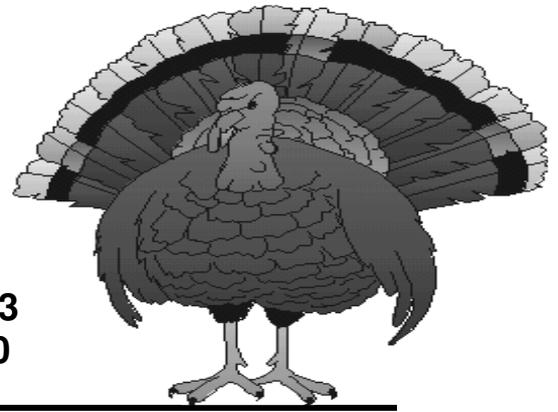


Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Ellerker "Concert III"

The sequel to the sequel – first performed in 1999. The next Concert will run from Friday, 26th January to Saturday, 27th January 2001.

The Village Hall doors will open at 7pm and the show will start at 7.30 prompt.

As in previous years, tickets are likely to be in big demand, to avoid wallet breaking black market prices it pays to book early – but not too early. Tickets will be available from 10am, Saturday, 6th January 2001 from the usual sources: Frank Barratt (422591), Alan Scott (422542) and David Wood (424474), prices are £5 and £4 (concessions).

Discover the treats which Ellerker's Most Excellent Entertainers have in store for us and if they can maintain the formidable standard of previous years!

– Ed.

Women's Institute

In the last quarter of the year 2000 the WI has had some excellent talks and demonstrations. Peter Key gave a very interesting talk and slide show in October on walks in the North – hopefully, he'll be back next year.

November brought a member of the Humber Rescue team to the Institute, armed with lots of slides, information and anecdotes. We hope to visit their boathouse sometime in the New Year. We also held our Annual General Meeting where the existing Committee was voted in to see us through 2001.

December saw us all knee-deep in fabric, pipe cleaners and glue as we made Christmas decorations and later tucked into the delicious buffet supplied by the Members.

We'd like to take this opportunity to say we hope all the Newsletter readers enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous New Year. Hope to see you in 2001!

- YM

What does it mean?

You may sometimes have been puzzled by the picture which appears in the top right hand corner of EN. It usually has some connection with a story on the front page. The Knight on Horseback in EN11 related to the Millennium Group's Medieval Night and last issue's Polar Bear Cub connected to the piece about global warming and the possibility that in less than 50 years time Polar Bears could be extinct.

– Ed

Village Hall

The year 2000 has been very productive and many thanks must go to the 1999/2000 Committee for their sterling work in securing the funding and organising the modernisation of the Village Hall.

The Annual General Meeting was held in November where a new Committee was voted in. Details of Committee Members and Representatives are given below, for information.

Comittee:

Chairman: Mr David Green
Secretary: Mrs Yvonne Morris
Treasurer: Mr Mike Parker
Booking Officer: Mrs Jessie Puckering
Elected Members: Mrs Val Culley & Mr Stephen Howarth

Organisation representatives:

Parish Council: Mrs Jessie Puckering
St Anne's Church: Mrs Margaret Green & Mr Hugh Harrison
Women's Institute: Mrs Lilian Cole & Mrs Ann Barker
YCWA: Mrs Mary Dennis
Playing Field: Mrs Lilian Cole & Mrs Ann Barker

The Village Hall is there to be used – don't forget to consider it when arranging a party or event. The hire charges are very competitive and will remain so the more people use it.

All that remains is to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year!

- YM

St. Anne's

During Advent we need to ask ourselves would we recognise Jesus if he walked into our village. How do we prepare ourselves in our daily lives for this experience?

John Kings North has a fivefold answer:

- By fighting all evil;
- By preaching the gospel;
- By feeding the hungry;
- By releasing the oppressed; and
- By healing the sick.

Christingle services in aid of the National Children's Society are a means of preparing ourselves by receiving and sharing God's love with children in need.

In our personal lives we need to echo this sharing of God's love to show compassion, kindness and humility and above all love to other people. Our society has recently been shattered by the death of a young boy in Peckham. A caring, sharing society of God's love should have accompanied him home.

I recently returned from a pilgrimage to Syria walking in the footsteps of St. Paul. On the border between Jordan and Syria, a sign stated:

"Visitors are welcome to Syria, your enjoyment and safety is of great importance to us."

Damiola Taylor aged 10 should have received a sharing of God's love to make him feel welcome. This should be an easy thing for everybody in a caring, sharing society to recognise.

Thankfully we in Ellerker experience this Christian way of Life and outwardly care for each other. The fact that we are having a bus shelter to keep the children dry on their way to school and the extension to the village hall is similarly a way of caring for our children. We all know who previously unlocked the village hall every wet morning for our children, a means of God's love shared with others.

The village show in January is now being sensitively produced in accordance with everybody's acting, dancing and singing skills with costumes being made or not made as appropriate to the extent of revelation.

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It has been kindly pointed out to me that there was a mistake in the Autumn edition of Ellerker News. I had wrongly included some of the general fund raising in with the refurbishment fund. We still need additional funds to reach our roof target of £10,000 together with money for essential repairs to the Church footpath now that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council has refused to adopt it.

- MB

Yorkshire Countrywomen

In October, Mr Alec Gill spoke on the history of the Hessle Road fishing community, with slides of characters like big Lil Bilocca and deckie learners aged 14, going on their first fishing trip in the summer. If they had gone to Icelandic waters in the winter, they would never have signed on again.

In November Mrs Rachel Stainforth gave a talk on beauty therapy. She is starting her own business on the site of the South Cave Copper Kettle antique shop.

December was the Christmas Party Dinner served by Mrs Janet Martin and helpers, with musical entertainment by Angela Brown and her friend Diane Thompson. Mrs Thompson has a voice akin to that of Judith Durham of the Seekers.

Our charity event this year was for Heart Research, when Mrs Audrey Jamson, formerly of Ellerker, gave a demonstration of Christmas decorations, accompanied by a flow of friendly chat, which made an enjoyable afternoon with a full Village Hall.

Outings to the R&R Restaurant at Hemingbrough and the Bell Hotel at Driffield, for the East Riding Christmas Lunch, were enjoyed.

New members this year included Mrs Anne Everett of Sands Lane and Mrs Tarleton of the Old Plough.

Happy Christmas to all.

- MD

Dear Residents

The bus shelter fund-raiser was a success; the full £450 was raised.

A big THANK YOU to all those who donated money that totalled £390.

Thank you to all those who baked cakes, buns etc. for the day, they went down a treat. The tombola was also heaving with prizes, a big thank you to the residents and friends who donated prizes, also a big thank you to SAFEWAYS, BROUGHT; SPAR, BROUGHT; LLOYDS CHEMIST, BROUGHT; COSTCUTTER, SOUTH CAVE and WELTON MEMORIAL CLUB, WELTON for their generous donations for the tombola.

And finally one big THANK YOU to all those

who helped on the day, it was greatly appreciated.

After the £450 was given to the Parish Council there was around £80 left over. Myself and Sharron Jenkins have decided that as the money was raised for the children it will be spent on the children, so we have asked for some of the money to be spent on hiring an entertainer for the Children's Christmas Party, money left over to be spent on behalf of the children of the village. Once again -

THANK YOU TO EVERYBODY CONCERNED

Now we await the Bus Shelter

Tracy MacFayden

Energy Survey

Many thanks, to those who contributed to the Village Energy Survey. The RSPB will now be at least £40 better off, following your returns to the Energy Efficiency Partnership. If the advice you are given is able to save you energy in the home then the environment will have benefited twice over.

- TJP

Parish Council

Speed limit: The public meeting in the Village Hall on 19th September determined that there was no need for a speed limit in the village, however it was agreed that advisory signs at the entry to the village could be beneficial. The ideas for location and style of these signs, are to be pursued at a site meeting with Mr Copeland of East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

Precept for 2001/2002: After reviewing the accounts and following discussion, this was set at £1,575.

Planning: Ebenezer House, Main Street – application for swimming pool and removal of trees; Mill House, Mill Hill – renewal of application for extension; P. Evison, Stonepit Road – new dwelling – refused; A. Shirley, Ings Lane – new dwelling – refused.

Bus shelter: To coincide with the school bus stop, the shelter is now to be situated on the north side of Howden Croft Hill. Service providers, who may have pipes or cables running beneath the shelter, have now given the site the



“all clear”. The next step is for Mr Thornham, the builder and East Riding of Yorkshire Council to meet on site and mark out the plot.

Footpaths: The track of the Cave Lane footpath has been dug and part filled with road scalplings, it is hoped that the remaining length will be filled and the whole length rolled by East Riding of Yorkshire Council Highways in the next few weeks.

Several people have remarked on the damage already being caused to the new surface by horses. This makes it difficult for walkers who have to negotiate deep hoof imprints. Perhaps riders could use the grass adjacent to the footpath?

Some shrubs are still being allowed by residents to grow over the tarmac footpath despite requests for their control. East Riding of Yorkshire Council is to be asked to pursue the offenders.

Sign for Trans-Pennine trail: A new sign on an unsightly pole has made an appearance at Hill Top. The Council has requested that it be transferred to an adjacent post and the new one removed.

Beck cleaning & tree trimming: A group, comprised mainly of members of the Council, spent most of one Saturday morning in November cleaning out a clogged section of the Beck and part of a Sunday morning in December helping to trim trees at Mill Hill corner which were overhanging the road.

Next meetings:

6th February and 3rd April 2001

- TJP

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed

Playing Fields

In spite of an excellent submission, the result of much hard work by Heather Ohikere and Jill Lancaster, we were unsuccessful in our application for a grant of £5,000 towards the replacement of the swings. We are now re-evaluating the quotations to see how much we can afford. The Lottery Commission gave no reason for turning down the application and the Committee feel a little hard done by, particularly as new equipment has been appearing on playing fields around the County.

Twice on quiet days during the summer, without warning, large branches just fell from the large Horse Chestnut tree on the Green. Hardly a twig was lost in the gales in October, which caused so much damage across the country. The tree

surgeons have applied for permission to thin the branches of the big tree and the work should start early in the New Year.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, 6th January 2001, starting at 4pm. It is rumoured that Father Christmas has the date in his diary. Children will have received their invitations by now, please let Mrs Jessie Puckering know whether they will be attending or if they have not received an invitation.

- TC-T

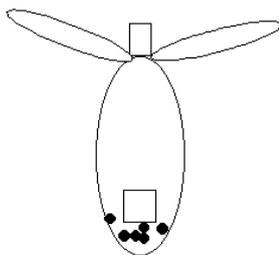


Millennium Committee

There is no report from the Group in this issue, however, the next issue of Ellerker News will contain a full review of the year's activities

Bird feeder for Blue Tits

Now that we are finally into a cold weather period, small birds need a bit of extra carbohydrate to help them survive. This feeder will attract Blue Tits, Great Tits, Coal Tits and possibly Willow Tits. Most plump birds like House Sparrows, find it too difficult to balance on this feeder, so it leaves the food for birds which are more trim and agile. With the traditional peanut bag or cage, birds have to cling on to get their food through the mesh and it's the biggest, strongest or most aggressive which end with the most. With this one the birds take whole nuts and then disappear into a nearby tree to eat them in a more leisurely way, this leaves an opportunity for the smaller ones to get a turn at the scran.



- ◆ Take a 1½ or 2 litre plastic lemonade bottle
- ◆ Cut a 4cm square hole in the side about 4cm from the base
- ◆ Heat a metal skewer of knitting needle and make a series of holes at the lowest point in the base of the bottle (this is not essential but allows rainwater and condensation to drain away)
- ◆ Tie a thin piece of string or cord around the neck of the bottle, so that a loop of about 25cm long extends either side.
- ◆ Leave the cap on the bottle to keep out the rain and snow.
- ◆ Fill the base of the bottle with hulled peanuts to a depth of 4cm (i.e. level with the bottom

of the hole).

Suspend the feeder on a tree or pole using the loops to go around adjacent branches, twigs or sticks. It needs to be at least 1.5m from the ground and no closely overlooked by flat surfaces so that it is safe from cats. By using the loops instead of a single piece of string the feeder does not rotate and remains quite stable even in a fairly strong breeze. Put it up 2m to 3m from a window and see how different birds have various approaches to the readily available food. It is not unusual for example to see Coal Tits (white stripe on the back of a black head) to visit every 1-2 minutes. Clearly they are storing the nuts somewhere, to be eaten later – quite common behaviour when animals find an abundance of food.

- TJP

New Editor?

How would you like to have a go at editing Ellerker News? You will need a personal computer (PC) and desk top publishing software such as Microsoft Publisher. Try it for one or two issues and if you enjoy it, consider taking it on full time. If you don't like the experience, then at least you will have learnt something – perhaps. The current editor intends to stand down at the end of 2002 (after the 20th issue) so if you have a developing interest in publishing or media this could be a useful opportunity. Contact me at the number below if you're interested.

- Ed

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY— MARCH

January

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Concert, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Concert, Village Hall, 7.30pm

February

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm

March

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

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