

# Ellerker NEWS

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## Busy Bible Club

The Busy Bible Club annual outing this year is on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> July to Sewerby Park, Bridlington. Any children who would like to join us for the day please contact Claire Wood on 424474 for further details.

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## Yorkshire Countrywomen

Our May meeting was held in the Church Street Chapel Schoolroom in South Cave, because Ellerker Village Hall was required as a Polling Station that day. Mrs Sue Flew from Teasle Embroideries in Hull and her friend gave a fascinating talk on the Hull City Council sponsored embroidery panels depicting aspects of Hull Life and History. She showed preliminary sketches and finished panels, whose subjects ranged from whaling to Hull Fair; from its Bear-baiting days to today's popular attractions.

In June we have local girl Caroline Dennett, of Penny Farthing Antiques with the competition for a pretty handkerchief.

This year is the twentieth anniversary of the YCA's foundation, celebrations including a county lunch at York Racecourse and an East Riding Lunch in Hessle. An anniversary service was held at York Minster in May, floral decorations having been done by the YCA members, with each branch contributing towards the cost of blooms.

- MD

## Barn Owl Boxes

An update on how we are getting on with Ellerker Barn Owl boxes. 'We' is Mike Harrison, Tim Pickles and Jim Bradley who have been making the nesting boxes, using donations and the money raised from the sale of Ellerker Show videos.

The three tree-mounted boxes are now in place in various parts of the parish. We have been offered help by the Environment Agency to place two poles for pole-mounted boxes near the Humber bank as part of the work which is now going on to raise the flood bank height. Four poles have been donated by a local benefactor – many thanks. It isn't too late to make a donation - a sheet of ½" exterior plywood, enough for two thirds of a box, costs about £20.

A pair of Barn Owls have recently been seen taking food to a nest in a tree just inside the Parish, so the prospects that the boxes will be used in years to come are good. Watching these birds hunting for their food in the golden light of late evening is a marvellous and unforgettable spectacle.



- TJP

## St Anne's

The Annual General Meeting recorded the long service of Mrs Pat Jorna to St Anne's Church. Her dedication was particularly missed on EASTER SUNDAY, when we arrived, the altar still had the purple Lent Frontal. This was soon changed and we all enjoyed the floral decorations. A letter of thanks had already been sent to Pat from the PCC in recognition of her services, and she had expressed her appreciation of this. The meeting decided that the whole village should be made aware of the PCC's special thanks for her longstanding

service and that the Vicar will be making a personal presentation to her.

A special thanks to everyone who decorated the church so creatively for Easter, the aroma was captivating. Also to Jim Bradley for the Oak Cross he so skilfully made, that will be used on all ceremonial occasions and a special position has been found for it in the chancel. The Vicar especially admired Jim's joint and Frank kindly showed it to everyone.

Our Organist Geoff, recently married Pat and we wish them all the very best for the future together. The only problem is Pat has the tendency to swear a bit, but it's usually in fluent French, so I haven't a clue what she's on about, but apparently it sounds erotic.

Fund-raising is again a necessity and we will be opening our gardens on 17th August. The lower garden in our case with a view of the waterfall, as the Gander in the top garden doesn't like visitors. The Steam Organ Service is on the 14th September and we are hoping the Green will be full for this very special occasion. There will be a Quiz in the Family Centre on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The Christmas Coffee morning will be in the village hall on the 6th December and Carols round the village on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December, when the village show committee will be thinking about the initial rehearsal. This show has proved to be the necessary financial boost for the whole year and a very happy occasion.

A year has past and I will be ordained Priest by Richard, Bishop of Hull in the Parish Church of All Saints, Hessle on Sunday June 29th at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to the Ordination and to the reception in the church hall afterwards. The Celebration of my first Eucharist will be on Sunday July 6th at 9.30 a.m. at St Anne's Church.

Please make of note of these dates in your diaries. Further detailed information will be published prior to the events taking place.

- MRB

## Women's Institute

Our Annual WI Rally took place in May, at which Ellerker did very well indeed. The

theme for the event was "Farmers' Market". The other WIs taking part were North Cave, South Cave and Sandholme & Hive – everyone really went to town on their displays!



The overall winners were, I'm proud to say, Ellerker. The cup for best handicraft was shared between Ellerker and North Cave (Angela Puckering entered a pair of excellent hand-made leather gloves). Patsy Harrison won the cup for best floral arrangement and Eleanor Bell won the produce cup for her pork pie. South Cave won the cup for best overall display. The President, Margaret Brooker, was understandably delighted with the results and thanked everyone for their contribution. Better start getting ready for next year!

Talking of preparations ... it's Ellerker WI's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in December so we are busy planning how we'll celebrate. If you want to help ensure our Institute goes from strength to strength and continues for another 75 years, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.15pm in Ellerker Village Hall (not August, however, as we are going on our annual outing). Why not visit the East Yorkshire Federation of Women's Institutes at:

<http://www.womens-institute.org.uk/eastyorks/>

- YM

## Parish Council

### Planning

Development Applications:

- 1) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham – additional access road and erection of six 'Walker's Lodges' – REFUSED.
- 2) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham - Extension - APPROVED.
- 3) 'Verdona' - Extension - APPROVED.
- 4) Hunsdale Farm, Brough Road – Farm Buildings change of use - Awaiting Decision.
- 5) 3 Hill Top Cottage – Porch extension - Awaiting Decision.
- 6) Ring Beck House - Extension - APPROVED.
- 7) Croft Garth Farm – new dwelling to the

West - REFUSED.

- 8) Nine Gates Farm - Extension - Awaiting Decision.

**Election** – No additional nominations for Parish Council were put forward for election on 1<sup>st</sup> May, so the membership of the Council is unchanged. Members are:

Lynn Waddingham (Chairman), Keith Brooker, Dennis Cooney, Mike Harrison, Tim Pickles, Jessie Puckering and Sarah Wood. The Clerk to the Parish Council is Dick Cathcart, who now has a Contract of Employment.

The turnout for election of ERYC councillors was over 50%, which is regarded as good. Councillors for Dale Ward are Coleen Gill, Rita Hudson and Anita Kay.

**A63 (South Cave) interchange** – The Council has expressed dismay at the delay in work to introduce the new roundabout at this dangerous junction, where accidents occur almost on a weekly basis.



**Annual Village Assembly** – This was held on 8<sup>th</sup> May and was attended by all Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk, ERYC Councillor Rita Hudson and two members of the public from the village.

**Norfolk Bank Lane** – The deteriorating state of this road was once again discussed. East Riding of Yorkshire Council have said that they have insufficient money even to provide the simple lay-bys which have been suggested. The possibility of a one-way system (with Common Road) was raised, but it has been pointed out in past that HGV traffic would find negotiating the corners at the two bridges extremely difficult or impossible. It would also make life difficult for farmers who have land on both sides of the road. It was resolved that the Clerk would attempt to convene a meeting of ERYC Highways, representatives of the two Growing companies and Parish Councillors.

**Dog fouling** – The yellow footpath signs have been re-painted by the Clerk. One resident has asked for more!

**Cave Lane Footpath** – ERYC would again be reminded that regular mowing of the margins is necessary, to ensure that this path remains usable.

**Finance** – The Annual Accounts have been presented and approved. Increases in costs of Insurance and membership of the local council association were noted, the council is unable to operate without these, alternative quotations for insurance have been sought.

**Beck Cleaning** – If anyone would like to help Parish Councillors clear vegetation from part of the Beck, dates have been set for: 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> October. Working from 10am to about mid-day. Parish Council insurance covers volunteers, in the unlikely event of injury.

**Next meetings:**

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2003

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2003.

Meetings are held at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

- TJP

### Acknowledgement

Many thanks to Morgan, Lloyd, Jones Associates for their generous help in producing this publication.

- Ed

### Ellerker Local History

The next meeting of the Local History Group will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7.30 pm. Contact Tim Pickles (422585) for further details.

- TJP

### Playing Fields

Preparations are now gathering pace for the Annual Barn Dance to be held on the 27<sup>th</sup> June at White House Farm by very kind permission of the Bradley Family. This event is our biggest and most important fund-raiser of the year. The proceeds from this one evening have to go a long way towards paying for the upkeep of the Playing Field and the Green. Without a substantial input from the tickets sales and tombola we would find it very difficult to cut the grass, pay the insurance premium and keep the seats and equipment in good order.

Once again the White Horse



Ceilidh Band will be providing the Music and there will be the wonderful supper provided as always by the Ladies of Ellerker.

Tickets are £7.50, and are available from either Mrs Bradley at White House Farm (422420) or Sarah Wood at Ashley House (422689).

We look forward to seeing you there.

– PW

## Village Hall

Matters are proceeding slowly but, we hope, in the right direction at the moment. Kitchen furniture, which was so kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Mason, is stored awaiting full installation with new kitchen equipment, work surfaces and flooring.

Unfortunately our preferred main contractor has been seriously ill in Hull Royal Infirmary though we are pleased to report that he should shortly be returning to duty. We hope, therefore, to have this work done, along with full replacements of windows, roof fittings, tiling etc in the near future. Funding is virtually in place, so further donations are still welcome.

On Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June, an auction was held to raise further funds. The sum of approximately £560 was raised. Thanks are due to everyone who turned up, including our indefatigable and illustrious auctioneer, who worked so tirelessly to seek buyers for Alan Tichmarsh and the upright organ.

– DRW

## Cuckoo – they're not only birds

When Jessie Puckering mentioned that she had seen Cuckoo Flowers on the Beck-side bank near her house, I immediately thought of the Cuckoopint.

But no, Cuckoo Flowers (latin name *Cardamine pratensis*) are quite different, having a small, delicate, lilac tinged, white flower. They grow in damp places and flower April to June. There have been several patches visible this year—where they have been allowed to grow.

I suppose the name comes about because they appear at about the same time that

Cuckoos return to this country for summer breeding. The first Cuckoo in Ellerker this year was heard on St George's Day (23<sup>rd</sup> April) – unless you know different!



It's always cheering to see wild springtime flowers after the grey days of winter, although some seem to prefer the see the mono-culture of short turf at the roadside than the coloured profusion of wild flowering plants!

– TJP

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY—SEPTEMBER

### July

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Beck Cleaning 10.00am

### August

- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Open Gardens
- 31 Beck Cleaning 10.00am

### September

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Steam Organ Service on the Village Green

## Any Contributions?

You may think that this issue has quite a lot of spare space. If you have any contributions, ideally not time-critical, then please do let me have them.

Deadline dates for publication of items:  
12th September, 12th December, 12th March, 12th June.

– Ed