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## Happy New Everything !

A Happy New Year, New Century and New Millennium to all readers of Ellerker News.

Most of us have 70, 80 or more New Years in a lifetime, but how many who are able to read this will be able to see in another New Century?

A lot of people use the break at the end of the year to reflect on the year just gone and the new one about to start. Some make resolutions as a way of trying to make a change in their lives for the coming year; thinking further ahead, what will have happened in Ellerker by the end of the next Century?

Farming and the country landscape which goes with it, will certainly have changed, it has certainly been transformed in a revolutionary way in last 50 years. Will the use of the countryside change as initiatives from the Earth Summit filter through to the local level? (see LBAP - page 2). The effects of Global Warming are likely to play a major part in people's lives as weather patterns change and become more extreme. The average water level in the Humber estuary will be higher than now and this could affect the low lying areas near the river and hence the landscape (see Rising Tides - page 3). People will become more energy conscious especially with regard to the use of fossil fuels (see Watts from Willow - page 5 and Village Power - page 6). The quality of the River water should improve as efforts are made to clean up waste water, but this in turn could have a major short term impact on the village if adjacent village's effluent is treated in our parish (see Sewage Treatment - page 3). There will be pressure for more housing in villages close to major roads and rural road traffic will increase. Everyone's lives will become more and more regulated - for better or worse - as East Riding, British and European politicians decide how we should live. You never know, by the year 2999, Ellerker may even have a traffic speed limit and footpath on Cave Road.

— Ed.

## St. Anne's

The season of Advent (the start of the Christian Year) is the season of hope and we were all hoping for the best when faced with a variety of questions from the "Father and Son Duo". If you don't know your dates you are in for a rough ride particularly when the question master tots up the marks. "How many did you say three, three" "Did you say three". Congratulations to our friends from the Methodist Church who won the bottles of French wine kindly delivered by MP Transport. Thank you all for supporting this Fun Quiz Night at All Saints Family Centre South Cave.

Our Saturday morning Christmas Bazaar had a real festive flavour with a never ending supply of mince pies and coffee together with produce stalls covering every aspect of village life. A warm community spirit was enjoyed by all including our visitors from Scotland and the South of England. The Raffle finalised the event with kindly donated prizes won by parishioners and visitors from all over three parishes. A special thank you to everybody who contributed produce to the various stalls.

The root word for Advent "adventus" is also the root word for adventure and we have certainly been adventurous during this season of Advent with flood lighting of St. Anne's and the realignment of the flag pole carefully maintaining the same height as the original one. We commissioned a photographer from the Carer's National Association to capture the moment of the flood lighting and these are available for £2 A4 size. The complex symbol of light emerging with St. Anne's obliterating all traces of darkness in the photograph is representative of the nearly two hundred appearances in the Bible of "Let Light Shine out of Darkness".

The cost of electricity to run the floodlighting is paid for by voluntary subscription rather than Church funds, so if you would like to subscribe please contact Frank Barratt (422591).

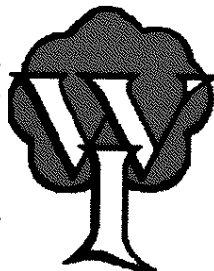
— MB

**Women's Institute**

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Ellerker WI continues to enjoy some excellent speakers – a talk and video on crime prevention in October and a cookery demonstration by our Chairman in November. November also saw our Annual General Meeting where a new President and Committee were elected. Mrs Ann Barker steps down after sterling work this year as our President and we welcome her successor, Mrs Pat Wilkinson.



With our thoughts turning to Christmas, our December meeting saw us all exercising our creative talents with a craft evening. Many a dining table will be adorned with festive crackers over the holidays – it's amazing what you can do with a few toilet rolls and a bit of sticky tape! The festivities will be continued into January when we have our Annual Dinner in the Village Hall.

Our first jumble sale of the New Year will be on Saturday 22 January 2000 at 2pm in the Village Hall. Be sure to drop in a pick up a bargain. If you've been thinking about joining us come along for a visit, we meet at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month in the Village Hall – it'd be lovely to see you!

**A Happy New Year to everyone!**

- YM

### **Annie makes her mark**

Seven year old Annie Orihuela-Jenkins of Mill Hill was in a huge charity Show on 31st October –



"An Evening of Fashion, Fun and Fund Raising". She had auditioned at Easter and spent over 6 months in Rehearsals. She personally raised £72 for Martin House Children's Hospice and Make a Wish Foundation. Along with a car boot sale and raffle

Tickets, more than £2,000 was raised on the Evening for the two charities.

- Ed.

### **Parish Council**

**Parish Paths Partnership.** A presentation accompanied by slides was given by Mr Trevor Appleton of East Riding of Yorkshire Council at the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> October. He pointed out that scheme does not apply to surfaced footpaths, only to those which run across country, Ellerker has five such footpaths on the Definitive Map.

The Partnership allows the Parish Council to claim for gates, stiles and bridges as well the expenses incurred in maintaining the surface of these public rights of way. The Council will apply to join the Partnership.

**Traffic Survey.** The Council discussed the survey results and were not happy with the bland conclusions. It was agreed that the survey points, which had been chosen without consultation, could not be representative of the village traffic. A further survey, this time with Council involvement, would be requested. The Council will not rest until a satisfactory speed limit is in place.

**Mill Hill Guard Rail.** The damaged rails and some of the damaged posts have been replaced by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. They have also removed the tree growing in the footpath outside Rose Cottage.

**Cave Lane Footpath.** A further attempt will be made to get East Riding of Yorkshire Council to re-instate the lost footpath running along the east side of Cave Lane. We expect a site meeting with a council officer who will inspect the paths and highways in the village. **Anybody who remembers this footpath, which ran from Ellerker Manor to Cavegates crossroads, is asked to write to the Clerk or hand their letter to a Parish Councillor before the end of January.**

**Kingston Communications.** Despite an assurance early in the 1999 from KC that Ellerker was to be included in the expansion, of what used to be Hull Telephones, "during the summer" (see EN5), the start of work has been delayed until March of 2000. We understand that this network could provide a lower cost, wider range of services than that currently provided by BT. The experience in South Cave, however, was that installation was very messy and inconvenient.

**Planning.** The changes proposed for Hazel House have been approved by ERYC.

**Council Tax Precept.** Ellerker's precept for the year 2000/2001 will be £1,500.

**Local Biodiversity Action Plan.** A draft plan has been circulated to the Council by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. This is the translation to local level of the agreement reached at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. It addresses what needs to be done to maintain and enhance the diversity of wildlife species within the East Riding. The Convention on Biological Diversity was an important outcome of this summit and was signed by over 150 countries, including the

United Kingdom. Local Biodiversity Action Plans are seen as the means of achieving the objective of the Rio Summit. It is fascinating reading for anyone interested in wildlife conservation.

**Sewage Treatment.** In order to meet the latest standards, Yorkshire Water are considering 28 proposals to improve the quality of waste water flowing into the Humber from local villages between the Humber and Ouse Bridges. One of the schemes would involve the piping of waste from Elloughton and Brough to the Ellerker Treatment Works at Bow Bridge (Norfolk Bank Lane). Clearly this could cause major disruption in the village if this plan is adopted and new pipes have to be laid. The current plans are to complete the work by the end of 2000.



**Rising Tides.** The Environment Agency have produced a document detailing the work that will be required on the Humber Bank in order to defend against the increasing water level in the estuary as global warming makes its effects felt. Since the southern boundary of the parish is alongside the main Hull railway line it is thought likely that action will be taken along this stretch of the estuary to protect Ellerker from the effects of higher water levels.

**NHS Direct.** This service has become better publicised since it was first mentioned in Ellerker News Issue 7. As well as phoning 0845 4647, it can now be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk/>.

**Conservation Area.** A map of the village's Conservation Area can be seen on the Parish Council Notice Board. By the time you read this newsletter you should have received official confirmation that the Area is in being (and has been since early April 1999) and what this means for the village. Permission to fell or prune trees within the Area which have a diameter of more than 3 inches must be sought from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

**Police Surgery.** This is held in South Cave Town Hall every Thursday between 6pm and 8pm.

**Next Meetings:** 8<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

- TJP

## Yorkshire Countrywomen

The well known gardening personality, Doug Stewart of Bishop Burton College, gave a lively talk to members in October. Mrs Pat Campbell gave a demonstration on Flower Arranging in November, the results were given to the very popular raffle. Mrs Carpenter's husband was a Yeoman Warder at the Tower of London and she developed her talents while living there.

The Christmas Party in December was catered for by Mrs Janet Martin. Entertainment on the electric organ was by Mr Richards of South Cave and there was a free raffle.

One of our members, Mrs Pat Jorna, has just received a garden video as her prize for the best story submitted to the parish magazine.

A party of members went on a mill shopping trip to the Bradford area, Bradford's Asian community were celebrating the Festival of Light and the illuminations were spectacular. Members visited Mother Hubbard's for a meal to round off the day.

- MD

## Playing Fields

In October, a sub group of the Playing Field Committee visited Hutton Cranswick to find out what facilities they provided on their playing field and how they managed them. The group reported back to the November meeting with lots of ideas which now need to be evaluated.

Coincidentally, in October and November, the children of the village had carried out a survey amongst themselves to find out what they would like on the Playing Field and they also reported to the November meeting. About 20 young people had been involved and the survey concluded that top amongst their wishes would be a Roundabout, followed closely by a new net on the football posts and to move the football posts. The dilemma for the Playing Field Committee, is to decide how much equipment to provide, to keep local children occupied, without making it so attractive that we have visitors from many neighbouring villages, which then becomes a problem. We hope to be able to let you know what we have decided in the next newsletter. Matthew Hall's effort in organising the survey are very much appreciated, well done Matthew.



As an experimental measure and in order to allow the grass to recover, we have moved the goal posts to the large field behind the Chestnut tree. If this does not prove successful, they will be returned to their original site

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on

Saturday, 8 January 2000 starting at 4 o'clock  
All children 14 years old and under, living in  
Ellerker and Hilldales will receive an invitation to  
meet Father Christmas and join in the traditional  
party games.

After considering all the additional activities  
which are planned in the village for the Millen-  
nium celebrations, the committee feel that it is  
unlikely that the Spring Evening will take place  
next year, as the calendar has become very  
congested. However, we hope to restore the  
date to the Calendar in 2001.

*TC-T*

## **Millenium Group**

### **Village Millennium Day**

We take this opportunity of reminding ALL resi-  
dents that the 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2000 is the Village Mil-  
lennium Day. The Committee is planning an af-  
ternoon's entertainment to include Drum Major-  
ettes, Morris Dancers, Jazz Band and Garland  
Girls. For the children, the day will include Face  
Painting, Bouncy Castle, Magician and a Disco.  
We repeat that this day is for ALL and is free.  
The money has been raised through the various  
activities organised by the Committee through  
the past year.

We also remind residents that it is hoped to wel-  
come past residents of Ellerker and Hilldales to  
attend this day. Anyone in contact with past resi-  
dents or who knows the address of past resi-  
dents is requested to contact any Committee  
member. Invitations can then be sent.

### **Cook Book**

This has now been printed and is available at  
Green's Garden Centre or please contact any  
Committee member.

Your enthusiastic support for this venture would  
be welcome.

### **Millenium Capsule**

Anyone who has any items of village interest  
which they think could be considered for inclu-  
sion in the capsule please contact the Secretary  
or Chairman of the Group, Dennis Cooney  
(421074) or David Green (42256).

### **Parish Boundary Walk**

The weather conditions were nearly perfect as  
27 walkers started the trek from the Village Hall  
at 9.15 on Saturday, 18th September. Arrange-  
ments had been made to have support on the  
walk at strategic points and a lunch break at  
Whinney Moor farm; the half way point. The first  
quarter of the walk, the north west boundary,  
was in some ways the trickiest, since it is not ob-  
vious where the parish boundary lies and a few

diversions had to be made, especially on the  
stretch where permission for access had been  
turned down. This part also has a bit of a climb  
where the gradient has to accommodate the  
increase in altitude between Woodale and the  
highest point of the walk at the top of the Wold;  
46m to 152m - in just over a mile.

At one point we were accosted by an angry  
gamekeeper who hadn't been told by the owner  
that we would be walking across the fields next to  
his pheasantry that day, he was more relaxed  
once he knew that it was all above board. Within  
about an hour and a half we had arrived at the  
first stop at the top of Brantingham Dale where  
we were met with home made goodies and  
drinks. From here it was an easy stroll down  
Dale road to the next stop by Brantingham Pond.  
Some were eager to get moving again and we  
strode off past the Triton Inn, over the A63  
bridge, along Outgo to join the old A63 and  
Whinney Moor Lane. We had an unscheduled 10  
minute break here while the Brantingham Estate  
shoot finished off their work in this sector.

We had a very warm welcome from Chris, Joy,  
Jill and Sam Bradley at Whinney Moor Farm  
where we were re-united with the lunches we  
had left at the start for onward transport, we ate  
these sitting on the straw bales and the refresh-  
ments provided by our hosts. Just over half an  
hour later and we were stretching our legs again  
as we walked along field boundaries to meet up  
with Sands Lane. As we turned left at the bridge  
it was obvious that the wind nearer the River  
was fresh and from the east. We followed the  
Drain bank almost as far as the Reservoir near  
Brough Haven before crossing the railway line  
and onto the Humber Bank to head westward.  
Because from here you can see your next turn-  
ing point at Crabley Creek, which seems to be a  
long way away, it seems to take a long time to  
reach the next check point and refreshment stop.  
Once there however the final stretch seemed  
quite easy and we followed the banks of Crabley  
Clough and Sands Drain before joining the road  
at Bow Bridge and the smell of civilisation -  
Ellerker Sewage Treatment Plant! Another half  
an hour and we were back at the Village Hall start-  
ing point for a photograph and a well earned  
rest, just 6 and half hours from when we set off.  
Many thanks to those who provided support, our  
sponsors, the landowners and tenants who gave  
permission for us to cross their land and Tim and  
Nigel who organised the event. The walk regis-  
tration and sponsor money has raised almost  
£600, towards funding the entertainment for Vil-  
lage Millennium Day.

*- JA*

**The following story was printed in the 15th  
November issue of Women's Own:**

"I Was in the local village a few days ago in my 15 Year old 2CV. And wanted to do a 'u' turn but couldn't find a way, so drove out of the village, turned round and headed back. However, on the way back, many people coming in the opposite direction flashed their lights at me or pointed. I thought there must be something terribly wrong with the car, so pulled over and checked around, but found nothing wrong. So I continued, but people continued to flash, and I was getting very worried. I remembered seeing two policemen outside the local pub, so decided to stop and ask them to help me find out why people were flashing me. I screeched to a halt next to them, and ran towards them saying 'please can you help me, people keep flashing their lights at me and I don't know why!'. 'I do' said the policeman, 'they're warning you about us, we're doing a speed trap!' —*Sharon Jenkins, Mill Hill*

### Village Hall

Our AGM took place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. November. It was very disappointing that only 14 people could find the time to attend. In his report, The Chairman Mr. David Green spoke about the halls development from 1929 to date. He then went on to speak about its future. Concluding with his thanks to various people for their work throughout the year. The Treasurers report pointed out that the costs have risen this year, heating oil, insurance premium and cleaning materials. With this in mind he suggested that the 1999/2000 committee take this into consideration when hire charges are discussed. On a brighter note, lettings are up with a total of 170 for the year. 1999/2000 Committee.

Chairman, Mr. David Green. Honorary Secretary, Mr. Dennis Cooney. Treasurer, Mr. Mike Parker. Booking Officer, Mrs. Jessie Puckering. Committee, Mr. Margaret Green. Mr. Hugh Harrison. Mrs. Mary Dennis. Mrs. Ann Barker. Mrs. Lilian Cole. Mrs. Val Culley.

Following the AGM, we were entertained by Mr Alan Richards playing our electric organ. Finally don't forget to consider using the hall for your childrens party, family get-together, etc, Mrs Jessie Puckering will be pleased to hear from you.

- DC

### Easter Litter Pick

Following last year's very successful litter picking expedition to the 4 corners of the village, when 56 bin bags were filled by eight Ellerker Wombles — there will be another this coming Easter Saturday (22nd April). We have asked McDonalds Restaurants if they will sponsor us at £1 for each filled bag. Each Womble will be able

to donate their sponsor money to their favourite charity. There's no age limit and it is arranged in conjunction with East Riding of Yorkshire Council who will supply gloves, litter pick sticks, bags and transport to take filled bags from various collection points. Not only should you enjoy the exercise we should end up with tidy village (for a day or two). Call Tim Pickles (422585) to let him know you will be joining in, so that numbers for equipment can be arranged. Meet at the Village Hall at 9am.

- TJP

### Bus Shelter

Dear Residents,

I thought you'd be interested in something I have been working on for the village children and residents from this end of the village.

29 years ago approximately, mothers who used to put their children on the school bus at the top of Howden Croft Hill tried to get a shelter for them erected, but to no avail.

There has been a long period when no small children used this stop, but once again, 4/5 children from South Cave Primary School use this stop daily, and this will increase next year. The children who get on at the village hall have it opened for them in bad weather, but the small children, from 4 years of age, are left at a very exposed spot, with no shelter.

I am aware that any shelter provided would have to be aesthetically pleasing, in keeping with the village, so would welcome suggestions and ideas.

I have written to Beverley Borough Council about this, but they said they have no 'provisions' for a bus shelter, and said I should write to the Parish Councillor at the Granary. I did this and am awaiting a reply. I also yet have to write to the Bus Company to see if they will provide a shelter, as it is a recognised bus 'stop' on their route. Whilst we are all keen to preserve the pleasing look of the village, I think that everyone would agree that the health and well-being of our small children, not to mention the 5/6 South Hunsley children and regular bus users, must be addressed.

— *Tracy McFayden, Mill Hill*

### Acknowledgement

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### Watts from Willow

An electricity generation plant for Green electricity is being built in Yorkshire. The first commercial plant of this type in Europe, it will produce enough electricity for the domestic electricity consumption of 33,500 people from clean and sustainable fuel sources. You may have noticed

that there are several fields in the area, one of them at the bottom of Ings Lane in Ellerker, which are being used to grow Willow trees. When the trees are big enough the branches will be cut and processed and used to provide fuel for this new 8 Megawatt power station, situated at Eggborough, near to the junction of the M62 and A19 and about 25 miles from Ellerker. One hectare of Willow can provide the equivalent 5.5 cubic metres of Oil. Because Oil is a fossil fuel, when it is used to generate electricity, it releases the carbon dioxide which was locked up when the Oil was formed millions of years ago. By using trees to provide the fuel for electricity generation, usually called Bio-fuel, only the carbon dioxide consumed by the trees in their lifetime is released to the atmosphere. This helps to reduce global warming.



- TJP

### Village power

Ellerker could soon have its own 2 Megawatt power station! Conventional power stations are notoriously inefficient, sometimes only converting a third the energy from the fuel they burn into electricity. What happens to the other two thirds? A lot of it is released as waste heat into the atmosphere and you can see some of the evidence of that whenever you pass a set of cooling towers which are at the bottom of columns of "steam". Combined Heat and Power Stations can achieve higher overall efficiency by using the waste heat for another purpose, usually an industrial process. In the case of the gas powered station proposed for Cavegates Nurseries the waste heat will be used to heat the glass-houses. As well as supplying the heat, the power station's exhaust gases will also provide the carbon dioxide which Cucumbers need in abundance to feed their very high growth rate. The electricity generated will be fed into the National Grid.

- TJP

### TREE Facts

- It takes about 140 mature oaks to absorb the carbon dioxide produced as a result of driving an average family car for a year.
- If left to its own devices, a typical oak tree can live for at least 400 years.
- Two and a half acres of beech wood can remove about 4 tonnes of dust from the atmosphere each

year!

- There are at least 100 million trees in Britain grown just for their amenity value.
- Ancient yews are among the oldest trees in Britain, some are estimated to be over 1,000 years old.
- Shelterbelts of trees have been used as wind breaks for centuries.
- In town, trees can reduce wind speeds by up to 85% and noise by 40%.
- It is thought that as few as 1 in 100,000 acorns will ever grow into a mature tree.
- It has been found that Hospital patients in the USA recover more quickly and require less powerful drugs if they have a view of trees.
- A mature beech releases about 100 gallons of water into the air each day in summer.
- It has been estimated that the daily circulation of one popular daily newspaper requires pulp from 4,000 trees.

*Courtesy of the Council for the Protection of Rural England*

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY—MARCH

### January

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28-29 Church Millenium Concerts

### February

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### March

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

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