Stonepit Road, Ebenezer House, Croft Hill Cottage. The applications for development of land to the SE of the Petrol Filling station and for Elder Cottage have been approved by ERYC.

South Cave Interchange – in view of continuing accidents at this black spot, near the petrol filling station, East Riding Cllr Hudson has asked that proposed work to change the road layout be expedited.

Foreign trucks – Some progress has been made in getting acknowledgement that HGV signs are required in strategic places on the village boundary. This is to try and ensure that large vehicles, which are making deliveries to the Glasshouses on Norfolk Bank Lane, avoid traversing the village centre. ERYC have suggested the design and location of new signs and their preferred option has been endorsed by the Parish Council.



Parish Precept – The Parish Precept bid for 2002/2003 is to be £1,610. This is an increase of £35 on the current year.

Village footpaths and verges – East Riding of Yorkshire Council is to be asked to cut back grass verges to their original limits to prevent the tarmac surface disappearing. The Council has protested at the liberal spraying of herbicide by the

grass cutting contractors, earlier in the year. It resulted in large strips of brown grass and later bare soil.

Rural transport grant – The Council is to make enquiries to see if we might be eligible to use this grant to assist with taxi fares to Doctors' Surgery, Post Office etc, for those who don't have their own transport.

Next meeting: 13th February, 2002

- TJP

Women's Institute

The WI elected their new Committee at the Annual General Meeting in November. After an excellent year, Mrs Pat Wilkinson decided to stand down as President and Mrs Margaret Brooker was voted in. After many years exemplary service as Treasurer, Mrs Jessie Puckering retired her position to hand-over to Mrs Ann Barker. Mrs Lilian Cole remains in post as Secretary, assisted by Mrs Yvonne Morris. Pat thanked everyone on the Committee for all their support and Margaret was welcomed, with best wishes for her term in office. The whole Committee plays an important role in the smooth-running of the Institute and look forward to another challenging year.

Mrs Margaret Green celebrates her own Golden Jubilee this year. On Wednesday 5 December, it was her 50th anniversary of joining Ellerker WI. A significant achievement we think you will all agree!



As 2001 draws to a close, the Members are looking forward to their Party Night in December and the Celebration Dinner in January. The last quarter of the year has seen some very interesting speakers, particularly the visit from Smith & Nephew where we all got the chance to take a close look at replacement hip and knee joints!

All that's left to say is we hope our readers will accept our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year – don't forget to come and join us in 2002, you'll be assured of a very warm welcome!

- YM

FINAL WARNING!

The 4th Annual Ellerker Show in aid of St Anne's Church will take place on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th January 2002 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Tickets will be available from Saturday 12th January from Frank Barratt (422591), Mike Bushby (422757), Mike Parker (421132) or David Wood (424474).

- DW

[Anyone who is new to the village and is wondering what this Show is all about, should phone 424474 for a thorough explanation!]

- Ed.]

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA have had two very entertaining meetings for October and November. The first was an illustrated talk on Nepal given by a regular visitor their who knows the people well and the second a flower demonstration by Glenholme Florists of Beverley with a mother and daughter team working together and alternating in describing their work.

In December we had our Christmas party, with Mrs Janet Martin as caterer and the entertainment of piano and song by John and George from Escrick.

In the Yorkshire Inter-Ridings Homecraft Exhibition in October, Ellerker made nine entries comprising a painting, two poems, a cushion, a dressed doll and a dessert for two people and three photographs. Mrs Mary Dennis's poem won a Gold Star (20 points) and therefore the cup for that section. In total we gained 146 points out of a possible 180.

- MD

Acknowledgement

Many thanks to Morgan Associates for their help in producing this publication.

- Ed

REFLECTIONS

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor

On thinking of things that used to be
Of favourite haunts in days gone by,
To visit again the scenes of youth
You may be tempted bye and bye.

Yet if you go, you're sure to find
It's not at all the same place now,
And shattered dreams would round your fall
And disappointment crease your brow.

It's better by far — let memories stay
Safe in your heart and lock the door,
Lest it be broken by the truth
That what you knew is there no more.

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Playing Fields

Who can have failed to see the activity on the smaller playing field during the last month as the contractors installed the new play equipment? At the time of writing, some work is still to be done laying the green topping to the absorbent surfaces under the swings and tractor, but as soon as the rain relents this work will be completed. Some work is also required to smooth the grass areas immediately surrounding these surfaces to make the mowing easier.

The mound at the top of the slide had also been rebuilt, with surplus soil from the foundations, but this has already been reduced by climbing feet and it is hoped that the final, shape and size of the mound when grassed, will not cause inconvenience to the neighbours.

Once all the work is complete, Ellerker Playing Field should conform to all the latest safety standards for playing fields and pass next year's RoSPA inspection with flying colours; not the case in recent times.

The Committee's and indeed the village's thanks must go to Gill Lancaster and Heather Ohikere who undaunted by the refusal of the application for a grant from the Lottery, obtained the funds from the Landfill Scheme. They then entered a long consultation programme with the residents

of Ellerker to ensure that the proposals met the needs of the village.



The Children's Christmas Party will take place on Saturday, 12 January 2002. This date has been postponed by about a week from the usual time at the request of several parents as some children have been away on holiday in previous years. All children aged 14 years and under will be invited and Father Christmas will make his traditional visit.

- TC-T

Cleanup Crew

Should you wish to take part in the next Annual Ellerker Litter-Pick session – please gather at the Village Hall at 9am, Saturday, 30th March 2002. The intention is to give the Parish a Spring Clean – gloves, picking sticks and bin-bags are provided.

- TJP

South Hunsley School

There has been reference in the Hull Daily Mail recently about suggested changes to the catchment area for South Hunsley School. This topic will be on the Agenda of the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 13th February 2002, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Watch this space

A six-year old girl and her dad were in their local market. She was not impressed by a stallholder's sign which read: "Watch batteries fitted". "Won't that be really boring Daddy?" she wanted to know.

The Busy Bible Club

The BBC welcomes children from 4 to 12 years. It meets at 9.20 at the Village Hall in Ellerker on the first and third Sundays of the month in term time.

Next term starts on Sunday, 20th January. As well as learning about the Bible, we play games, do crafts and make music. We also produce a Nativity presentation

each year, take part in the Ellerker Show, go on a summer outing, have a Christmas party and help to decorate the Church for the main Christian festivals.

If you are new to the village or would like to find out what happens, then please come along or contact Mike Bushby (422757), Sue Parker (421132), Heather O'Hikere (423411) or Claire and David Wood (424474).

- CW

St Anne's

The PCC wish to thank every one who has contributed to the re-furbishment of the Church roof, and the footpath. We were immediately happy with the workmanship of the roof but had to make several representations to ensure that the foot path reached the required standard.

We had a most enjoyable evening with the Howden based Quarto Group and also a very successful Christmas Fair and we wish to thank Neil Barratt and his family for arranging a 'mind searching' Quiz.

The Show is now reaching it's final planning stage, any further contributions to Mr.David Wood as soon as possible please! Details of the Christmas Services have already been delivered to every household in Ellerker.

The BBC had a very entertaining Christmas Party on Dec 16th, the food was delicious and the games very challenging.

Wishing you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful 2002.

- MRB

It's a Cracker Joke !

What's a skeleton's favourite musical instrument? A Trom-Bone!

Who is a sheep's best friend? Its Pen Pal!

Why don't cars play football? They only have one boot!

What is round and has a bad bite? A vicious circle!

How do sheep say warm? Central Bleating!

What should you do with a blue banana?
Try to cheer it up!

How do jellies start their races? Get set!

Why did the strawberries cry? Because they were in a jam!

Where did Sir Lancelot Study? Knight school!

What do you get if you cross a sheep with a grasshopper? A woolly jumper!

What is a frog's favourite drink? Croaka-cola!

Did you hear about the stupid ghost? He climbed over walls!

What did the cookie say when the digestive was taken from the plate? Oh crumbs!

What do you call a man who likes fishing? Rod!

A man walked into a bar ... Ouch!

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY—MARCH

January

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 BBC Term starts, Village Hall, 9.20am
- 25 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm

February

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

March

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 30 Ellerker Litter Pick, Village Hall, 9am