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## Jim Lucas 1919 – 2007

Jim died on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Mrs Lucas and family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and sympathy and all those who attended his funeral at St Anne's. Jim would have been proud to know that so many people came to say farewell. Jim was a well known figure around Ellerker and South Cave.

He was born in Dover on 26<sup>th</sup> March 1919, but moved up to Elloughton when he was 2 years old. He went school in Elloughton and then Welton. He served an Apprenticeship at Blackburn Aircraft (now BAE Systems) and gained a degree in Engineering at Hull University.

He was a man of many talents. Jim was an all-round sportsman who played cricket, football and was a keen boxer, swimmer, fisherman, and motor cycle racer. He was a competent singer and musician and played in the local band.

Jim and his father Ernie, owned a garage at Elloughton for a number of years before owning and running the garage at South Cave opposite Waudby's Caravan Centre. At that time the A63 dual carriageway had not been constructed and Jim and his family lived in a bungalow adjacent to the garage.

After his father retired Jim bought Rose Cottage and after renovating it Jim and Doreen moved to Ellerker – 42 years ago.

Most people will remember Jim for his mechanical skills. Combines, tractors, cars, bikes – Jim could bring an engine back to life when all others had given up. His shed was an Alladin's Cave. If he didn't have what you needed, he would make you one. After he retired and had given up driving his "old green van" he was a well known figure on his customised mobility scooter.

He was a quiet family man, spending lots of hours with his grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by family and friends

- PW

## Women's Institute

Much of our July Meeting was taken up with preparations for the Scarecrow Festival, which once again was very successful. All the hard work providing refreshments and selling items added to our funds but was great fun too. Frances Bell, despite being flooded at Beeford, brought many household items and interesting tools, to do with handicrafts and family businesses, from bygone days; for us to identify and reminisce over.



In August, we had a wonderful day out at Temple Newsam, near Leeds. The House was full of historical interest and some members were taken on a special tour behind the scenes. It was a hot day and we all enjoyed the lovely gardens, refreshments and ice-creams.

Our annual Produce and Craft Show took place on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Several members were on holiday but our entries were not depleted as we were allowed to enter several items in one class this year. The Best in Show was won by Beatrice Young for her needlepoint scissor keep, depicting robins and hens- "Perfect" said the Handicraft Judge. Other winners were as follows:

Cookery – Margaret Brooker  
Produce – Brenda Jackson  
Handicrafts – Beatrice Young  
Flowers/Plants-shared by Jean Butler & Audrey Hutchinson  
Most points overall – Margaret Brooker

After the trophies were presented, members enjoyed a very amusing talk from Sylvia Hookham, on "Hints, Tips and Wrinkles".

Our next meeting in October WILL NOT BE IN THE HALL. We are going to Beverley for a Ghost Walk, followed by a meal at Kavanaghs. The November meeting will be our AGM. On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October, members from North Cave, South Cave, and Sandholme & Hive Institutes will join us for our Autumn Group Meet-

ing in Ellerker Village Hall, when the speaker will be Sarah Plant, Housekeeper of Normanby Hall.

Next year Ellerker WI celebrates its 80th Birthday. We intend to have events throughout the year e.g. a springtime treasure hunt on foot round the village and a Garden Party in the summer. Villagers will be welcome to join us in these events so look out for further information in the coming year, or contact the Secretary, Patsy Harrison (421593).

- PH

## Ellerker Owls

Melanie, Anne, Sue and Diane would like to thank everybody who so kindly sponsored us on our midnight walk (13.6 miles) for Dove House Hospice.

With your help we have raised over one thousand pounds.

- DP

## Roland Dennett 1929 - 2007

Roland Dennett came up to Brantingham from London at about eleven years of age after being "bombed out" of his home. He and his mother were trapped in their Anderson shelter for two days until dug out. He often slept on the cold slab of a tombstone in the crypt of the local church, while his mother helped cook a meal for those sheltering overnight from the bombing. On the first day of the war his father volunteered for his second world war and helped to train younger troops at Dover Castle. They used broom handles in place of guns, which were in very short supply at the time.

His elder brother was a radio officer in the Merchant Navy. He was lost off Bell Island, Nova Scotia when his ship "Saganaga" was sunk by a German U-boat whilst waiting to join a convoy. From a brief War Office telegram Roland was able to write a story of the event by searching the internet.

Roland's uncle, Herbert Cox, arranged for them to have accommodation in Brantingham. Although winning a scholarship in London, Roland went with Ray Empson, nephew of Dora Gardham, to Ellerker School. To get there, every day they would walk across the fields via the path to Ring Beck. During the war when food was rationed, the Ellerker parents sent their children to school laden with fresh vegetables and sometimes a rabbit. The headmistress, Mrs Wilson, made stew for the children each day to make sure they got a good meal. Apparently delicious.

As a city boy, Roli was ripe for teasing and Frank Crispin, local farmer, shut him in a shed with his bull and then went home for lunch! A terrifying experience.

Roli fell into the Beck at Ellerker, close to where he later lived and Mrs Needler, mother of Peter and Kay, dried his clothes for him and told him that the legend goes that those that who fall into the Beck will one day live in the village. Forty two years ago he did just that.

[to be continued...]

- DD

## Parish Council

### Flooding on 25<sup>th</sup> June

There was more than the usual number of members of the public attending the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> July. The primary issue of concern was the flooding which had taken place in the village 24 days earlier. Several suggestions were made about how a similar situation could be alleviated in the future, including:



- Asking the Highways Agency to make better provision for a buffer store of the surface water run-off from the A63. At the moment a considerable length of this road drains into the Beck and consequently threatens the village in times of high rainfall.
- Routing Ellerker Beck across the middle of the Green, to prevent flooding on Ings Lane
- It was suggested that a public meeting be held in the village with representatives of various agencies being invited to attend.
- Determining who is responsible for the maintenance of the Beck.

It was suggested that a sub-Committee could be formed to consider plans for future prevention or alleviation. Mr Cathcart volunteered his services.

**New member**—Mr Damian Johns of Pear Tree House, Sands Lane, has been co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

**Dog fouling**—This appears to be on the increase. The footpath signs are to be refreshed.

### Planning

Ellerker Growers, Ings Lane – Creation of an ornamental lake – PENDING

3 Mill Hill, Erection of first floor extension to side and construction of bay window to ground floor following removal of existing window - APPROVED

Keepers Lodge Dale Road Brantingham - Erec-

tion of single and three storey extension to rear, following demolition of existing lodge - APPROVED

Croft Garth Stonepit Road - Retention of a general purpose agricultural building - REFUSED

- MH

## BBC Summer 2007 – and the New Season

What a wonderful day out we all had on our visit to Castle Howard at the end of July! Fine weather, after some very heavy rains, loads of entertainment and, we believe, a record turn-out. We were a party of thirty in all, sixteen adults and fourteen children, always a safer ratio. The sun, the company, good food, supplemented by Mrs Puckering's now famous Smartie-covered chocolate cake – thank you, Jessie – and the sheer happiness on everyone's faces made for a tremendous outing. The House was enjoyed by most, with its extraordinary contents. These included a stunning exhibition of gowns and outfits, designed and produced by local textile students and which were replicas of items worn and portrayed by individuals in the wonderful paintings on the house walls.

Outside, the various amusements allowed the youngsters a chance to unleash their energies, including roly-poly down one of the long steep slopes, which brought back stomach-churning memories to some of the older ones. Refreshments and the usual essential (?) visit to the gift shops rounded off an amazing day. As it happens, the only criticism heard, from a sixty-six-year-old kid, was the fact that the 'train' journey down to the lake was not on lines.

'Term' starts again on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 and we welcome all children from the ages of 5 to 11 to join us on the first and third Sundays each month. We meet at the Village Hall at 9-20 a.m. and, after a short visit into Church, we continue our session of songs, discussion and learning in the hall, along with refreshments, until half past ten. We have a particularly busy and rewarding Autumn Term, with preparation and rehearsals for both our original Nativity presentation at the Carol Service just before Christmas and our major contribution to the Annual Ellerker Entertainment. (See elsewhere in the 'Green 'Un') Please do come along and join us and find out what we are all about or ring Claire or David at 424474.

May we take this opportunity to thank Tim Pickles for all the work he has put into the 'Green 'Un' over the past ten years and forty editions. Well done!

- CW

## Ellerker Show – 2008

This is an early warning, if you want to get your excuses ready for not going to it, that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Ellerker Entertainment will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, the 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2008. We understand it is best described as a variety show involving quite a few folk who are not too ashamed to be seen as others usually do not see them. If you feel you do have a talent, then please call the 'producer's' office on 424474. Rehearsals will as usual be starting mid to late November, with tickets going on sale on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

So, now you cannot say you have not been warned!

- DW

## St Anne's

On 24<sup>th</sup> June members and friends of the church enjoyed a Sunday lunch in a marquee and gardens generously provided by Mr & Mrs Rob Roach. The venue could hardly be bettered, nor could the food prepared by our ladies, the music by John Pearson and David Nunn, or the entertainment by Miss Judith Hibbert. A privilege to be there and by a whisker – the flood came the next day.

The next social event will be a Quiz in the Autumn.

Harvest festival services are on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm with supper afterwards and children's gift services on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.

- AS

## Playing Fields

**Scarecrow weekend**—Once again we were able to hold a successful tombola during the Scarecrow festival weekend. The stall selling books, DVDs and CDs was also very popular. Thanks to all those who donated, without you it would not be possible to make it such a thriving event.



It was a very enjoyable weekend and when the sun shone on the Sunday the atmosphere around the village was fantastic. Thank you to the Scarecrow festival committee for running the event again this year and giving us a generous donation from their profits.

**Fence**—A sub-Committee is working on the funding options for the replacement steel fence around the small playing field. Any observations

on the planned replacement will be gratefully received and considered.

**Sports Day**—This will be on 15<sup>th</sup> September this year and it is hoped that the weather will be good and the turn out as good as last year.

**Disco**—Preparations are under way for our biggest event of the year – the DISCO at Brantingham Park on October 13<sup>th</sup>. The music will be on a 70's and 80's theme and there is a bar extension to 1am. Fancy Dress is optional and there will be a raffle. This is always a really good night so please come along and support the Playing Fields. Tickets are available now from Philip and Sarah Wood or Nicky Baker priced at £6.50.

- KJ

## Yorkshire Countrywomen

In July the Ellerker branch enjoyed their annual day out to Lancashire, viewing really scenic countryside and eventually arriving in Burnley where we visited a converted mill which is now a very large shopping area. We all took advantage of some *Retail Therapy!* From there we took a ride on the Manchester Ship Canal for an afternoon cruise and were served on board with huge home made scones, jam and lashings of cream. A good day was had by all.



Our August meeting was very entertaining, the gentleman who owns Lowna Dairies gave us an interesting insight into *GOATS...* and what is produced from their milk i.e. cheese, yoghurt... and milk of course. A very thriving business!

In September we had our annual show, where the members show off their skills, baking, fruit & vegetables, lemon curd, flowers, plants and handicrafts. Well it certainly proved we have talented members. At the evening meeting we had a talk and slide show of the wonderful work of the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and how many lives this fantastic organisation saves.

- MD

## Village Hall

The Committee is considering a programme of film shows under the auspices of the East Riding of Yorkshire Rural Touring Scheme. The projection equipment and films are supplied by the Scheme and we choose the film and sell tickets. The village hall could become the next 'Ellerker Odeon'. We shall be circulating questionnaires around the village seeking support and suggestions for films.

The next live stage production will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September. "STARS" will perform The Complete Works (Abridged) of William Shakespeare. Tickets are now available for this light hearted account of Shakespeare's plays from Greens Garden Centre.

As last years winners of the annual Neighbourhood Watch Quiz the Village Hall Committee will be hosting this year's quiz on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee has been arranged for 7.30pm on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Please come and join us for a quick business meeting followed by time to socialise with wine and savouries.

The Committee would like to express its sincere thanks and appreciation to Tim for his sterling work as Editor of Ellerker News for 10 years.

- S&MP

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- Ed.

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER—DECEMBER

### October

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Harvest Festival, St Anne's, 7pm
- 7 Children's Gifts, St Anne's, 9.30am
- 13 70-80s Disco, Brantingham Park
- 25 WI Autumn meeting, Village Hall
- 26 NW Quiz, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### November

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 VH AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### December

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Ellerker Show tickets on sale