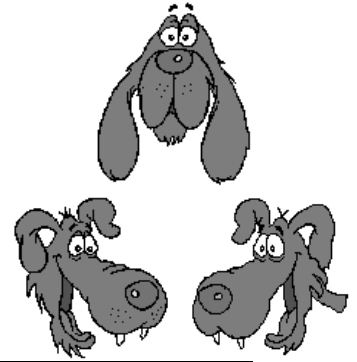


Ellerker

NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Playing Fields

Few will have failed to notice that the new equipment has been installed on the playing field. The comments, with a few exceptions, have been most complimentary, articles have appeared in the local press and even one of the political parties featured the Playing Field in its Newsletter.

Undoubtedly, there will be more visitors to Ellerker, the new footpath from South Cave has already encouraged parents to bring their children to play in our village and there are likely to be many more in the summer months.



The Annual General Meeting for the Playing Field will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 10th April 2002 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to express their opinions about the management of the fields, the equipment and even the football posts. There have been requests for these to be re-sited on the large field.

Other dates for your diaries:

Saturday, 11th May – Jumble Sale (provisional)
Friday, 21st June – Barn Dance (World Cup permitting)
Saturday, 14th September – Sports Day

– TC-T

Village Hall

The Committee has been busy as usual, ensuring we bring the Hall up-to-date with the latest health and safety regulations. Much of this has been the result of obtaining an Entertainment Licence for the recent show and, hopefully soon, a Performance Licence for the forthcoming play. Speaking of which, this will be the third time the Leeds Library Theatre Touring Company will be performing in Ellerker. The production on Saturday 6 April will be

“Relatively Speaking” by Alan Ayckbourn. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £5. These are available from Green’s Garden Centre; Mike Parker, Amen Cottage; Jane Standen and Diana Tarleton at The Old Plough. Judging by past experience, this one’s sure to be excellent – hope to see you there!

– YM

What are you?

In China they have Night Soil Workers, who collect the latrine buckets for distribution on the paddies as fertiliser. Here, in Ellerker, we have Night Walk Soilers.

These are dog owners who walk their animals late at night and allow them to defecate on the road. It is a common feature at this end of the village to see these deposits distributed by the next day’s vehicles.

Therefore, come on you late walkers, take a torch and a bag and clean it up!

– JA

Parish Council

South Cave interchange

Mr Smith of ERYC briefed the Council and members of the public present, on the proposed road layout change at this dangerous junction.

A roundabout of approximately 30 metres diameter will be introduced and provision will be made for traffic light control, should it be needed in future. Entry to the roundabout from the westbound A63 will have a progressive curve in order to reduce the speed of traffic. It was anticipated that the proposal would be approved by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, but the timing of the work is at present unknown. The scheme is likely to cost in excess of £200,000.

Rural Transport

Mr Walker of the Rural Transport Partnership briefed the Council on the options available for

providing transport, in those village communities where public transport is a scarce commodity. Options include volunteer schemes (expenses reimbursed), taxi vouchers and mini-buses

In order to consult and determine the demand for such a scheme in Ellerker, could anyone who thinks they could make use of such a scheme, please approach a Parish Councillor and let them know your likely requirements.



Sewage Works

An extraordinary meeting of the Council was held on 27th February, to be briefed by Mr Pace of Yorkshire Water Group, on the proposed improvements to the sewage plant. Yorkshire Water's extension to Ellerker Waste Water Treatment Works at Bow Bridge is planned to start in late April or early May and construction traffic on Norfolk Bank Lane is likely to be heavy for a period of time. They hope that work will be completed by Christmas but they have until the end of March 2003 before they have to achieve compliance. The main contractor will be Costain Haswell.

The work will involve building on land to the east of the present works, waste screening will be improved from 2 stage to 3 stage and the quality of discharge should be substantially improved. The hydraulic design has been based on a 25 year projection and the pumping on a 10 year projection, the latter can be upgraded as and when required.

Mr Pace of Yorkshire Water apologised for the lack of consultation with the Parish Council. The catchment area will stay as it is now, extending to Newport to the west and Newbald to the north.

Litter Bin - ERYC are still making up their minds as to whether or not the litter bin requested adjacent to the hill top bus shelter can be justified.

HGV signs - The HGV signs, requested of and agreed with ERYC, which are intended to prevent large foreign trucks from travelling through the centre of the village, are still awaited.

Code of Conduct - All members of the Council have now signed a new Code of Conduct agreement.

Grass Triangle - representations have been made to ERYC about protection required for the grass triangle at the junction of Main Street and lngs Lane.

Planning

Croft Hill Cottage extension and the BT Mast extension at Stonepit Road – approved by ERYC.

South Cave School

There has been a lot of discussion in the press about the possibility of the catchment area for South Hunsley School being changed to exclude South Cave School. This will not be the case, at least not for the foreseeable future.

Next meetings: 17th April and 22nd May.

- TJP

Gardening Course for Adults

New for Ellerker Village Hall a 5 week Gardening Course. It will provide an insight into methods of caring for the average garden. All you need is an interest in how to look after your garden and grow a variety of plants. The course will cover skills and knowledge in areas such as pruning, the use of unusual plants in the garden, taking cuttings, rockeries etc. The course will be on Tuesdays 10.00 am – 12 noon from April the 16th.

To find out more about this course and others courses in the area please contact South Hunsley Adult Education Centre, East Dale Road, Melton, North Ferriby, HU14 3HS Tel/Fax/ Answer phone 01482 633162 e-mail south.hunsley.adult.ed@eastriding.gov.uk or pick up an Easter and Summer brochure in your local Post Office, local library, some local shops or Safeways Brough. Please do not turn up at the class without either enrolling or contacting the Centre to check on places available.

- South Hunsley Adult Education

Women's Institute

The first quarter of the year has got off to a good start – our Celebration Dinner took place in January and was enjoyed by all the members and guests. Mrs Margaret Green celebrated her very own 'golden jubilee' last year – 50 year's membership of Ellerker WI! At the March meeting, she was presented with her Long Service Certificate along with our warmest congratulations. The local reporter for the Hull Daily Mail was in attendance so watch out for pictures appearing soon.



Sadly, one of our members, Dot Speck, died just before Christmas after suffering a long illness. She was a valued member of the WI, not least for her lovely flower arrangements. She will be sorely missed.

By the time you read this, we will have had the first of our jumble sales. Hopefully you attended and picked up a bargain or one of the lovely cakes from our cake stall – the diet can always start next week!

- YM

Anonymous

A couple of anonymous letters have been received, one by the Parish Council and one by Ellerker News. Without a name these cannot be acted upon. If residents are having problems with noise nuisance then the first port of call is the Environmental Health Department of East Riding of Yorkshire Council. Phone 01482 887700 or 08457 887700.

- TJP

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA enjoyed an evening of Tales by Candlelight in March. Mrs Penny Cole came into the candlelit hall – a hooded figure with knobby stick - carrying a lantern. Her stories were of medieval York and gave us a very memorable evening.

In February our evening was about silver, with members possessions being dated and their places of origin explained. We were given magnifying glasses to examine the items as our speaker progressed and we all enjoyed hearing about other people's teapots, spoons, christening mugs etc.

In January Fairfield Holidays explained their 2002 schedule of walking tours, with excellent slides of familiar East Riding scenes.

Our committee has been re-elected with Mrs Hilary Ward continuing as chairman and we look forward to our coming year's events.

- MD

St Anne's

The 4th Annual Ellerker Show in aid of St Anne's Church took place on Friday 25th and Saturday 26th January. Once again it was a success and about £920 was raised. This year the proceeds of the raffle were shared with Cancer Research. Many thanks go to all those who took part in the Show and who contributed.

Mike Bushby will be attending Mirfield Ecclesiastical College, then working at All Saint's, Hessle for three months. His ordination is in York on the last Sunday in June.

- MRB

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- Ed

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL — JUNE

April

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

May

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2pm (but check!)
- 22 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

June

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21 Barn Dance, White House Farm, 8pm

Dogs (& their owners) again

The vast majority of pet owners are respon-

sible and clear up after their dogs have fouled a public place. For those who don't care enough about the community to do this, their action (or lack of it) can cause emotions to run high and I print verbatim the original copy of the letter received on the deadline for this issue.

I wonder why it is, if we saw a person (even a child) squatting in the street and making a pile of poo it would be regarded as truly obnoxious by everyone and yet for some people, allowing their dog to do the same, seems somehow to be acceptable?

- Ed

Dogs and toddlers

Again, there are just a small handful of people who think that taking their dog on the Playing Fields is completely harmless and in most instances it may be. But if the consequences are thought through, is this so? Although very rare, the passing of the Toxicara Canis infection from dog to child, via worms in infected stools, can happen and there are medical records to show this.

Surely children should be free to play without fear of this on our Playing Fields – shouldn't they?

OK, so your dog may not carry the worm and may not foul the Field when you take it on there. But what about others who see you ignoring the "Play Area – No Dogs" sign? They may follow your example, take their infected dog on our play areas and foul them.

It may be a very remote possibility but could you live with the thought that you may have been indirectly responsible for causing a child's blindness?

Residents of the Village,
Once again I am writing about a foul problem in OUR village.
If this letter reaches some dog owners then good maybe you will take notice of this as I have tried so far with two polite letters but now I am pig sick of it.
You can not walk around the village without seeing dog excrement. The top of mill Hill on the bank being a prime example as it is covered with it, also near the seat, I can manage to clean up after my dog so why can't you (you know who you are).
And as for those people who just let their dog out to roam free you should be ashamed that is not being a responsible owner.
Something has to be done, may I remind you that it is a friable offence and should I see it happen, no matter who the offender should be I will have no problem with reporting it to the necessary people.
T. McFayden
2 Mill Hill.
PLEASE CLEAN IT UP

- TJP