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Summer?

As I write this the sun is fighting a losing battle with the rain and the temperature refuses to get anywhere near the seasonal average. To cap that – and it's a horrible thought – by the time you read this, the days will be starting to get shorter. Anyone who loves cutting grass (and I can think of at least one) will have been in their element this year, we've had by my reckoning seven weeks this year with over 30mm of rain, February has been the driest month so far. It was as warm in the last week in April as it is in the middle of June – so I just wonder if Ernie Teal's predication of a hot summer this year "because the Rooks built their nests lower in the trees" will come true – buy your sunscreen now.

– Ed.

Women's Institute

Success has smiled on the Institute again over these last few months. After a lot of hard work and dedication, two of our members, Mrs Mavis Cooney and Mrs Jessie Puckering, were both successful in gaining their Line Dancing Bronze Medals. An excellent achievement - well done ladies!

Wednesday 26 May saw the WI Rally hosted by Gilberdyke. The theme for the event was "A Garden Party" and all the stands looked lovely. Ellerker WI won trophies for "Produce" and "Display" and also won the cup for "Overall Winner". One of our members, Mrs Brenda Jackson, won the cup for "Best in Show". Her item was a beautifully worked lavender bag. Special thanks must go to all those members who worked hard on co-ordinating all the entries and setting up the stand on the day.

The next project on the agenda is our entry for Newport Show (Saturday 12 June) where the theme is "A Celebration". Be sure to stop by our stand and see the results of our cooking, sewing, baking and craft, etc. Fingers crossed for a sunny day! - YM

Playing Fields

At the AGM in April, we said goodbye to Chairman, Bill Ettridge, past Chairman, Patricia Christmas and to Margaret Green, all of whom had decided not to seek re-election and we thanked them all for the valuable time and work they had given to the committee over the years. We welcomed Gill Lancaster and Heather Ohikere as new members of the committee.

The theme for 1999 will be to work more closely with other village groups, particularly in view of the anticipated additional activities which the Millennium celebrations will bring.

We also hope to put in place a financial plan which will ensure the future upkeep and maintenance of the two playing fields. Currently, a contractor cuts the bulk of the grass using a tractor with large mower attached and the perimeters of the two fields are cut by hand mower and trimmer on a rota system by volunteers. The committee members maintain the fields and play equipment in safe working order. Annually, we have to raise funds to pay for contract mowing and insurance, we hope that all Ellerker residents, who appreciate the attractiveness of this amenity in the heart of their village, will feel able to contribute.

Amongst other activities, the Committee organise the Childrens' Christmas party and the annual Sports Day on the Green and would always welcome the help and support of parents in staging these traditional events.

A working group of committee members, with children of school age, have volunteered to review the play equipment currently installed on the Fields and to research whether these will be suitable and appropriate for Ellerker in 2000.

The Jumble sale in May raised £128, which will go to pay for the Children's Christmas party, many thanks to all who helped and supported.



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By the time you read this issue of Ellerker News, we will be on the verge of the chief fund raising event of the year, the **Midsummer Barn Dance and Supper** on 25th June and we hope it will be as successful as most of previous ones have been. It may be worth checking with Sheilagh Bradley (422420) if any tickets remain for this very popular event.

The next event to look forward to will be the Sports Day, which this year will be on 11th September, subjects for indoor competitions and the fancy dress will be circulated in August.

– *TC-T*

Brown or Green?

In March of each year, before the grass mowing season starts and in order to hasten mowing operations, East Riding of Yorkshire Council arrange for the spraying of weedkiller around mowing obstacles such as telegraph poles, road signs and fences. This year they repeated what had been done the year before: several wide brown stains were left behind after they had finished their operation around the village. Despite them being asked not to spray on the Playing Fields and particularly on the daffodils which had been planted 2-3 years before, they went ahead and did so. It is particularly annoying when the areas which have been sterilised had before been carefully tended by villagers for the previous 20+ years. Last year by way of apology East Riding of Yorkshire Council donated a bag of daffodil bulbs to the Playing Field Committee and these replaced those which had been damaged by being sprayed and the remainder were planted in new positions. This year after I complained they promised two bags of daffodil bulbs as a form of compensation and assured me that the damage would not recur. We wait to see - we could end up without the offending brown stains - or stuffed to the gills with Daffs. – *TJP*

St. Anne's

The District PCC wish to thank everyone who supported the Brass Band Concert, The Quiz Night and the Jumble Sale, raising £1,000, £180 and £154 respectively for Church funds. With an 8% increase in Quota to £5,000 per annum, this ongoing help is greatly appreciated and absolutely necessary for us to meet our outgoings.

Kay and Frank Barratt would like to thank everyone who supported them with gifts, donations etc. to make the Coffee Morning held at Church House, Ellerker on Wednesday, 12th May, a great success, realising for the Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind, £678 which makes a total of £4,888 over the past fourteen years.

Kay would particularly like to express her appreciation to Alan and Marlene Key who have hosted the event on several occasions in past years.

Richard Frith the Bishop of Hull will be visiting St. Anne's Church during the Millenium year, date to be confirmed. He opened the batting with David Caswell for the York Diocese v. the Wakefield Diocese on Thursday, 10th June at Whitely Bridge Cricket Ground. Bishop Richard scoring 65 runs and David 83 runs. Final result: York 237 for 5 and Wakefield 201 for 6 in this 40 over match. News reporter our resident Dickie Bird.

At a recent meeting of the District PCC I was shown a post card of St. Anne's Church taken from Howden Croft Hill. Unfortunately this view of the Church has now been blocked out by new development and evergreen trees and the District PCC are powerless to do anything about it. It seems we were not invited to attend an appeal meeting to enable the PCC's views to be heard in the 1970s. We are not however prepared to let this major hiccup stand in our way, our intention is to light up St. Anne's Church for the Millenium. To see St. Anne's Church from dusk to dawn is our objective. It is common practice in this Diocese for sponsors to contribute towards the lighting of their Parish Church for a day or a week, for whatever reason they wish to; this will be approximately £3 per week for St. Anne's Church. We intend to dig the trenches for the cables ourselves, so as to save money on the installation.

We are hoping that the Church footpaths in all three directions will become a public right of way so that the responsibility for maintenance will be taken by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Tree roots are making the surface of the footpath uneven at the present time so the cost could be substantial. It saddens me that St. Anne's Church has yet to become a Parish with it's own PCC and two Church Wardens, ie. like St. Mary's, Broomfleet, so that we can administer such changes as the status of this footpath ourselves. We are the only Parish in the Howden Deanery with a District PCC even though our Quota payment to York is greater than half the PCCs in the Deanery. When will we reach Ecclesiastical maturity? This matter is totally beyond my comprehension at the present time but I am attempting to improve my understanding of what seems to be a totally illogical situation, as all other Churches are members of a team sharing their Vicars with two or three Churches yet they have a PCC and two Church Wardens. St. Anne's is older than St. Mary's, Broomfleet so why are we in this situation? Perhaps the same powers that be got them the 30 mph speed restrictions before Ellerker. We love you all, no hard feelings just a minor correction please.

Future Events:

Sunday, 20th June, Cheese and Wine Party at the Parker's residence, Amen Cottage, from 11:30 onwards.

Saturday, 31st July, Garden Party with the kind permission of June Davenport at Ellerker Manor. Further details will be posted to every house.

October (date to be arranged) Black Tie Dinner Dance at Brantingham Park, "Live Band".

January 2000, Millenium Evenings of Entertainment: Rehearsals now in hand.

Thank you all for your continued support, we need a fund raising event every month to sustain the Ministry of St. Anne's Church in Ellerker.

- MB

Ellerker Lambing

Just over a year ago we started a series of visits to farms and growers so that village children could become acquainted with what happens on the land they see around the village. We've seen the pigs and irrigation system at Hunsdale (Martin Scott), Cucumber growing at Cavegates (Nigel May), the Cereal Harvest at White House (Chris and Jim Bradley), Sheep Shearing at Garth (William and Angela Puckering) and Lambing at Whinney Moor (Chris and Joy Bradley) Not only has it been educational, I hope that it's also sowed a seed of understanding of what it's like to earn you living through producing food; the pride in the achievement but also the anxiety and uncertainty which is very apparent at the moment in those who work in this industry.

Those who have participated in the visits:

James Saxby, Edward Ohikere, Sarah Morgan, Emma Hall, Michael Pickles, Leon Sewell, Adele & Jodie Sewell, Laura Wood, Angelica Rose, Emma & Fiona Scott, Elaine Puckering.

Many thanks to all those who have been very



generous hosts.

- TJP

Following the visit to see the lambs at Whinney Moor, Laura and Emma wrote the following:

Lambing - by Laura Wood & Emma Hall

The lambing visit was a brilliant success thanks to Chris Bradley, Paddy Hall and Tim Pickles for arranging it all.

As we arrived Joy Bradley announced that two baby lambs had just been born. Unfortunately one of the lambs was very ill and died 3 days later. However, the other lamb lived to be fit and healthy. After the excitement of the lambs we moved swiftly on to our next treat, which was watching Chris clip the feet of a sheep. At the other side of the shed there was a lamb who would not feed from his mother, so we had to feed it with milk directly into his stomach by a long tube. Then we travelled through the mud to the next shed where we fed two other lambs with warm milk. Then we had to pose for the camera - and our background scene was SHEEP.

We recommend the visit as a good one."

- LW/EH

Easter Litter Stroll

Perhaps not surprisingly this event did not prove to be everybody's favourite! Seven people turned up on Easter Saturday morning, five of them from one family. The weather was warm and very clear - so no trouble spotting the litter - the group split into 3 parties and worked from Brantingham, Whinney Moor Lane and the petrol station to Ring Beck Crossroads filling 33 black bin bags in the process over a period of 2 hours. We had been loaned equipment and given bags by East Riding of Yorkshire Council who also arranged a pick up of the filled bags on the Saturday and the following Tuesday when another 23 had been filled and deposited at the cross roads - well over half a tonne for the weekend. I wonder if anyone noticed the difference afterwards?

It was so popular that we'll be running a repeat litter stroll next Easter! Thanks to David Wood and Tim Cartwright-Taylor for their support

- TJP

Parish Council

Election — As far as the Parish Council was concerned the Election on 6th May was a non-event, since one member of the Council decided not to stand for re-election and one additional member was nominated making 7 in total, the number required to form a full Council. Mary Dennis, after 12 years active and valuable service, decided that it was time to retire. She was the first woman member of the Parish Council and the only female Chairman to date.



AGM — The AGM and Annual Village Assembly was held on 11th May, Chris Bradley was re-elected Chairman by a majority and Lynn Waddingham was elected vice-Chairman. Very few members of the public

attended. Topics raised included: loose chippings on the road following re-surfacing, the imminent invasion of the road by the Blackthorn Hedge at Mill Hill (hilltop) junction, the dangerous state of the railings at Mill Hill - Main Street corner and air pollution from local glass house boilers.

Planning — Applications for a new garage at Ashwood House, a garage and associated access at 16 Mill Hill, an extension at Woodale House and changes to the Village Hall were all approved by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Permission for a small extension at Fern Villa was refused.

Footpaths — Concern has been expressed over the occasional obstruction of footpaths in the centre of the village, by vehicles being incorrectly parked and by shrubs and trees being allowed to grow out of control and overhang. This can present dangers, especially in poor light, to those who use footpaths rather than the road to move around the village.

Speed limit — it was decided that another attempt would be made to get a speed limit for the village, the last application was 3 years ago. Monitoring equipment has been installed on Howden Croft Hill and Cave Lane, this records volume and the speed of the vehicles passing over the rubber tubes which stretch across the width of the road. The greater the numbers the more likely that a limit will be introduced. All surrounding villages have a limit and through-village traffic volume has increased since the changes were made to the junction at the A63 South Cave Interchange.

Conservation Area — Conservation Area status for Ellerker was confirmed by a full East Riding of Yorkshire Council meeting in April - success at last after 15 to 20 years. Dennis Cooney will represent the Council at East Riding of Yorkshire Council area conservation meetings.

Litter bin — East Riding of Yorkshire Council have been asked to provide a litter bin at Ring Beck layby.

Black Horse — A meeting has been arranged between East Riding of Yorkshire Council Chief Planning Officer, the proprietors of the Black Horse Restaurant, a representative of the Parish Council and neighbours of the Black Horse. There is continuing concern among neighbours that noise and cooking smells from the Restaurant have led to a deterioration in their environment.

Notice board — A new Parish Council notice board has re-placed the damaged one on the Village Hall.

Next meetings — 29th June and 17th August.

- TJP

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker branch recently enjoyed a talk by a former policewoman who started a sweet-making business and now sells at agricultural shows, racecourses and markets specialising in old fashioned favourites.

The County Homecraft competition has been entered again and our Celebration Basket has been selected for an exhibition of quality entries at the Yorkshire Show.

Ten pounds has been sent towards the cost of flowers which the YCA arranged in York Minster for the first week in June.

Seven members attended the annual East Riding Literary Lunch at the Fair Winds Court at



Driffield.

- MD

DEAR RESIDENTS

ONCE AGAIN I AM WRITING TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

I HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER ONCE BEFORE FOR THE NEWSLETTER ABOUT THE DOG DIRT AROUND THE VILLAGE BUT STILL THERE IS NO IMPROVEMENT.

SOUTH CAVE WEST END TO ME IS KEPT A LOT CLEANER THAN ELLERKER. IN SOUTH CAVE I HAVE NOTICED DOG DIRT THAT SOMEONE HAS CIRCLED WITH CHALK AND WRITTEN UNDERNEATH - CLEAN IT UP.

IF SOUTH CAVE RESIDENTS CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE PROBLEM THEN WHY CAN'T WE?

SUMMER IS ALMOST UPON US AND WITH IT COMES THE FLIES, WE ALL KNOW WHAT FLIES ARE ATTRACTED TO. NOBODY WANTS FLIES COMING INTO OUR HOMES LANDING ON ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING SPREADING GERMS.

SO COME ON PEOPLE LET'S GET OUR ACT TOGETHER AND

CLEAN IT UP

**- TRACEY McFAYDEN, MILL HILL
Millenium Group**

A successful Cheese and Wine party was hosted at Mr. & Mrs. Philip Wood's house to raise funds for the Millennium programme.

The Millennium china mugs are selling well and we remind those of you who intend to purchase, that the number being made is limited. So don't delay too long. Those who have booked should collect theirs soon, so as not to be disappointed.

On the 5th June 1999, a reconstructed Village water pump was erected on stonework opposite the Village Institute. The idea of reinstalling a Village pump was made to the millennium Committee by Mr. Frank Barratt. Mr. Cartwright-Taylor donated the basic pump 'works'. Mr. Jim Acey put these 'works' into new woodwork. Mr. John May provided the necessary ironwork. Mr. Dennis Cooney supplied the commemorative plaque. Mr. Mike Harrison supplied and erected the stone plinth and plants were provided by Green's Nursery.

During the reinstating ceremony about seventy people attended. Local children were given the task of unveiling the pump. Two poems were read on the occasion. Miss Laura Wood, aged ten, re-read a poem originally read by Miss Brigitte Jorna when the pump was removed in the 1960's. The other poem was composed and read by Mr. Phil Copeland. Both poems were very well received and are recorded below:

*Where our village pump once stood
Outside the house of Charlie Wood
Is now a mound of unkempt grass
The cattle munch it as they pass
Some people got an awful hump
When Council took away our pump
They said many thought they didn't oughter
Have to pay for God's own water
But Council said 'Oh! Yes you will'
And all get taps like the ones on Mill Hill*

Miss B. Jorna

The return of the Pump

*After forty long years our village pump
has been resurrected from the Council
dump.
And just like a wonderful fairy story,
it's been restored to its former glory.*

*So today amid all this exultation
it's unveiled in its original situation.
But I'm afraid if you pump it, you'll get no wa-
ter
'cos the pipe underneath is ten foot shorter.*

*The sad news is; the pump is inactive,
but it makes the village look more attractive.
So in future, in Ellerker, on the anniversary of
this day,
I think we should celebrate, and call it
'Village Pump Day'*

Phil Copeland

Open Gardens - On Sunday 27th. June, an Ellerker Open Gardens Day will take place, arranged by the Millennium Committee. Fifteen gardens will be open and entrance will be by programme, which will include a map of the participating gardens. Refreshments will be available and plants will be on sale.

- JA

Adverts?

There has been a suggestion that Ellerker News could display small adverts for a small charge of say 3p per word. This would help towards production costs and reduce the amount that the seven organisations who currently pay for Ellerker News have to find. If you have any views please let me know.

- Ed .

Neighbourhood Watch Press Release

Do you have your milk delivered?
If you do please take it in. It may sound trivial but milk has been taken without permission. What were they doing on your property in the first place? It has been reported to us that the milk was there and then it had gone, at four separate properties.

Have you lost any keys? One was found on the Green and a bunch of three were also found on Cave Lane (one of which could be a house key). If any are yours contact me on 422713 and I will arrange for you to have them back

- Lynn Waddingham

Village Hall

The National Lottery Charities Board have approved our recommendation of heating engineer. The new boiler was delivered on 2nd June, to be installed a week later. The plans for the front of the building have now been passed by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council. A site meeting will be arranged with the architect in the near future. We can then go out for quotes, for this the major part of the project.

It seems a very long time ago that we applied to the N L C B for a grant, also a great deal of work for the committee. But in this, the Institute's 70th year, the amount of time that the current commit-

tee are putting into this project, pales into insignificance. The institute continues to be well used; if you have not been inside for a number of years or are new to the village, why not attend one of its many functions? It could also be an ideal venue for your children's party, anniversary, wedding reception etc. After all it is your village Institute. If you require more information regarding the very reasonable hire charge, contact Mrs. Jessie Puckering at Pigeoncote Farm on 422761.

The Village Institute has recently been donated an Electronic Organ by Mr. Alan Holmes of Broomfleet.

- DC

Parish Boundary Walk

You may be surprised at the size of the Parish of Ellerker, considering that the population is less than 350. The boundary runs from the A63 interchange across fields to the top of Brantingham Dale, back down the dale road to skirt Brantingham village, across to Whinney Moor Farm, traverses to Sands Lane/Sands Drain on to Brough Haven, along the Humber Bank to Crabley, follows the Clough and Sands Drain to join Norfolk Bank Lane at Bow Bridge, then up Norfolk Bank Lane and Stonepit Road to the Interchange. The shape of the Parish on the map is like a Hare on skis!

The boundary walk is one of the events arranged to mark the Millennium by the Ellerker and Hilldales Millennium Group, the feasibility and planning for the walk have been undertaken by Nigel May (who first suggested the idea) and Tim Pickles.

This may be the only opportunity in your lifetime to walk the Parish boundary since special access permission has been obtained from landowners and tenants for this one-off event. The walk will take place on Saturday, 18th September 1999 starting at 9am outside the Village Hall. The northern half of the boundary will be completed by lunchtime and the walk will resume at 2pm to cover the southern half. The total distance is 13 miles and will require walkers to wear strong footwear and suitable clothes.

As well as being a very special event (as far as we know this has never been done before in living memory) it is intended to raise money for the Village Day being planned by the Group to take place next summer. Walkers may wish to find sponsors to raise their entry fee for the walk, which for adults is £5, for children (under 16yrs) £2 and for a family is £12. This fee is the mini-

mum to enter, if you wish raise more (or even much more!) sponsor forms will be available from Nigel, Tim or at Green's Garden Centre.

Due to the access arrangements walkers will only be able to take part if they are part of the official group. Check points will be arranged for the marking of sponsor sheets and two refreshment stations will be placed at strategic points on the route. Not only should this be a really enjoyable day out on your home-turf, it may surprise you just how large and varied is Ellerker Parish.

To join the walk you must register the names of all who wish to take part by 31st August 1999, to do so please contact Nigel May (422776) or Tim Pickles (422585).

- TJP & NM

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY – SEPTEMBER

July

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 31 Church Garden Party, Ellerker Manor

August

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

September

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Village Sports Day, Village Hall, 2pm
- 18 Parish Boundary Walk, Village Hall, 9am

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Many thanks to British Aerospace for their assistance in producing this publication. - *Ed.*

Roadworks

Anyone who travels regularly along the A1034 South Cave – Market Weighton road will probably already know, that major roadworks will commence in August and last for about 3 months as the disused railway bridge is removed alongside the old South Cave station. Details are on the Parish Council Notice Board.- *Ed.*

NHS Direct

Anyone who wants confidential, expert health advice, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week can con-

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