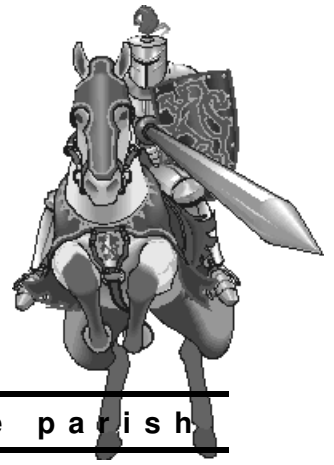


Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Important Notice to All Residents

Over the past issues we have advised you about the activities of the Ellerker & Hilldales Millennium Committee's activities. We take this opportunity of reminding you that on the **15th. July** there will be a **Village Millennium Day**.

Commencing at 1 p.m. with a parade from Mill Hill, the day will include performances by Morris Dancers, a Jazz Band, Garland Girls, Bouncy Castle, Children's entertainment and Magician. Refreshment facilities will be available. There will be a children's disco in the Village Hall from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The various activities are free to all residents and past residents of Ellerker & Hilldales. We are inviting those past residents whose addresses we have to hand, so a good opportunity will be created to meet with old friends.

A marquee is being erected on the large village green for the above event and on the evening of **Friday the 14th. July a Medieval Banquet** is to be held in the marquee. The cost is £7 per head, which is to cover the food costs etc. A fire-eater/juggler will give a show. Any profit will go towards the Firework Display planned for later in the year. Please support both these ventures.

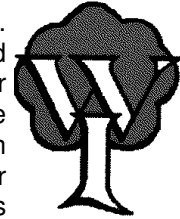
- JA

Coffee Morning at Church House

Kay and Frank Barratt would like to thank everyone who helped them with donations, gifts etc. to make the Coffee Morning at "Church House", Ellerker on Wednesday, 10th May a great success. A total of £800 was raised for Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind.

Women's Institute

The WI is as busy as ever. Probably by the time you read this we will have had another successful jumble sale in June and a lovely walk around North Cave and Nordham. Another outing has been to Langlands Nursery in Shiptonthorpe, organised by the Home Economics Group. There was a guided tour, all our questions expertly answered and plenty to tempt us to dip into our purses. Tea and biscuits rounded off an entertaining evening.



We've also had some excellent talks and demonstrations this second quarter. We had demonstrations on hand spinning wool; silk flower arranging; and a fascinating talk from a retired Scotland Yard fingerprint expert!

On 12 July we're holding a Coffee Evening at our President's house which will have plenty of plants for sale, a 'Bring & Buy' table and, of course, a well-stocked cake stall. Watch out for the adverts around the village and in the local press – be sure to pop in for a chat!

- YM

Village Hall

I am pleased to report that we have completed the painting of the entrance hall and toilets. The windows in both the ladies and gents toilets now have net curtains fitted, generously donated by the Ellerker Women's Institute. WI members Mrs. Ann Barker and Mrs. Lilian Cole being involved with purchasing the material, making and hanging the curtains. A gesture very much appreciated by the Chairman and Committee of the Village Hall.

On the 24th. May the Millennium Group buried the stainless steel 'Time Capsule' and Mr. E. Hunt, our builder, put the final bricks in place. Hopefully the capsule will remain undisturbed for another one hundred years!

Do not forget that the Village Hall is available for private functions, such as children's parties, family gatherings and wedding receptions etc.. Mrs. Jessie Puckering will be pleased to take bookings and advise the modest charges.

Finally, please make a note in your diary. The Village Hall Committee have booked the Leeds Library Theatre Company for a performance of 'Educating Rita' for **Friday the 6th. October 2000**. More details will follow in a future issue of the Ellerker News.

- DC

St. Anne's

The Millennium became **real** on the 31st May 2000 when we celebrated Mary's awareness that she was pregnant, expecting Jesus on 25th December 0001. On the 31st May 0001 Mary visited Elizabeth who greeted her as "the mother of the Lord". Elizabeth was also pregnant and she felt her baby (John the Baptist the "forerunner of Christ") move in her womb for the first time, during Mary's visit. No doubt St. Anne was also pleased to hear of her daughter Mary's pregnancy, whilst her father Joachim may well have questioned the identity of the Archangel Gabriel who announced the conception of the Lord.

The vision of the Millennium has a dual focus that fits Ellerker to a "T" with a picture of a pasture of flocks and an agrarian vision of cultivated land that produces crops. The grazing of animals represents the re-birth of the natural landscape, having some of the qualities of a new creation and the land that was desolate shall be tilled and the farmer's experience rewarded for their toil. What's changed one might ask, the farmers still experience the joy of seeing their crops grow, but very little else when it comes to financial reward, the agrarian and the city dwellers that were perennial opposites in the pastoral tradition, now live side by side and following the Millennium vision of the Bible, they complement each other and harmoniously co-exist as long as they BUY BRITISH MEAT and two VEG. The ruined cities have been re-built and warehouses have become the in place to live and city dwellers have reversed the flow by building new houses in the villages.

The Christian concept of compassion has still to become a reality in many parts of the world, thankfully we have an abundance of it in Ellerker, let's share it with other parts of the world where populations need our help. We now have a mission account to make this a reality.

The Christian Imagery that fills the Millennium imagination, was creatively staged in Ellerker as captivated so well on Tim's video. A vision of hu-

man fulfilment with the moral and not so moral staged with those spiritual moments of perfection that brought the whole village together as one family.

Similarly the Brass Band Concert was a great success, with Mike Parker excellently taking the verbal and logistic leading roles making £600 plus towards the refurbishment of the Church roof.

Not forgetting Neil with his extraordinary skills as a question master, fully supported by his family, enabled us to purchase the Robin Machine to shatter the grass around the gravestones. I'm pleased to say that his supremacy was short lived on this occasion, as he failed to shatter the grey matter of the Mill Hill Team clearly lead to victory by the J.A. family.

Future Event

3rd July 2000 Patronal Festival weekend when we celebrate St. Anne's Day with the Bishop of Hull Reading at the morning service.

- MB

Danger - Toxocara Canis

There is a very good reason why there are signs which ask dog owners not to let their pets go onto the Playing Fields – "Play Area No Dogs". Dog faeces can carry a disease which in extreme cases can cause blindness in children who ingest infected dog poo. Although it is very unlikely to happen, it really isn't worth the risk of causing such suffering to a person just starting their life. People may say that although their dog goes on the Fields, it doesn't foul them. But it only takes someone else's dog, someone who is a less responsible owner, perhaps someone from outside the village; to see that Ellerker people allow their dogs to "use" the Fields and the damage can be done. Please consider this before thinking of allowing your dog to play on the Fields.

- TJP

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker Branch or the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association continues with Mrs Margaret Friend as Chairman for the current year. Speakers have included a talk on "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf" with demonstrations by a dog alerting its owner with its paw to the sound of a doorbell, smoke alarm, telephone etc. Telephones for the deaf are more or less E-mail machines, but with a bell and flashing light for alerting the owner. Amplifiers can be built in for the partially deaf.

Valerie Bilham entertained us in May, by describing her local musical career and singing unaccompanied songs at intervals. In June Judi Merden from Radio Humberside was a lively speaker, telling of her progress from typist to presenter, after deciding to work in Hull after her University life there.

The summer outing is to Harrogate and Knaresborough with tea at Escrick Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association.

At the Winter exhibition held at Askham Bryan Ellerker's entry for a Village Wedding was among those selected to be on show at Driffeld Annual Agricultural Show in July.

- MD

Parish Council

Bus Shelter. It has been agreed in principle that a bus shelter will be erected at Hill Top on the opposite side of the road to Croft Hill Cottage. The Parish Council will contribute £500 towards the cost and East Riding of Yorkshire Council will put in the hard standing between the shelter and the road.

Dora's Bungalow. An application has been made by the new owner, to demolish the bungalow, formerly the home of Dora Gardham. This was accompanied by a separate planning application for a new 2 storey dwelling.

Rubbish Dumping in the beck and on verges. This has been discussed on a number of occasions by the Parish Council. Parishioners are respectfully reminded that rubbish should be disposed of in the proper way, either by composting within their own property boundary or by disposal through the services of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Dumping garden waste on road verges is considered to be "fly tipping" and putting waste in the Beck is just transferring the problem to someone who lives downstream.

Norfolk Bank Lane. Concern has been expressed at the erosion caused by the turning of long vehicles on Norfolk Bank Lane.



Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Chris Bradley and Lynn Waddingham were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the Annual General Meeting on 23rd May. Seven members of the public attended the open meeting which preceded the AGM.

Minutes on Notice Board. A copy of the Minutes of each Parish Council Meeting are to be placed on the Parish Council Notice Board, once

they have been approved by Council members.

Shrubs overhanging footpaths. Shrubs and hedges have been growing rapidly in recent weeks and at several properties around the village they are overhanging the footpath. The Council asks that everyone checks their boundary adjacent to public footpaths and removes any encroaching vegetation.

Council Tax increase. A letter of protest had been sent to East Riding of Yorkshire Council at the high percentage increase in Council Tax (about 3 times the level of inflation). They responded by saying that they had to do so in order to maintain the level of services, particularly in Education.

P3 agreement. A Parish Paths Partnership agreement with East Riding of Yorkshire Council was signed and work has recently started, in improving signing, accessibility and maintenance of the five definitive footpaths within the Parish.

Dog fouling. This continues to be a nuisance in certain parts of the village and seems to stem from a small number of irresponsible owners.

Speed Survey. The results of the 2nd recent speed survey were forwarded to the Council by Humberside Police. One of our local East Riding of Yorkshire Council Councillors will be asked to support the Parish's claim for a lower speed limit in the village.

Stonepit Road. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has agreed to inform the Council about developments which are proposed at the former depot at Stonepit Road, in order that we may comment, as a neighbouring Parish, about any visual aspects which may affect us.

Humber flood bank. It seems almost certain that work to raise the Humber Bank adjacent to the Parish Boundary will not commence until 2001.

- TJP

Red Cross Week

Mrs Cartwright-Taylor and Mrs Waddingham would like to say thank you to everyone who showed their support during Red Cross Week, May 7th to 13th inclusive. Total collected was £136.70. Julia and myself have been collecting for over twenty years, so we appreciate your support in a time when every charity is looking for your help. Please remember, every little counts to help someone.

- Lynn Waddingham

Playing Fields

A major talking point amongst those involved in the Playing Field was the sudden and unexpected fall of a large branch from high up in the Horse Chestnut tree in the middle of the large field. It happened in the early afternoon of 15th May and went with a mighty crack which brought people out from their houses and gardens.

The branch which fell had been damaged at some time and had begun to show signs of rot. The weight of the branch when the tree was in full leaf had proved too great and it failed at the weakest point, where it had been damaged. Since then, the tree has been inspected by the Tree Officer from East Riding of Yorkshire Council in Beverley and two tree surgeons, who have pronounced it safe, but as a matter of precaution, all swings and ropes have been removed and will not be allowed in the future.

The Jumble sale in mid May raised £100 towards the cost of the Children's Christmas Party. Grateful thanks goes to those who provided a mound of jumble and particularly those who helped on the day sorting and selling. The balance of the jumble left was sent to Dove House Hospice in Hull, which they will re-sort, using the best for sale in their Charity Shops

The Annual Barn Supper at White House Farm takes place on Friday, 23 June 2000 and tickets are available from White House Farm. This is the major source of raising funds to cut the grass on the two playing fields and it is hoped that as many residents from Ellerker as possible will attend or if they are unable to attend, help in some other way, such as setting up or clearing up the barn, providing tombola prizes or assisting with the catering. Offers of help should be made initially to Jim, Chris or Sheilagh Bradley at White House Farm Tel 01430 422420.



Ellerker Sports day has been arranged for Saturday, 9 September 2000 Please make a note in your diary. We have a new cup this year kindly donated by Ellerker Neighbourhood Watch.

- TC-T

Record Rhythm

Did you watch the BBC's Music Live event on TV during the Spring Bank Holiday? One of many concerts from around the country was one taking place outside City Hall in Hull's Queen Victoria

Square. Did you see Sharron, Annie Bobby from Mill Hill taking part? Annie was in one of the photos printed in the Hull Daily Mail. The chief purpose of the Impro 2000 country-wide festival was to raise awareness and improve opportunities in live music for young people. Many people, some of them famous, donated unused musical instruments as a result of the event.

- Ed.

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Many thanks to Morgan Associates for their assistance in producing this publication.

- Ed.

MacLitter Pick

Unfortunately only a handful of people turned up for this event on Saturday, 22nd April. Despite this we managed to collect 23 bin-bags of rubbish. This was generously supported by MacDonalds Restaurants with a donation of £1 a bag for our chosen charities. Please make a note in your diary for a similar event next Easter—Saturday, 14th April 2001.

- TJP

Three Peaks Challenge

Michael Pickles would like to thank all those who generously supported him in raising money for the South Hunsley School Development Fund. He completed the three Yorkshire Peaks in one day and through sponsorship raised £124.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY—SEPTEMBER

July

- 3 St. Anne's Millennium Day Service with the Bishop of Hull.
- 4 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Millennium Village Day

August

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

September

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 9 Sports day, Village Hall, 2pm



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