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A r o u n d u p o f n e w s f r o m a r o u n d t h e p a r i s h

Yorkshire Countrywomen

In May we had Mrs Beryl Whipp in complete costume as Admiral Horatio Nelson, speaking about the tall ships and the Sail Training Association. It rather surprised one member, to see "Lord Nelson" parking her car in the village.

In June, the election night meeting was held in the South Cave Methodist Schoolroom to hear the story of Isabella Beeton of Cookbook fame. April was a meeting addressed by a speaker on "Digging for Antiques" and the competition was for a lucky find.

In the Spring we hosted a tea party for a group of Copmanthorpe members, much enjoyed by them and also boosting our funds.

We look forward to hearing Tales by Candlelight later in the year and cookery and flower demonstrations.

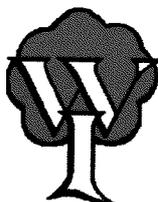
- MD

Women's Institute

Ellerker WI have been busy of late preparing for the annual Rally. This year it was held at South Cave with excellent entries from all the WIs in the Howdenshire Group. The theme this year was a book title and Ellerker came second with "Wind in the Willows". Very well done to all involved.

This quarter, we've had some excellent speakers and demonstrations. Mrs Leighton came in April from St Helen's Farm. She brought with her an array of produce from their goats – delicious butter, cream, yoghurt and cheese as well as plenty of recipe ideas for us to try. The flower demonstration in May was very successful, with arrangements spanning the traditional to very modern. Unfortunately, the speaker for this month couldn't make it so the Members enjoyed several games of "Beetle" and brainstormed ideas for the Produce Show in September.

Ellerker WI have made a dona-



tion of £100 to the St Anne's Church fund and pass on their best wishes for successful fundraising!

- YM

Coffee Morning

Frank and Kay Barratt would like to thank all friends and businesses that helped in many different ways at the coffee morning held at their home on Wednesday, 16th May 2001.

We are pleased to announce that £938 was raised for the Hull & East Riding Institute for the Blind.

- KB

Village Hall

Leeds Library Theatre's production of "Sleuth" at the Village Hall in May proved very popular. If you attended, we hope you had an enjoyable evening. Hopefully, they will be back towards the end of the year with another play.

Dennis Cooney has joined the Committee's ranks, as representative of the Parish Council. Welcome aboard once again Dennis!

We continue to receive a healthy amount of bookings for the Hall and remind everyone that the hire rates are very competitive – so, bear your Village Hall in mind when arranging a party or fundraising event. Every booking helps to keep this valuable facility a credit to the village. If you have any ideas or comments on how to utilise the Hall, contact one of the Committee members.

- YM

Parish Council

Village meeting—The meeting on 29th May was the AGM and the date of the Annual Village Assembly, the day of the year when people are invited to put their views forward to the Council. On this occasion four members of the public attended.

The Chairman summarised the salient events of the year: the work to get a speed limit in the village, the Cave Lane footpath, problems with

drains and sewage, progress on making the A63 interchange safer, dog fouling of footpaths and verges.

Election of Chairman—Chris Bradley was elected Chairman and Mike Burton Vice-Chairman.

20 mph speed limit—The requirements for a 20 mph speed limit in part of Ellerker are being investigated.



Planning—Cave Gates Nursery has a 5 year temporary permission to have three trailer caravans to accommodate seasonal workers. Hunsdale Farm (Gamebore) powder store application has been approved. South Cave Petrol Filling Station's request for a new sign has been refused.

Allotments—The largest of the three Hill Top allotments is advertised To Let, so far there have been no applicants.

Village Name plinths—Three quotes have been received for brick/concrete plinths to be placed at two points in verges on the approach to the village. These will support the village name with a request to "Please drive carefully". Work can now progress.

SC School Governor—From time to time the Council is requested to nominate a person who can represent Ellerker on the South Cave School Governing Body. If anyone has such an interest, please contact Dick Cathcart in writing

Community Policeman—Simon Gooding has moved on to fresh pastures, our new Community Policeman is PC Stork.

Bus Shelter—This is now in place at Hill Top and being used. The cost was shared by the Parish Council and the original proposer, Mrs MacFayden (see *Sheltered at last*). The Council's insurance premium has been increased to cover this new asset.

Oil Spill—There was some consternation at the pollution of the beck by heating oil in January. Brantingham Village Hall have now removed the oil tank and installed gas-fired heating.

Foreign HGVs—Foreign carriers have been traversing the centre of the village with very large goods vehicles to make deliveries to local growers. The growers have been asked to try and prevent this.

Future Meetings - at 7.30pm in the Village Hall:
14th August, 2001
9th October, 2001

- TJP

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed

Playing Fields

At the AGM held on 17 April 2001, the previous committee was re-elected without a vote. A questioner from the floor asked whether it would be possible to have the Sports Day after the summer holidays, rather than during them as in 2000, several families had been unable to take part, as they were away. The date for 2001 is planned for Saturday, 8th September.

The Playing Field Committee, have been successful, thanks to the efforts of Heather Ohikere and Gill Lancaster, in obtaining funds from the Landfill Scheme for replacing some of the equipment on the Playing Field Heather. Gill will be organising an exhibition of the preferred options in the Village Hall in late June, all members of the village are encouraged to visit the exhibition and offer their comments.

The Annual Barn Dance at White House Farm is planned for Friday, 22nd June, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £7.50, which include supper and music and dancing, are available from White House Farm, Tel 01430 422420. This is the main event for raising funds for the maintenance of the two fields and keeps them in the excellent condition they are today. All residents and their friends are most welcome, if you are unable to come, then assistance would be appreciated in setting up the Barn,

On Sunday, 22nd April, 19 teams entered the Ellerker Treasure Hunt and quiz and enjoyed the Strawberry tea. The Hunt followed a circular tour of the village and the overall winners, by the odd point were the Scott family, from Jim and Sheilagh Bradley, with the Wood family in third place. Laura Wood and a friend won the under 15 prize, with Edward Ohikere and friend in second place, with Jordan Gillespie coming third. We are most grateful to the Black Horse, Ellerker, South Cave Tea Shop, Megabowl in Hull and Hull Odeon cinemas for the most generous prizes.

We are also most grateful to all those who helped with the organisation of the annual jum-

ble sale and to those who baked for the cake stall.

- TC-T



St Anne's

We celebrated the 2000th Birthday of the church on Sunday 3rd June 2001 the feast of Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit blew out of the sky like a rainless cloud burst withrags and tatters of fire. After the wind had dropped a single flame still hovered over each person's head. But the real fire burned inside them: The warmth , contentment and strength an invisible companion to which they gave the name Holy Spirit.

At about this time the skillfully carpented Millennium Seat arrived in Ellerker, a wonderful gift to the village. Can you make the connection? Jesus, the carpenters Ascension to Heaven, the fulfilment of the prophesy "I will pour out my Spirit". Enjoy a moment of reflection on the village seat, it is a good tonic for eternal life. With this 2000th Birthday Celebration comes the refurbishment of the Church roof, started this week. Thankfully the entrance side of the church will be free from the scaffolding before the July w e d d i n g s .

B U S Y B I B L E C L U B N E W S

Our team of helpers is seeking to expand! Have you the energy and the spirit to spend two hours once a month on a Sunday morning to help our youngsters learn about the Christian Faith? We sing songs, (With actions, of course) play games, have quizzes, do craft work and learn a b o u t t h e B i b l e .

Or better still come along and see what we get up to in the Village Hall at 10.00am on the second or fourth Sunday in June or July.

Starting after the Summer Holidays until Christmas, BBC will take place on the first and third Sundays each month in order to coincide with the Family Services. This will be for a trial period to introduce the children to what happens in church. The clergy have agreed to adapt the start of the service so that it is both relevant for and inclusive of the children. After about 20 minutes the children will withdraw to the Village Hall to continue with their activities. Parents are welcome of course, but there will be helpers in Church to look after the children. This means that for the trial period BBC will be from 9.30 to 10.30. We will meet in the Village Hall at 9.25 and go into Church together. Please feel free to join us or accompany your children directly into

Church.

If you would like to know more about what happens please contact any of the following people.

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An Open Letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the people and parishes of the Church of England. The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At its best politics is about values, about what we consider most important. That is what faith is about too. Both go to the heart of the matter. In their different ways they affect fundamentally how we live together in God's creation.

Jesus said, 'I came that they may have life and have it to the full.' He offers restoration, new, abundant life. As Easter has reminded us, his life-restoring work was costly. But it was a gift for all, a gift to enable women and men to live unselfishly, like Jesus, for others.

A political life that loses sight of such values is itself diminished. Yet we all sense how tempting it can be, especially in an election season, for the short-term, the negative and the self-serving to dominate the political stage; for the political spotlight to focus less on what is in the long-term interests of us all, than on what can inflict the maximum short-term damage on political opponents.

Not only is that wrong from a Christian perspective, it does not serve the best interests of the society which we all share.

But what at this time should Christians be looking for? How might we gauge whether the cross we mark on the ballot paper shadows the cross of Jesus? Of course, there are various interpretations of how best to reflect this in policies and manifestos. We are fortunate to have a democracy that provides political choices.

Categorically, we make no covert appeal to you to vote for one party or another. We should honour the call to public service and pray that God may guide all those who seek to represent us.

Before we make our choice, we should give at-

tention to the underlying beliefs and values of the individual candidates. Their personal attitudes and moral outlook, as well as the policies of the party to which they belong, will be part of the consideration when deciding where to mark our cross.

When Jesus said 'I came that they may have life and have it to the full', he was not uttering a political slogan. But it was a statement that will resonate with Christians in a variety of ways as they consider their electoral choices.

How do those choices speak to the stranger in our midst and to those on the margins of our prosperity? How do they meet the challenge of loving our neighbour as ourselves -- not just across the stairwell or the garden fence -- but across the deep divide between town and country? How do they value marriage and the family for the communities we build and the offspring we nurture, or the schools and colleges in which those children learn? How do they address the task of caring responsibly for all of God's creation? And in that wider world, how do they view those in desperate need beyond our shores?

These are just some of the areas of inquiry that may help us relate the cross of Christ to the ballot box. There are many more, which time and circumstance will help to shape.

So we urge you to vote, to see your vote as part of your Christian commitment and to use your vote that all may have life.

Yours in Christ,
George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury
David Hope, Archbishop of York

-MB

Easter Litter Pick

The Litter Pick on Easter Saturday was successful — if picking up other people's rubbish can ever be called a success. Nine people collected a total of 62 bags, well over a tonne in weight. Many thanks to all involved,

- TJP

Red Cross

Mrs Cartwright-Taylor and Mrs Waddingham would like to say thank you to everyone who donated to the Red Cross Collection. We were able to send £164.32 to Headquarters.

- Lynn Waddingham

All Grassed Up

It's has once again been brought to the attention

of these columns that we may have a problem with "rubbish in the Beck" — not a recent problem, but one we hoped had disappeared. It is important to remember that anything thrown in the beck is likely to cause a problem of some sort downstream. In this case it was a large volume of grass which became tangled under a bridge and dammed the water sufficiently to threaten to overflow the bank and flood the road.

Please keep grass mowings on the bank and afterwards always check downstream to ensure that they are not causing a hazard.

- TJP

Sheltered at last

If you read the Hull Daily Mail of Friday, 20th April you will probably have seen the happy faces of Bobby and Annie Jenkins, their mum Sharron and Tracey McFayden. They were pictured in the new bus shelter at Hill Top. This new shelter should prove to be a valuable refuge in winter. Tracy helped raise a large part of the money to pay for it, contributions were also made by the Parish Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

- Ed.

Next issue:

Are you interested in using "renewable energy"? Do you know how to save money on your water rates by running rain water into a "soakaway" or watercourse? More about this in the Autumn issue, or phone Tim Pickles (422585) if you can't wait!

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY — SEPTEMBER

July

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm

August

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

September

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Village Sports, Village Hall, 2pm

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