

# Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

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## BBC go to Sewerby Park

Traditionally 'Sunday School Outings' take place at the height of summer; however, because of the various holiday plans of

tors to use during the summer season. We quickly pushed the tables together and devoured our meal, ending with large chunks of Jessie's famous 'Smarties' encrusted Chocolate cake.

The children were soon ready to investi-



both leaders and children, the first date we could get together was Saturday September 15th. It was therefore, with some trepidation that we looked forward to our annual event, were we going to have a day that heralded an early Autumn or an Indian Summer?

The day dawned with a great deal of promise and we were not disappointed.

The car park as usual was our meeting place and we soon found a lovely picnic area in the grounds of Sewerby Hall, which had also provided a large marquee for visi-

gate the grounds. There were shouts of joy when they discovered the beautifully laid out play area and were soon climbing up the pirate ships swishing down the slides, and moving sand with the help of an ingenious pulley wheel.

We then moved on to the zoo. The children loved the fascinating collection of animals particularly the penguins and the monkeys. Then, after buckets and spades were collected from car boots we started our short journey to the beach. As we approached the little station for the land train, the views over Bridlington Bay were spec-

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tacular. Some of the party opted to take the cliff top walk whilst the youngsters patiently waited for the train to arrive on its uphill journey from the town.

The children wrestled into their swimming gear as quickly as possible and were soon splashing about in the Mediterranean-coloured North Sea and the adults ventured on a highly competitive game of Boules. Not quite in the French style as the sand was sloping and the boules were never far from disappearing into the sea. But, this was the least of their problems. As if from nowhere a dog fielded one of the boules and hurtled along the beach and disappeared up the side of the cliff. A case of 'dog stopped play' - the games resumed after a long trek and a promise from the owner that he would keep his dog off our precious pitch.

After a great deal of fun and laughter, the day came to a close and weary adults and children got in their cars and aimed for home. A perfect day!

- DB

### BBC Calendar

The BBC has a very busy schedule this term.

Note the following dates:

#### OCTOBER

Sunday October 7th Harvest Festival 9.30am

Sunday October 21st BBC 9.20am

#### NOVEMBER

Sunday November 4th BBC 9.20am

Sunday November 18th BBC 9.20am

#### DECEMBER

All 4 Sundays in December, Ellerker Show Rehearsals - 9.20am

First 3 Sundays in December, Nativity Rehearsals - 9.20am

Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup>, Carol Service 6.15pm & performance of the Nativity Play

- DB

### St Anne's

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm followed by Harvest Supper in Village Hall

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am, Harvest

### Festival Service

Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.15pm, Carol Service and BBC Nativity

NB. No Service on Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30pm, Midnight Communion

Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am, Family Christmas Special

- FEB

### Yorkshire Countrywomen

For the August meeting Bingo evening was arranged for us by Betty Pybus. This created a lot of laughter and fun.

September usually sees our Annual Outing and this year we went to Loftsom Bridge Coaching House Restaurant for a gourmet Dinner, arranged for us by Elizabeth Gelder, our Chairperson. We had a lovely meal and evening, much enjoyed by everyone.



The guest speaker at our next meeting, in October, will be a representative from Hull Animal Welfare Trust in South Cave, which promises to be an interesting and heart-warming evening.

- PN

### Parish Council

#### Street Lighting

Thank you to everyone who returned the street lighting questionnaires. The responses showed a general overall satisfaction with the existing level of street lighting, a desire to maintain the rural look of the posts and to move towards environmentally friendly lights with lower running costs. The challenge is now to see how we can manage this with the funds available.



#### Flooding

Ellerker Parish Council held a meeting in the village with Yorkshire Water, Environment Agency, East Riding of Yorkshire officials and councillors and walked around checking sewers, particularly near the green and Fern Villa. A programme of works (some investigative) by Yorkshire

Water and ERYC will now follow and should be completed by the end of September. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL FLOODING AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO YW AND THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY HELPLINES TO ENSURE ACTION IS TAKEN.

### Planning

A meeting was held in the Village Hall to discuss Mr Martin Scott's application to build a wind turbine near Whinney Moor Farm. The meeting was very well attended and a full and frank exchange of views occurred. The application is still pending.

A further application to increase the number of industrial units approved for the proposed new development at Willow Flats is pending.

### Trees:

Sandycroft, Todds Lane - Crown thinning - Pending

Croft Hill Cottage, Howden Croft Hill - Tree removal & crown reduction - Pending

Ellerker Manor, Cave Lane - Tree removal - Pending

Ellerker Hall, Main Street - Tree removal & crown lift - No objections

- MM

### Alan Scott

(11<sup>th</sup> October, 1930 – 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012)

### An Appreciation

There is actually nobody other than Alan who should have been writing this note for, as we all know, he was such a whizz with words. There are, however, two major snags. Firstly, we would not have recognized about whom he was writing – as he was such a modest gentleman; secondly, he actually was not ready to leave us and had left us no notes – only the best of memories.

Much has been written and spoken of Alan the family man, of Alan the Magistrate, of Alan the Farmer and of Alan the staunch Christian and Church supporter.

In the sixteen years I have known him, it was the fourteen-year period of the Ellerker Show that I best came to know and respect both himself and his dear wife Joan. They were each other's best friends and fiercest critics, especially when it came to the writing

in the Show. They were always without fail welcoming to me in our many, many get-togethers - I do not like to think of them as meetings with all the formality that implies, what with the ever-present coffee or hot chocolate and Joan's wonderful baking. Even during times of acute illness, Alan was cheerful, positive and astonishingly optimistic. There were probably many occasions when they had quietly groaned before they opened the door, wondering how long I would keep them from their next (many) tasks. But it never showed.

He carried the Shows for so many years with his dry wit, which he so often employed, unselfishly at other people's celebrations, and with his attachment to Gilbert and Sullivan's works, which he so deliciously exploited in so many sketches. He took a leading part on stage and no-one could ever forget, amongst his many appearances, his role as the boss (hah!) of Café Rene in "Allo, 'Allo" or as one of the Calendar Girls in which he sang, to the tune of G & S's "Buttercup", the following lines:

"So why did we alter, our rectitude falter... and start having Calendar fun, Show more than our faces, kick over the traces...get on the front page of the Sun?"

Or the final verse, which he also sang and which could possibly be a fitting tribute to Alan, that astute and many-faceted gentleman:

"Alas for us ladies the final parade is... we've come to the end of the year. If you think we are naughty for girls well past forty... we'll show you the view from the rear!"

So, along with everyone else, I tend my sincerest condolences to Joan and all her family.

- DRW

### Playing Fields



Playing fields have enjoyed a very successful sports day with good weather supporting us. Next event will be the Christmas party.

- PT

## Women's Institute

We have enjoyed two outings this summer. One to South Pork Farm where we made sausages galore, and the other to Myers Beck where we had a conducted tour of the grounds followed by delicious home made cakes. September was our annual craft and produce show followed by a talk from Sonia Jenkinson entitled 'A working Gardener'. Congratulations to Brenda, Audrey and Kate who won the cups.



- MT

## Village Hall

We mentioned in our last report that there was some doubt that Ellerker Cinema which started in 2007 would continue because of the increased cost of hiring the equipment which has doubled from £55 per session to £110. This increased cost together with falling attendances has meant that it is no longer a viable proposition. This is most disappointing but clearly it is not what the residents of Ellerker want.

Insulation of the cavity wall has now been completed and the final phase is to insulate the loft area above the kitchen, access to which is impossible from the main hall. A new trapdoor is to be created in the kitchen ceiling and volunteers will undertake the insulation work.

The A.G.M. is to take place on Friday 16 November. Please come along and support this event which will take the form of a Social Evening. Watch out for further details closer to the date.

- M&SP

## Village Hall Bricks

One brick is inscribed "Dorothy M Barratt". The M is for May, always known as Maisie, the twin sister of Churchwarden Frank. She lived in Ellerker all her 83 years and was a stalwart of the Church Choir, with a very pleasant singing voice. Maisie married William (Bill) Douglass and had one son Maxwell and one granddaughter Caroline a graduate of Hull University. She enjoyed

rambling holidays in this country and abroad and particularly her visit to the Oberammergau Passion Play.

One brick was given by South Cave Silver Band. In pre-war days they were much in demand, with smart uniforms and instruments of good quality. A local member was Walter Scott who played the euphonium. He used to say he was chosen, because he was strong enough to carry a heavy instrument for a long period, although he did have musical ability. The band played at parades and functions including annual carol singing round South Cave, but wartime brought a conclusion to their activities and membership.

- MD

## Show 2013

The members of the Committee are working very hard on next year's Ellerker Show which, it is hoped, will take place on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 24th, 25th and 26th January, 2013. Everyone with a talent is invited to take part; please come forward by contacting either Diana on 422757 or Mike on 421132, Tickets will be on sale mid-December; further details will be available in the next issue of Ellerker News!

- DRW

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER—DECEMBER

### October

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 Harvest Supper, Village Hall
- 7 Harvest Festival, St Anne's, 9.30am

### November

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

### December

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 16 Carol Service & Nativity, St Anne's, 6.15pm
- 24 Midnight Communion, St Anne's, 11.30pm
- 25 Christmas Special, St Anne's, 09.30am