

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Busy Bible Club Summer Outing

Twenty-two members of the BBC with friends and supporters crossed the Humber Bridge on July 16th to enjoy a wonderful day out at Normanby Hall. Our summer outings have become somewhat of a tradition, with a general view that they are at least as good, if not better, than last year's!

The grounds of the Hall are superb and well worth a visit, whatever your age. If you are too old to climb the wonderful gnarled trees or the apparatus in the play area, then there are woodland walks to enjoy, a lovely sunken formal garden to admire and the most magnificent, well-stocked Victorian walled garden and glass-houses to meander around and appreciate.

For some, our picnic is the highlight of the day! This year, the occasion was shared with Toby's fifth birthday and so we all benefited from not one, but two, delicious chocolate cakes, eaten in the shade of the trees in the park. For others, the highlight was a trip on the model steam railway, which is definitely an experience for the young and not so young to savour. For others, a game of cricket on the lawns seemed the best way to work off the excesses of lunch! Ice creams and tea in the cafeteria brought the day to a lovely end, before some dashed home to prepare for Proms in the Park and another fabulous feast.

A great deal of energy is expended on our outings and it is always good to get home. This year, unfortunately, we had to leave Grandpa Scott at home as his own personal piggies had



had an altercation with a JCB-type vehicle. It is good to see that he is now mobile with the plaster off, albeit ringing the church bell from a sitting position!

- CW

Kay de Jongh (nee Wilson)

Kay and Alan de Jongh, who live in South Africa, visited the village on 7th July.

Kay had been sent a postcard of St. Anne's church in the 1950s when she lived with her parents in Bechuanaland (now Botswana). She found that the church was "exactly as it appeared in the card". The card was sent by her grandmother, Mrs Wilson, the village schoolmistress who lived at Church House. Mr Wilson was the Church Choirmaster and Treasurer.

Kay is keen to know if anyone has any recollections of her grandparents and parents. Kay Barratt, Mary Dennis and Kate

Ettridge all remember the Wilsons in different ways, so if you do, please let me know and I will pass on your memories to Kay in South Africa.

- TJP

Parish Clerk

The Parish Council needs a new Clerk!!

If you would like to contribute to the community by administering Parish Council business, taking Minutes at meetings and dealing with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on behalf of Ellerker, please contact: Mrs T Williamson, Satis House, Main Street, Ellerker.

Remuneration is dependant upon qualifications.

- TJP

Women's Institute

At our monthly meeting in July, we tried to paint roses in the style of those used decorating canal boats. Canal Craft from near York brought many items of their ware for us to purchase. At the Scarecrow Festival in mid July, we enjoyed providing refreshments on the Sunday, as well as manning some craft and produce stalls. It was hard work but worthwhile to see so many families enjoying our village.

In August, 32 members and friends travelled to Lincoln for an excellent guided tour of Lincoln Cathedral, and a delicious lunch in a room set aside for us. While we were there, film crews were setting up the Cathedral to film "The Da Vinci Code". Some of us found it sad that churches have to make money in this way to repair and conserve their wonderful buildings for future generations.



September heralds our annual Produce and Craft Show. To celebrate 90 years of the WI, the schedule had the theme of a 90year old birthday celebration. Guests from the Howdenshire Group of W.I.s attended, and took part in a quiz after the presentation of trophies. The main winners were as follows:

Handicrafts – Kate Harris
Produce – Brenda Jackson
Flowers – Wendy Hutchinson
Cookery & Preserves – Margaret Brooker

The member with the most points for her entries was Margaret Brooker.

The "Best in Show" was awarded to Dorothy Clarkson for her floral arrangement of a gift bunch of roses.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 5th October, 7.30.p.m. when Anne Phillips will tell us of "My Days with the Black and White Minstrels". The competition is "an old wedding photo".

- PH

Humber Flood Risk

The Environment Agency has published a consultation document *Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy* and is asking for responses by 11th November. The document is available on their web site at:

http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/yourenv/consultations/1150649/?version=1&lang=_e

If you want a paper copy contact:
Philip Winn, Humber Strategies Manager, Environment Agency, 1 Viking Close, Great Gutter Lane East, Willerby, Hull HU10 6DZ
philip.winn@environment-agency.gov.uk

- TJP

Annie

Congratulations to Annie Jenkins (13) who starred in a recent production of Snow White for Northern Theatre (Northern Academy of Performing Arts) where she attends Senior Theatre Classes.

She also passed her sailing qualification at Welton Water Sailing Club where she sails her own dinghy on Sundays.

- SJ

Parish Council

Mill Hill One Way System – The results of the Survey were inconclusive. A 'chevron' sign is due to be placed at the corner as part of this year's Street Scene work. The situation will be reassessed once this has been in place for a few months.

Many thanks to all who wrote and contributed to the survey. There were several comprehensive responses, but unfortunately no consensus emerged.



Local Policing – PC Shaun Bagley attended the Council meeting in August, introduced himself and acquainted members with his intended approach.

Planning Applications

Waudby's Caravan Centre – illuminated entrance sign – APPROVED
Waudby's Caravan Centre – demolition of stores and erection of larger warehouse - APPROVED
Verdona - 1st floor extension – APPROVED
Mill Cottage – installation of front door, staircase and satellite dish – Awaiting decision
Rosemount – single storey extension and alterations to rear – Awaiting decision
Forsythia Cottage – demolition and replacement with extension to Ebenezer House – Awaiting decision
Green's Garden Centre - replacement of display conservatory – Awaiting decision

Next meetings:

13th October and 8th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Acknowledgement

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

– Ed.

Ellerker Show 2006

It is anticipated that our next, the *eighth*, Annual Show will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 26th, 27th and 28th January, 2006 in the Village Hall.

As before, in this particular quarterly edition of the 'Green 'Un', we are asking if any budding 'actors', 'actresses' or musicians would like others to see them as they have never been seen before. All original, non-pornographic, 'acts' are welcome for audition. Please contact David at the 'Production' office (telephone number 01430-424474) if you want to take part and join in the fun.

In co-operation with the Village Hall Committee members we are looking to re-build the stage before next year's Production. If you have a particular talent, be it carpentry, painting or making refreshments and would like to join a working party, either at a weekend or mid-week depending on the majority vote, please let me know. We had good fun when we re-furbished the Village Hall last summer. Perhaps we can re-capture the mood and repeat the achievement? Same contact number as above. Look forward to you joining us!

-DW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Our Summer Outing this year was to Dunscombe Park and Helmsley. We had a guided tour of the House and spent the rest of the day in Helmsley. In August we had an interesting and informative talk on Myres Beck Nurseries at Everthorpe.

The September Show was very successful with exhibits of handcrafts, cookery, fruit, flowers and vegetables. Our prizewinner for Best in Show was Mrs Brenda Burton and overall winners for our monthly competitions were Mrs Hilary Sennitt and Mrs Janet Green. Also that evening one of our founder Members, Mrs Margaret Friend, was presented with an arrangement of flowers, as she had recently celebrated her Golden Wedding Anniversary.



- WB

Busy Bible Club

The new term started on Sunday 18th September for children aged 5-11 years. The Busy Bible Club meets on the first and third Sunday of each month, at 9.20 at the Village Hall. The first part of our time together is spent in Church, where the Vicar is particularly good at welcoming and addressing the youngsters, before we adjourn to the Village Hall for our own teaching and activities.

We are conscious that there is a declining number of children in Ellerker for whom the Busy Bible Club can provide an introduction to the Christian faith in a fun and friendly way. We always welcome visitors and, because we are a small and happy band, we have time to learn and play together and time for each other, which is so important in our busy lives.

If you would like to know more, then please come along or contact Claire Wood on 424474. (*For your reassurance, all BBC leaders have been police screened*).

The BBC members would like to say a big thank you to the Scarecrow Committee for their generous donation, which will enable them to replace their music machine, which was on its last legs!

- CW

Village Hall

No report this quarter.

- Ed.

Playing Fields

Sports Day – this year was (unusually) hit by adverse weather this year. The races were run the following morning.

Results:

Competitions overall winner:

Harvey Toffolo

100yds across the Green:

1st Lily Toffolo; 2nd Maddy Storr; 3rd Grant MacFayden

Around the Green:

1st Grant MacFayden; 2nd James Williams; 3rd Josh Williams

Welly Chucking Men: Darren Storr

Welly Chucking Ladies: Heidi Toffolo

Welly Chucking Children: James Williams

70/80s Disco – this is at Brantingham Park on Saturday, 8th October. Tickets, price £6, are available from Philip & Sarah Wood, Ashley House, phone: 422689.

Quiz – the Committee is hosting the Neighbourhood Watch Quiz which will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 15th October starting at 7.30pm.



Scarecrows – Many thanks to the Scarecrow Committee for their generous donation to Playing Field funds.

- TJP

Rosalie and Ivor

Hi again from Rosalie and Ivor, this time from Tasmania where we have been back happily for two weeks!

We had a false departure from Wirrina on Tuesday 24 May. We started out in the evening, planning to reach Robe in 24 hours. Fortunately we had some head wind so kept the motor going, and half an hour later noticed that the engine alternators were not charging the batteries. Also what had been a very slight leak from the injector pump was now dripping diesel at a drip per second. So we turned back and berthed again at Wirrina an hour later.

By the following Sunday we had two new alternators and (an easy!) replacement piece on the injector pump and all was well. We also chatted with David and his wife from Victor Harbor berthed next to us on Olive 2. David was a former fisherman and advised us to go through Backstairs Passage (between South Australia mainland and Kangaroo Island) on the outgoing tide as the tide race can be considerable.

We left on Monday 30 May at 6 am, before dawn, and had a pleasant sail down the coast, past Cape Jervis, into Backstairs Passage and past Antechamber Bay on Kangaroo Island and then The Pages, a group of rocky outcrops in the Passage. Near Cape Jervis we passed a feeding frenzy of gulls and dolphins madly fishing, there were also quite a number of fishing boats that morning.

We used motor and sail all day with land gradually fading from sight as we moved further into Encounter Bay. A head wind came up during the night, so we just motored on slowly through a fairly choppy sea and finally came into Robe late on Tuesday. We were pretty tired and a little damp as there had been a few showers, and glad of the calm berth in the canal near the lagoon where the Cray boats moor. Thankfully, the crayfish season had only just ended and we did not have to worry about dodging lines of buoys. Wednesday was a rest day, pleasantly spent in Robe where we also caught up with Geoff Nicolson who

had helped us find fuel etc on our way to Wirrina last November. An 8 am getaway on Thursday morning, fine and sunny, but very little wind so the sails were much less help than the engine. It was a pleasant trip down the south coast, identifying landmarks on the way, and actually with mobile telephone reception much of the way. *To be continued*

Ivor Green, born 1927, spent the first 5 years of his life in Ellerker and later joined the Merchant Navy. With his friend Rosalie he has set off on a sailing adventure from Tasmania. This episode was received on 11th July, unfortunately there is only space to print a small part of it—Ed.

St Anne's

A United Churches Songs of Praise was held at 2.30 on Sept 10th in St Anne's followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

A 40's evening in South Cave School on Saturday, 17th September was highly successful. Music was provided by Knottingley Concert Brass, with dancing, a Forties Quiz and an excellent "Ellerker" supper.

The 5-yearly architect's inspection of the Church building showed it to be in a very good state of maintenance, with a few minor repairs needed.

The Harvest Festival Services will be on Friday, 30th September, followed by a Pea and Pie Supper in the Village Hall. A Gift Service will take place on Sunday, 2nd October at 9.30 am, accompanied by a Christening.

- AS

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER—DECEMBER

October

- 2 Gift service, St Anne's, 9.30 am
- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 70s/80s Disco, Brantingham Park
- 13 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 N. Watch Quiz, Village Hall, 7.30pm

November

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm

December

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm