

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Energy Survey

You will soon see a Home Energy Survey form drop through your door. This is not a snoopers charter and **IT IS** worthwhile. The raising of the Humber Flood Bank due to start soon near Ellerker's Parish Boundary is due to the rise in sea level. Many scientists think that there is a connection between our use of fuels such as coal, oil and gas and the increase in global temperature (global warming) which is causing the seas to rise. If we can improve our use of energy in the home then we can not only save on fuel bills we can also do our bit to help reduce the global warming effect. Every little bit counts.

The form is designed to see if fuel efficiency in your home can be improved and if it can, to offer advice.

It can also help in another way. For every completed form the survey organisation will send £1 to the RSPB's Home Farm Project. This Project is to carry out research into farming methods which can help preserve as many species of wild plants, birds and mammals as can be achieved and still maintain economic farm production. If you have any questions about the form or need help in completing it, please call me on 422585.

- TJP

Concert Video

You may remember that there was a village concert in the Village Hall at the end of January – who could possibly forget!

Several people asked if they could have a copy of the video I took of the event. There was a small charge of £10 for each copy tape for the one hour of video and this has been donated to the RSPB's Hope Farm Project, a total of £50 so far.

If anyone would like a copy please let me know.

- TJP

Women's Institute

It's that time of year again when the WI Members are busy preparing for our Produce Show on 6th September. There's lots of baking, flower arranging, knitting, sewing and craftwork going on so we should be guaranteed a fine display. By the time you read the Newsletter, the Show will probably have taken place so if you entered or just popped in to the Village Hall to have a look, we hope you enjoyed it.



We had an excellent talk in July entitled "StarchTrek – A History of Reckitts". We were given an interesting insight as to how the local company started. The competition was an old laundry item – the speaker said he'd never seen so many "Reckitt's Blues" in one place!

Although things have been quiet during the holiday season, we've got plenty of plans for the remainder of the year. One of which will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st October in the Village Hall – all the usual bargains and a plentiful cake stall. Hope to see you there!

- YM

Village Hall

The final part of our recent major project is now complete, that is the non-slip floor covering in the toilets and entrance hall. It is thanks to a local benefactor who organised and paid for it to be done.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, 8th November at 8pm. Please come along. Why not volunteer to join the committee? You do not need to spend too much time on committee work, just one meeting of up to two hours a month.

The Village Hall Committee in conjunction with The Leeds Library Theatre Company are proud to present:

Educating Rita. Date: Friday 6th October.
Time: 7.00 for 7.30pm. Ticket price £4.

Wine will be available at £1 a glass or £5 a bottle. Tickets are available from Green's Garden Centre or any member of the Village Hall Committee.

- DC

St. Anne's

An open invitation to a free parish lunch, without any strings attached (echoing Michael Green the Evangelist's means of communication) ensured that fellowship, food and friendship were the main ingredients of our millennium patronal festival. A lunch fit for a King and Queen (if he has one) to thank everyone who has contributed to our millennium restoration appeal. It has taken a lot of hard work to raise £10,000 for our church roof. The amount of hard work really came home to me when I heard of a neighbouring parish that received an instant cheque of £10,000 from one person, towards the replacement of the church lighting. The fellowship generated during our fund raising appeal in Ellerker, was immeasurable, infinitely greater than the church building that was central to our appeal.

Small is beautiful when it comes to fund raising. The ten pound note from one of the oldest inhabitants in the village, given which such warmth of feeling, captivated my attention; living proof that the Church in the Christian sense is the family of God.

It is significant that St Anne's Church was rebuilt in the middle of the 19th Century when the traditional celebration of the patronal feasts were widely revived in the Church of England. Our feast included seconds served by a church warden, if you were too embarrassed to go for it yourself.

Yes, St Anne is our special Intercessor and Advocate in heaven and a huge cult of healing is living proof of this. St. Anne's School in Welton is our closest example of this, why it was named St. Anne's is a mystery, good thinking by someone!

The Bishop of Hull, Richard Frith, started his sermon with a question "What have St. Anne and the Queen Mother in common?" Answer: "They are both Grandmothers". The Bishop's third ingredient of partronalism was his aim 1) We do honour our patron saints, our advocates in heaven, during patronal festivals. 2) It is important to restore our Church buildings. 3) The word Church does mean in the Christian sense, the

people of God, the family of God and to have lunch together in the Village Hall reinforced this fact. It was brilliant to see so much Christian happiness. Both the Bishop in his sermon and Sandra in the prayers, used the collect of St. Anne and her husband Joachim:

Lord God of Israel
Who bestowed such grace on Anne and Joachim
That their daughter Mary grew up obedient to your word
And made ready to be the Mother of your Son:
Help us to commit ourselves in all things to your keeping
And grant us the salvation you promised to your people;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord
Who is alive and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

Our village playwright sat at the Bishop's table with his sleeves rolled up, ready for action with his wife, wondering what comments appropriate or otherwise he might have tucked up the remainder of his sleeve. Yes, David Wood and the Committee are always looking for new talent.

The Ellerker Review is on the last Friday and Saturday in January, 2001. Who knows we might even have the editor of Ellerker News on the stage [absolutely no chance – Ed]. His skills as a movie buff have certainly created a lot of enjoyment during the winter months. Please contact David Wood on 424474 if you want to take part in the show. It is still our aim to have everyone in the audience performing on stage. How about you taking part?

Future Events/ Services:

- 26/27 January 2001 Ellerker Show/ Review
- Details of the Harvest Festival, Carol Singing and Christmas Services will be delivered to every house.

- MB

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA held an open meeting in July, when the Hall was full, to hear Mrs Joyce Yates of Billington Sugar Group. Her life story was hilarious and her talk on the varying types of sugar was accompanied by tasting and generous free samples.

In August, members went to Harrogate and Knaresborough by coach, followed by a very well presented tea at Escrick YCA branch. We also entertained elderly people from Walkington for tea in the summer, with the proceeds for YCA funds.

In September we held our annual show. The set recipe was for Date and Walnut loaf, with thirteen entries. The E A Wood Cup, for the best entry in the show, was won by Mrs B Burton, with an embroidered tablecloth. All members had decided informally that this must be the best entry and the judge Mrs Audrey Jameson, formerly of Ellerker, had evidently thought the same.

In October Mr Gill comes to speak on the story of Hessele Road.

- MD

Dear Residents,

As some of you know, I have been working to have a bus shelter erected at the top of Mill Hill and Ringbeck Lane. This has been approved and should be up for this winter.

The quotation has been £1200 and the Parish Council has donated £750. This leaves a shortfall of £450, which we, the residents are to find

I am now asking for your help. The Parish Council will pay out the full £1200, but we must re-pay them the £450 as soon as possible.

So I need either ideas for fund-raising, or for residents to support this cause, by raising or donating money towards this project. I myself am hoping to organise a cake stall, with residents making cakes/buns/jam etc.

Remember, many children of both South Cave and South Hunsley schools wait in that exposed area for their bus, children as young as four. The bus stop is also for the use of people using the regular bus.

Please contact me you wish to discuss this further and are willing to help. Phone Tracy on 01430 424034.

Thank you.

- Tracy McFayden

Parish Council

Parish Paths Partnership – All the work on kissing gates, stile, sign posts and steps is complete and two of the paths that need it, are now being mown regularly.

Speed Limit – Further discussion about a village speed limit has taken place with Paul Copeland of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. A village meeting to discuss the contentious issues which may be raised by this, is due to take place on 19th September. Mr Copeland has been invited to attend.

Bus Shelter – It has been agreed that an order will be placed for a bus shelter to be located at Hill Top. The Parish Council will fund £750 of the £1,200 total. (See the letter in this issue of EN from Mrs McFayden – Ed.) East Riding of Yorkshire Council have been informed so that they can carry out preparatory roadside work.

Bungalow, Main Street – The application for the demolition of “Dora’s Bungalow” has been passed, as has the application for the replacement dwelling.

Black Horse Ventilation – The latest proposal for the ventilation of the kitchen has been accepted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Litter Bin – despite East Riding of Yorkshire Council providing an unnecessary (and incongruous) bin on the large Playing Field, they have said that they are unable to provide a litter bin at Ringbeck Crossroads, unless the Parish Council pay for one.

Footpath at Rose cottage – after prolonged complaints from the Parish Council the tree stump in the footpath has finally been removed.



Potholes on Norfolk Bank

Lane – these have been now been filled.

Cave Lane footpath – A promise has been made by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, so expect the footpath to be re-instated before the end of the Millennium year (or should that be the Millennium?).

KC – There has been no response to requests for a meeting to discuss their plans for telephone cabling in the village.

Ings Lane and Dutch Lorries – Following representations about large, fast moving foreign trucks travelling at high speed through the village, they have been replaced by vehicles moving at a more appropriate speed.

Riplingham Highway at South Cave – Support was requested from South Cave Parish Council in their protest to East Riding of Yorkshire Council at the opening up to motorised vehicles, of what is currently a bridle-way.

Main Street Flooding – the flooding after heavy rain at White House Farm corner was again brought to the attention of East Riding of Yorkshire Council and a permanent solution re-

quested.

Poolbank Salads CHP – The Council put forward their considered opinion on the proposed Combined Heat and Power Plant at Poolbank Salads (ex old Carrdales), Norfolk Bank Lane.

Woodale Farm Garage – The planning application has been withdrawn.

South Cave Interchange – Further accidents here, have prompted the request that the Council should be present at any site meeting due to take place.

Hilltop parking recent problems – There has been roadside parking at the brow of Howden Croft Hill, which has placed passing traffic in a dangerous position. The police will be asked to take action if this continues.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, 26th September

Tuesday, 21st November

- TJP

WHEN I WAS YOUNG

When I was young I used to roam
Around the fields and woods of home
I knew each tree and little stream,
On grassy banks I'd lie and dream
— When I was young.

And in the village small and neat
I knew each cobble in the street,
And every face that passed me by
Would have a smile or wink an eye
— When I was young.

Now I'm older, with children two
Back in the place that once I knew
But it has changed an awful lot
With new estate and building plot
— Since I was young.

And as my children older grow
This will be the place they know
And will their memory also yearn
And say to youngsters in their turn
— "When I was young".

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- Ed

Playing Fields

Our much loved Horse Chestnut tree on the large playing field is causing the Committee some concern. At about 8.10pm one evening in August, whilst Tim Pickles was strimming the sides of the Beck, he heard a loud crack and 30 seconds later another large branch crashed to the ground.

Thanks are due to the Bradley family, for tidying up the debris and carting it away. After the fall of the first branch in May, the Committee had taken advice from two tree surgeons, both of whom pronounced it to be safe. However, in fairness to both tree surgeons, it is understood that Chestnut trees suffer from a phenomenon known as Summer Branch Drop, which means what it says, branches drop off without warning.

Since then, the tree has been inspected by the Trees Officer of East Riding of Yorkshire Council, who has advised that the canopy is thinned, to reduce the wind resistance, by between 20% and 25%, by removing some smaller branches and reducing the weight of the lower ones.



Quotations have been accepted for this work, which will be carried out once the leaves have fallen. In the meanwhile everyone is being asked to keep away from the tree and not to tie ropes and swings to the branches.

To cover for the future, when the Chestnut may have to be felled on safety grounds, the Committee is considering planting a mature tree nearby. It is felt that a mature tree, with a large root ball, would establish more quickly than a sapling and would also be less vulnerable to damage. If anyone has any ideas for a suitable species or would like to make a donation towards the costs, please contact a committee member.

The Sports Day was held on Saturday, 2nd September and in spite of some very inclement weather in the morning, all the races were completed before the rain returned. The winner of the Rose Bowl was Pat Jorna, for the best aggregate points for the adult competitions.

The winner of the Neighbourhood Watch Shield for the best performance in outdoor competition was James Cockin, who was visiting his grandparents, with his mother Caroline (nee Dennett) from North Cave. The overall winner of the indoor competitions was Fiona Scott.

Winners of the other competitions were:

Best Plant – Pat Jorna
 3 Blooms – Philip Copeland
 Single Rose – Sarah Wood
 Scones – Catherine Scott
 Welly Chucking: (Men) – Philip Wood
 Welly Chucking: (Ladies) – Anne Barker
 Welly Chucking: (Boys) – Mark Puckering.

The childrens' entries into the competitions, were as usual excellent and the miniature gardens showed clearly the influence of the TV Gardeners. The difficult task of judging fell to Miss Rita Nichols. Mrs Kay Barratt judged the flowers and cookery.

The Childrens' Christmas Party is the next planned date on 6th January 2001.

- TC-T

Millennium Committee

July the 14th, whilst celebrated as Bastille Day in France, saw Ellerker hold a Medieval Banquet Night in the marquee, erected for the next day's Village Millennium Day events. The banquet proved to be a great success, good food and fun being enjoyed by the large number who attended. Fire eating, Juggling, an Executioner entertained the participants. Village Stocks played part in the evening's entertainment and were used to full effect on those found guilty of misdemeanours.

Saturday, the 15th with various activities planned in the afternoon to celebrate the Village Day, turned out to be a dull and cold day, with blustery winds. Certainly not the type of day hoped for, after all the planning that had gone into the organisation. In the event we were lucky that the rain held off and true to fashion, the sun shone through as the afternoon's events were coming to a close.

Dancing groups of Morris Dancers, Garland Girls and Cloggies provided entertainment. Music was very well performed by the Jazz section of The K o H Youth Orchestra and Bands. A Bouncy Castle absorbed some of energy of the children and the Crime Prevention Exhibition Bus was also present. The catering facilities in the Village Hall were well attended and the exhibition of Village memorabilia in the St. Anne's Church was well attended. A children's entertainment programme, including a magician's act and a disco was held in the Village Hall in the evening.

With the Millennium Day now over, there is not a lot left for the Committee to arrange for the rest

of the year. The next item will be additional Fireworks in November. As advised, in earlier Newsletters, any surplus money from the Millennium Committee events is to be divided between various charities/village committees, as voted by the Committee. However, the next possible notable event on the horizon is the Queen's Jubilee in 2003. It is not the intention of any present Committee member to arrange anything for the Village. If anyone feels in mind to form a Village Jubilee Committee to celebrate the Jubilee in 2003, £100 will be reserved for the use of such a Committee to 'kick start' the funds, If nobody rises to this challenge, then the £100 will eventually be divided out as an additional surplus fund element.

Praise from elsewhere – The reinstatement of a Village Pump did not meet with wholesale approval from the Village residents at the time. It was pleasing to note that such comments that were made are somewhat negated by the obvious pleasure expressed by a correspondent from Leeds, who wrote to the 'This England' magazine. The magazine, which boasts a worldwide readership of 2 million, printed in the Winter '99 edition, a letter praising the Ellerker pump and included a photograph of it. The magazine editor stated, " I'd rather make a pilgrimage to see the shiny new village pump at Ellerker, than spend a day trudging round that dreadful Dome at Greenwich"

Maybe we could have charged for it.

– JA

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER — DECEMBER

October

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Educating Rita 7.00 for 7.30pm.
- 21 WI Jumble Sale, Village Hall

November

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

December

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm

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