

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

One Year on

It's just one year since the first issue of EN, so what's happened in the last 12 months ?

- St. Anne's was broken into and items stolen
- The Millenium Group was started
- The Cow Pasture field tenancy changed
- New Street Lights were erected
- The Playing Field Tractor was refurbished
- The Black Horse closed and re-opened
- FWAG came to speak to local farmers
- St. Anne's got a new Vicar
- Marathon bike rides Ellerker-Saltmarsh
- Open Gardens Day in August
- Village children visited 3 farms/nurseries
- Village Hall awarded £12,500 Lottery money
- Conservation Area Status for Ellerker meeting

So I think it goes to show that there is activity in the village, even though to some it may appear that not a lot happens in Ellerker - *Ed.*

Playing Fields

The Tractor is back, repaired, repainted and repositioned and ready to give many children hours of pleasure in the coming years. As we said in the last issue of EN, our grateful thanks must go to John May, who undertook the bulk of the repair work and the Moverley Brothers of South Cave and Dennis Cooney who so generously gave the wheels and tyres and John Pickles who did some painting.



At the end of September, RoSPA visited the fields to inspect the play equipment for safety. All the play equipment on the field was found to be in safe working order, although there is a need to make some minor improvements in a few areas. We have been asked to provide soft landings under the various swings, the see-saw, and the slide and hopefully, this work will be done during the winter. Would you believe it,

the Tractor did not feature in the standard list of equipment, suitable for children to play on

Other work undertaken on the Playing Field recently, includes the removal of the broken seat (beyond repair) and its replacement by a little used seat from the Village Green and also the re-seeding of the old goal mouth, an inconvenient but necessary evil. Our thanks to Philip Wood for his help with both projects. Thanks are also due to the dedicated team who throughout the year have mown and strimmed the edges of the two fields (i.e. the parts that the big mower cannot reach).

Ellerker Village Sports Day was held on Saturday, 12th September, when the rain relented for long enough to allow all the events to be staged. The winner of the Overall Cup was Emma Scott and the winner of the Senior Citizens Cup was Philip Copeland. The Wood and Sewell families featured frequently amongst the individual winners. Well done to all and very many thanks to those who organised the competitions.

The annual Ellerker Children's Christmas Party is planned for Saturday, 9th January 1999 and invitations have been sent to all the eligible children (those under 14) during December. New residents should check with Mrs Jessie Puckering of Pidgeon Cote Farm to ensure that their names are on the list. As always parents are very welcome to help with the Party and those who would like to lend a hand may contact Bill Ettridge tel 423100 or Mrs Puckering tel 422761 to volunteer their services or just pitch in on the day, as is the custom - *TC-T/AGE*

Women's Institute

It's been a busy time for Ellerker WI. Mrs Pat Wilkinson hosted a Coffee Morning at her home in August. This event enabled the WI to make a

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donation of £100 to the Arthritis Society. The Jumble Sale in October raised an impressive £133. Despite the dismal weather we had plenty of customers.

At the Autumn Council Meeting, it was announced that Ellerker WI had been awarded the trophy for the largest increase in new members. A major success!

November saw our 70th Anniversary Party. Presidents past and present attended, as well as those from neighbouring Institutes. There was an excellent display of memorabilia; Minutes dating from the very first meeting and plenty of photographs of the WI's activities over the years. It was an evening of good food, good conversation and pleasant entertainment.

Beverley Minster is holding a Carol Service at 2pm on 12 December where Mrs Pat Wilkinson will be performing a reading.

All in all, a successful year for the Institute and we look forward to 1999.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Ellerker WI - *YM*

Parish Council

Conservation Area. Forty to Fifty people went to view the exhibition in the Village Hall during the afternoon and about the same number attended the meeting with East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) in the evening, so at least a fifth of the village showed that they were interested in what Conservation Area Status will mean for Ellerker. Stephen Devey represented ERYC at the meeting and following his presentation, he answered questions from those present. For those who wish to find out more or make their own views felt, contact Mr. Steven Devey on 01482-884128 or write to The Director of Planning, Environment & Technical Services, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire HU17 9BA



Dog Signs. Two more *Yellow Dogs* have put in an appearance at strategic points, at the request of residents.

Beck Cleaning. We seem to have been more fortunate this year than last in maintaining the Beck and it is as the moment clear of obstructions. There was however one occasion after heavy rain on 22nd October when at two points the beck came very close

to overflowing.

Cave Road pathway. Despite further protestations to ERYC it seems that they will be unable to re-instate the pathway until at the earliest next year. The same applies to re-surfacing of Church Lane and Ring Beck Lane.

Street Lights. The Council agreed that work to paint the street light brackets should go ahead.

Salt Bins. ERYC have turned down a request for a second salt bin at Mill Hill.

Precept 1999/2000. It was agreed that there should be no increase for the coming year in that part of your Council Tax Bill which is claimed as income by the Parish Council.

Kingston Communications are expanding their telephone network outwards from Hull and you will have noticed the trenching and cable laying operation to South Cave and Market Weighton. We have received a written assurance from KC that Ellerker will also be connected, probably towards the end of next year.

Broomfleet 30mph speed limit. Enquiries were made as to how the speed limit was obtained (something that this Council has been seeking). It seems that it was on the basis of speeding anglers travelling through the village to fish at the canal!

The Black Horse has now re-opened after extensive work. The resurfaced car park is now significantly bigger following demolition of the two outbuildings and is intended to cope with 20 vehicles. Mr. Ian Taylor, the new owner, has agreed to reinstate the verges that have been damaged during the building operations.

Ellerker nameplates at the entrance to the village were suggested as an enhancement by one resident, who offered their legal services free of charge. After much discussion it was decided that signposting into Ellerker was satisfactory and that the village should retain its uniqueness and rural character by not having location signs - *TJP*

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA packed six decorated shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for the Yorkshire Post Appeal for Children in Distress. The gifts will be distributed from Bucharest for needy children in eastern Europe.

Members held their Christmas lunch in the Triton Inn at Brantingham and each person brought an anonymous gift for another member, drawn from a basket after the meal - *MD*

Millenium Group

- Two recipes to be included in an Ellerker Recipe Book are sought from those ladies (or gentlemen) who have not already contributed. These should be sent to Mrs. Mary Dennis, who is collating the ones submitted to date. Don't be shy – give it a try!
- To have a 'snapshot' of the population of the village for subsequent historians, a questionnaire will be sent to all households in January 1999. The questions are not intrusive and it is hoped all will participate in the spirit of the questionnaire.
- With the forthcoming festive activities it may be opportune to advise that a sponsored walk of the Parish boundary is being arranged for early Spring 1999. This will give the opportunity of expending those extra ounces (?) gained over the festive season. More details will be issued, in due course.

Mr. Philip and Sarah Wood will host a Coffee Morning in January 1999, final date to be advised.

Millennium Committee News

To commemorate the forthcoming unique event of the Millennium, a hand-finished souvenir beaker is being produced by a local specialist manufacturer. To cover the various cultural and environmental aspects of our village of Ellerker, the beaker will have motifs prepared by our own local graphic artist, Mr. Len Rye. These will consist of St. Anne's Church to commemorate the reason for the year 2000, the Chestnut tree on the village green to symbolise the age of Ellerker and the Mill Stone to remind us of agricultural heritage of the village.

This special souvenir will make an ideal local collector's item and a superb Millennium gift for your friends. It is being made available for March/April 1999 and at the very reasonable price of £5.00 per item. Any margin raised by this venture is to be used to support other millennium celebration costs in this special year.

It is hoped that all recipients of this newsletter will give their support. Orders are being accepted now

and a tear-off slip is provided on Page 6, this may be returned with a reservation deposit of £1.00 per item to, Mr. D. Green, Mr. M. Parker or Mr. J. Acey - *JA*

Village Hall

Our Village Institute - 1929 to 1999 (almost!)

During the last 70 years, our Village Institute has been faithfully served by successive Committees, who have kept it in a clean and serviceable condition. The present Committee has carried on the good work and, indeed, has made plans for considerable upgradng.

At the Annual General Meeting, held on the 28 October the Chairman, Mr. David Green, was delighted to be able to report that the Institute had been successful in its bid for Lottery Fund money. We have been awarded £12,500 and this, together with £2,000 from our reserve, will be spent in providing the following:

- A new central heating boiler to replace the old one, which has done sterling work for 30 years but which is now becoming unreliable.
- A new set of smart front doors.
- A ramp to allow wheelchair access from the pavement into the Institute.
- Wheelchair access to one of the lavatories

An enlarged porch to provide shelter to those entering the Institute, and also to people waiting for buses.

An impressive list, I'm sure you will agree. Plans are being drawn up and planning permission will then be sought. When completed these developments will, hopefully, stand us in good stead for another 70 years.

Your representatives on the Village Institute Committee are:

Mr. David Green (Chairman), Mr. Dennis Cooney (Secretary), Mr. Mike Parker (Treasurer), Mrs. Jessie Puckering (Booking Officer - representing the Playing Fields Committee and the Parish Council), Mrs. Sarah Wood, Mrs. Val Culley, Mr. Jim Acey. Mrs. Ann Barker and Mrs. Lillian Cole (both representing the Women's Institute), Mrs. Mary Dennis (representing the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association) and Mr.

Hugh Harrison and Mrs. Margaret Green (both representing St. Anne's Church).

Please feel free to contact any member of the Committee should you have any questions or ideas - all are welcome - **DC**

St. Anne's

Once again we are in the season of Advent, the third Sunday in the ecclesiastical year "The Messenger" : Share the Word. The Lord who comes will bring to light what darkness hides (1 Corinthians 4 .v5).

Forthcoming Events & Services

24th December, Holy Communion,
St. Mary's, Broomfleet at 11:30 pm
25th December, Family Service, St. Anne's at 9:30 am
27th December, Holy Communion (1662),
St. Anne's at 8:00 am

*On the 29th in the Village Hall
There's going to be some fun for all:
Many Arts are on display
So book your seat without delay.*

*Songs and sketches, old and new -
Some things borrowed, nothing blue.
Friends with talents you didn't know -
So come along and enjoy the Show.*

This event is on Friday, 29th January 1999 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall, tickets £4 each (includes refreshments), concessions £2.50

Friday, 19th March 1999, Brass Band Concert. Tickets will be on sale in the New Year. Please give these excellent supper concerts your continued support, East Yorkshire Motor Services Band is booked to return to Brantingham Park.

Once again we wish to thank everyone for their continued support during 1998 in particular at our recent events in the Village Hall on Friday, 20th November Quiz Night with Mr. & Mrs. Alan Scott and Saturday, 21st November Coffee Morning. Both events proved to be extremely enjoyable and hopefully will keep us afloat until the end of this financial year.

"We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" - **MB**

Operation Lifestyle

At least two people in Ellerker have been involved in this venture in 1998, we would like to print more stories if there are any, please let us know.

This is what Elaine Puckering did:

"We did out bike ride one Saturday in the summer holidays. I rode my bike with Rachael Hatfield from Newport; Rachael's Dad David supervised us. We biked from Rachael's at Newport to Market Weighton where her Nana lives. There and back, it was 22 miles altogether.

We raised £166. £143 was sent to Hull Royal Infirmary, this was used to buy a chair and with the other £23 we bought colouring books and none toxic crayons. We raised the money for Hull Royal Hospital Children's ward."

... and Mark Puckering:

"I worked with Peter Smith to clear the path at Mill Lane, North Cave of nettles, weeds and shrubs. It took about 2 days a week over a number of weeks in the summer holidays." - EP/MP

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY — MARCH

January

6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
9 Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4pm
29 Church "Show", Village Hall, 7.30pm

February

2 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
during week commencing 22nd
Spring Evening, Village Hall, 7.30pm

March

3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
19 Brass Band Concert, Brantingham Park

Sorry no room for any **Ellerker Birds** in this Issue - **Ed.**

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