

# Ellerker NEWS

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A r o u n d u p o f n e w s f r o m a r o u n d t h e p a r i s h

## Playing Fields

The traditional Spring Evening was held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 1999 and we had a most entertaining talk from Doug Stewart, Head of Horticulture at Bishop Burton College and a most valuable question and answer session after his talk. This combined with excellent (free) refreshments, an above average raffle and good wine at moderate prices represented excellent value at £1.50, particularly as the entrance ticket was also a raffle ticket for an additional prize. As the note through your door stated, the proceeds were to offset the costs of the (free) Childrens' Christmas Party so the low turn out was most disappointing. Many thanks to those of you who did come and to those committee members who gave so generously of their time and money and worked so hard to make the evening a success. Congratulations to Pat Jorna for winning the bulb competition and Jessie Puckering the flower arrangement.

The next fund raising event will be the Annual Jumble Sale probably on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1999 and the proceeds of this sale will also go towards the Children's Christmas Party. After that it will be the Barn Dance on 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Before that of course will be the AGM on the evening of 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1999 when a new committee will be elected. No one can doubt that the village greens are a valuable asset which, apart from providing a venue for village events such as Sports Day and the Steam Organ Church Service, are wonderful things to look at, which not only makes Ellerker a pleasant village to live in but also - dare I say it - enhances property values. It takes time, effort and money to maintain the greens and ensure their continued existence. If you care about these matters the AGM provides a forum for you to express your views and to elect a committee which properly represents what you would like to see happen. Please come!

Finally my thanks to all those stalwarts who have



supported the committee and its endeavours over the last year - *AGE*

## Women's Institute

1999 has got off to a good start. Ellerker WI came second in the Spring Bulb Show held at Holme-on-Spalding Moor and one of our Members, Mrs Amanda Bagley, came second overall.

By the time this Newsletter goes to print we will have held our first Jumble Sale of the year in the Village Hall. We plan a well-stocked cake stall as well as a cornucopia of assorted clothes and bric-a-brac. If you attended, we hope you found a bargain (*The Jumble Sale on 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Village Hall raised £200 for the National Meningitis Trust, is that a record for a jumble sale in Ellerker? - Ed*)

April sees a couple of our Members representing us at a "Really Useful" day at South Cave, to discuss ways of cutting out waste. Hopefully, they'll come away with some tips for us all on how to look after our environment.

On the subject of the environment ... our April meeting hosts a speaker from Yorkshire Water. Hopefully, he'll be informing us there'll be no need for a hosepipe ban this year given the recent weather!

Don't forget, we meet on the first Wednesday in the month in the Village Hall - a warm welcome is assured - *YM*

## Evicted !

Imagine that your family have lived in the village for many generations, you're well known in the area and feel secure in your community. Along comes somebody new and decides that you don't belong here anymore. Unfortunately that is now happening more frequently. Migratory birds need not just food to live, but also a suitable nesting habitat and if that is removed or obstructed, then they cannot survive.

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Unlike large mammals, most birds have to produce a new generation every year to ensure their survival; did you realise for example that for every 10 House Martin's eggs which are laid, only 1 or 2 of the young ones that leave the nest live for as long as a year? Sadly changes in farming practice in recent years have also lead to a loss in diversity of habitat for ground, hedge and tree nesting birds, consequently the variety of birds diminishes also. These changes are as much to do with economic and political pressures on agriculture, as they are to do with farmers. Most people enjoy the sight and sound of birds, particularly at this time of year when the early morning singing and courtship displays remind us that Spring is upon us. If you have an opportunity to provide a place for another nest in a safe place please consider it and help make Ellerker a richer environment in which to live - *TJP*

### Parish Council

**Humberside Police** — PC Simon Gooding, attending the Council meeting in February, explained that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 1999 Divisional boundaries will change and we will be covered by Division C, as will the remainder of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council area. He was asked about the position on illegal parking within the village, he replied the police will respond, but can only do so when they are informed. He had noticed a number of minor infringements when visiting the village recently but their policy is only to take action if there was a formal complaint. The Council reminds residents that parking across footpaths and on the road close to corners and junctions is both dangerous and illegal.

**Local Elections** — These take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Your currentt Parish Councilors are Chris Bradley, Mike Burton, Lynn Waddingham, Tim Pickles, Jessie Puckering, Dennis Cooney and Mary Dennis. Residents of Ellerker are encouraged to apply for Council membership, if you wish to consider standing, nomination forms can be obtained from the Clerk to The Parish Council, Dick Cathcart at The Granary, Ings Lane, Tel: 422498.

**Conservation Area** - The ERYC PETS Committee meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> March was to consider the possibility of part of the village becoming a Conservation Area (as reported in EN5) - so what was the result? The proposed Conservation Area for Ellerker – as amended at the request of residents and supported by the Parish Council - was approved. We now await formal notification.

**Telephones** — Kingston Communications plan to be in Ellerker this Summer to lay cabling which will offer



the opportunity for residents to connect to this alternative telecommunications operator.

**Planning** — The Planning Appeal placed for the application for development at 14 Mill Hill has been rejected as has that for Willow Garth on Howden Croft Hill. The application for a further extension at Fern Villa has been turned down, as has the application for a replacement garage building at Ashwood, Main Street. It was noted that the access to The Beeches, Howden Croft Hill had been improved following representations from the Parish Council. Neighbours of the Black Horse Restaurant were dismayed at the large air extractor which had been added to the building without planning permission. The proprietors now seek retrospective planning permission and this will be opposed by the Parish Council. ERYC Councillors, who were present at the Parish Council meeting in February, are aware of the feelings of the Parish Council and of other objectors at the meeting.

**Highways** — The roadside gully drain on Main Street at White House Farm corner is to be unblocked by ERYC Technical Services. It was noted that there are large potholes in the road on Norfolk Bank Lane adjacent to Beckside Nursery and this has been reported to ERYC with a request for remedial work. Further enquiries will be made about the possibility of a speed limit within the village.

**Roaming Dogs** — The owners of two dogs which are a particular nuisance around the village have been asked by the Council to exercise better control.

**Note** that ERYC is an abbreviation for East Riding of Yorkshire Council. — *TJP*

### Yorkshire Countrywomen

Mrs. Margaret Friend continues as 1999 Chairman and the subscription remains at £3 per annum.

The Election Night meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> will be held in the Methodist Hall at Church Street, South Cave, so that the speaker can attend as booked.

Mrs. E.A. Wood, a founder member, has been sent flowers and a congratulatory card on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This year's forthcoming meetings include the subjects of Confectionery, Pottery, Christmas Flowers and Victorian Dress. Guests are always welcome - *MD*

### St. Anne's

**Ellerker Review** — A very enjoyable evening, a special thank you to our producer and his wife for their constant support and hospitality (I'm not allowed to mention their names). Thanks also to our Vicar,

Church Wardens and Treasurer; our musicians from the villages of Ellerker, Elloughton, Melton and South Cave; our children from the Busy Bible Club, our village comedian and his trumpet and the "Telly Tubbies"; everyone who contributed to the excellent supper, the doorman and the wine sellers.

#### Future Church Events

**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1999.** An **Evening of Brass** with the East Yorkshire Motor Services Brass Band at Brantingham Park, Elloughton at 7.30 pm. Tickets are available from Mike Parker, Frank Barratt, Mike Bushby, Joan Scott and Ray Culley (on his return from France); £10 including an excellent hot meal, Raffle and Bar.

**Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 1999.** Quiz in the Village Hall

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1999.** Jumble Sale in the Village Hall.

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 1999.** Parish Cycle Ride to Sancton and Pub Lunch. The route runs via North Cave, Hotham, South Newbald, North Newbald to Sancton. Returning via North Cliffe, South Cliffe, Hotham, North Cave to Ellerker. All are welcome.

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 1999.** (Father's Day) Cheese and Wine Lunch at Amen Cottage with the kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Parker.

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 1999.** St. Anne's Day. Cycle ride from Rennes to Ste. Anne D'Auray. Leaving Ellerker on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1999, returning Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> July 1999. A sponsored Cycle/Camp: all are welcome.

**Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> July 1999.** Garden Party at Ellerker Manor with the kind permission of Mrs. June Davenport. Further details in the June issue of Ellerker News.

**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 1999.** Steam Organ Service on the Village Green

**October 1999.** Autumn Ball **Black Tie** at Brantingham Park. Dance Band with excellent Dinner. Further details in the June issue of Ellerker News.

- **MRB**

### *Swans Over Crabley Creek*

*In flew the mating swans  
In gathering gloom  
Past Crabley Creek  
Where mud and murky waters meet  
And overhead steel pylons hold  
A deadly strand  
To smash one outstretched neck  
And snatch her dying  
From the darkening sky.  
He hears the sickening sound  
Then hears her swishing wings  
No more;*

*And knows that she has left his side  
But never knows  
His mate's swift doom  
Where, halted in her flight  
Death strangled her  
Upon the endless evil ropes  
Of pyloned cables  
On he flies  
And wheels and seeks  
And hisses calls -  
Calls she knew and heard with joy  
In hours gone by  
But he will hiss and seek  
All night in vain  
Until at morning light  
He finds her outline  
Still suspended  
Where she died  
He calls the mute swan's call  
To living mate  
And all day wheels and swoops  
But no response can come  
And desperate he flies  
To hurl himself upon her gallows  
And fall, a loyal mate  
Dead, upon the mud below.*

*H.E.Kirk  
1916-1997*

This poem was submitted by Glenn Saxby, whose father-in-law wrote it after one of his pupils brought a dead Swan into the classroom. The pupil lived at Crabley, does anyone know who it might be ? - **Ed**

### **Litter**

If you've had an opportunity to walk around the parish recently you will have noticed just how much litter there is at the side of our roads and paths. It appears to be mainly crisp packets and beer cans and is very visible at a time when vegetation is at its lowest. At least one family in the village have habitually walked around picking and bagging litter over the years. Yes I know, we pay our Council Tax to have litter removed, but somehow I think we could be waiting until after the Millenium if we ask ERYC to do it. How would you like to join a group at Easter on a slow stroll with a bin liner, starting at the Village Hall on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10 o'clock ? Weather permitting of course - it would be a pointless exercise if there's 2 inches of snow on the ground ! - **TJP**

## Millenium Group

As the Millennium looms the Group is continuing to work hard and play hard. Whilst we have a range of projects underway, I'll restrict this report to the more immediate activities.

We hope you all received copy of our questionnaire. Much cogitation and nail-biting went into its preparation - we were keen not to appear "nosy", but also to gather enough information about village life to make an interesting read. If you didn't receive a form, or have just remembered something vital, it's not too late - contact Yvonne Morris.

The Recipe Book is taking shape. At the last count we had over 90 recipes, and we're very happy to have more. Just scribble down your favourite dish, or your treasured family receipt, and pop it in to Mary Dennis.

Make a note in your diary for these next two get-togethers:

**Saturday 8 May 1999**, a Coffee Morning with a Difference, to be held at Sarah and Philip Wood's home.

**Saturday 5 June 1999**, Village Picnic on the Playing Field. All are welcome, and "flyers" giving more details will be posted through your letter-box soon.

We're all very pleased with the commemorative mugs. They're decorated with village scenes drawn by a local artist, and could possibly be worth an absolute fortune in years to come! Order yours now to avoid disappointment as they are a very limited edition.

And finally, it's time to repot your chestnut trees. All growers should call at Green's Garden Centre where they'll be given a larger pot and fresh compost for each tree - all completely free of charge. Chestnut trees make most growth in the late spring and so those who repot early will get the best results. (Judging will take place in September -more details to follow) - *MW*

## Village Hall

Members are awaiting the County Council's decision on our architect-prepared plans for alterations to the Institute. If our application is successful the next step will be to obtain builders' quotes for the work. We're

already beyond that stage with the heating plans, and our recommendations are currently being considered by the National Lottery Charities Board. We hope that work will begin soon - here's looking forward to a warm and cosy Christmas! - *DC*

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL - JUNE

### April

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Litter Stroll, start at Village Hall, 10am
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Playing Field AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Evening of Brass, Brantingham Park, 7.30pm

### May

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Local Elections, Village Hall, all day
- 6 YCA, Methodist Hall, South Cave, 7.30pm
- 7 Church Quiz, Village Hall
- 8 Millenium Coffee Morning, Sarah & Philip Wood
- 15 Playing Field Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2pm
- 22 Church Jumble Sale, Village Hall
- 29 Parish Cycle Ride to Sancton and back

### June

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 Millenium Picnic, Playing Field
- 20 Church Cheese & Wine Lunch, Amen Cottage
- 25 Ellerker Barn Dance, White House Farm, 8pm

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