

Ellerker NEWS

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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

Village Hall

Are you planning an event at St Anne's Church in Ellerker? If so, don't forget that you can hire the Village Hall, very reasonably, where your guests can meet or freshen up. Just call our Booking Office, Mrs Jessie Puckering at Pigeon Cote Farm (422761), to check availability.

- YM

Parish Council

Member Vacancy – There was one application to fill the vacancy left by the death of Mike Burton and Dr Brooker has been asked to join the Council.

HGV traffic – There is concern that ERYC are not acting swiftly enough in improving passing places on Norfolk Bank Lane to allow for the additional heavy traffic load. As well as Nursery traffic, this narrow road is dealing with work on the extension to the Sewage Works at Bow Bridge and the Environment Agency's earth moving activity to increase the height of the flood bank between Crabley and Brough.



A letter of thanks is to be sent to ERYC for the new HGV signs, which should encourage most foreign HGV vehicles in avoiding the village centre.

Cave Lane Footpath – The whole verge was severely mown and now there are signs of surface damage and of plants breaking through the pathway surface. Annual maintenance could be a significant job.

Planning

Howdencroft – the demolition application has been approved.

Beckside Nursery – the radio mast application was approved.

Internal Audit – This function must now be performed by a non-Council Member. Mr David Wood has agreed to do the job and has been

appointed.

Village Hall Hire Fee – The proposed annual hire fee has more than doubled. In order to avoid a sudden jump in the annual village precept (part of the Council Tax which we all pay) the Council has suggested that the increase be phased in over a three year period.

Councillor training – There is pressure from central government for a more 'professional' approach to Council activities. For this to be accomplished more training is required and this will lead to an increase in expense claims. It was recognised that Councillors should not be out of pocket and so legitimate expenses, on approved training courses, should be paid from Council funds.

Miscellaneous – Concern was expressed at the amount of mud on the road from traffic using a site on Stonepit Road. - A working party is to clear excessive plant growth from the Beck on Sunday, 15th September. - The Clerk is investigating alternative sources of insurance cover with a view to reducing the annual premium. - Defective manhole covers have been replaced at Ring Beck crossroads. - Clarification to be sought on approved height for fencing.

Next meetings:

16 October and 11 December at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Women's Institute

September found us all busy preparing for our Annual Produce Show. If you popped into the Village Hall on 4 September we hope you agree it was well worth the effort! Once again, our Members put on a tremendous display earning praise indeed from the judges. Results were as follows:

Flower & Plants

1 st	Wendy Hutchinson
2 nd	Pat Wilkinson



3rd Lilian Cole

Produce

1st Margaret Green
Joint 2nd Lilian Cole, Audrey Hutchinson and Audrey Nicholls

Cookery

1st Pat Wilkinson
2nd Joan Seward
3rd Jessie Puckering

Handicraft

1st Margaret Brooker
2nd Vera Patterson

The "Overall Winner"

1st Pat Wilkinson
Joint 2nd Joan Seward and Wendy Hutchinson
3rd Jessie Puckering

The "Special Category" competition of an autumnal garland was won by the President, Mrs Margaret Brooker.

"Best in Show" was won by Mrs Vera Patterson for her hand-made and hand-decorated pottery.

An invitation for any new residents, the Ellerker WI meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm – a warm welcome assured!

- YM

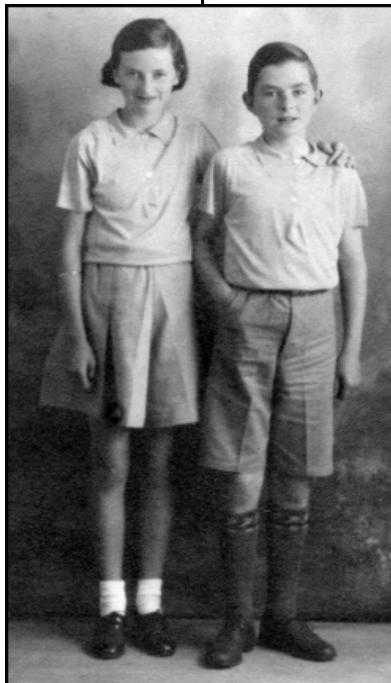
Ellerker twins celebrate their 80th

A mere 80 years ago last 18th September, twins, Maisie and Frank Barratt were born in Ellerker. Maisie was the first born. Their parents Cyril and Rose had been married exactly a year before.

Maisie, at the age of 19, married Bill Douglass in June 1942 (see *Bill and Maisie's Diamond Wedding*). They have a son Maxwell and a grand-daughter Caroline.

Frank was 27, when he married Kay Needler in August 1950. They have a son Neil, a daughter Virginia and 4 grandchildren – Simon, Claire, Rebecca and Alexandra.

The picture shows Maisie and Frank as they



were in about 1934.
Many happy returns!

- TJP

Shall we stay or shall we go?

Thanks for the feedback after the last issue. It seems that some people do read EN before it hits the bin - in fact there were nineteen responses and some were quite complementary.

It would be nice to include a new article from time to time, so if you have an interest that you would like to share with us on these pages, please contact me on 422585, or drop it through the door at Sebastopol Cottage.

Ellerker News will continue beyond its 5th year.

- Ed

A Weekend of Joyful Celebration

Members of St. Anne's congregation enjoyed two very different but equally spectacular events over the weekend of 30th July. On the Saturday evening, family and friends joined forces in the Village Hall to celebrate Church Treasurer Mike Parker's sixtieth birthday. It was a truly wonderful occasion, full of fun, laughter, loud music, live entertainment, excellent food, plenty of refreshment of the alcoholic variety, creative outfits and outstanding decorations in the colours of the Newcastle United's strip. Congratulations to Mike for reaching this milestone and to his family for arranging such a superb event.

Some of the party-goers will have spent Sunday 31st in quiet reflection! Not so for others, who left the village slumbering in the early hours, as they set off for York Minster for the ordination of Mike Bushby. The Minster was packed with the families and friends of the ordinands and the service was rousing and spiritually uplifting, capturing both the grandeur of the occasion and the joy of those becoming Deacons. After the service, the Ellerker contingent joined supporters from Hessele at a buffet lunch in York, at which the Reverend Mike was toasted with Champagne to

mark this important step forward in his ministry. The parish is indeed fortunate to have its own Deacon and we all wish Mike well as he continues his work amongst us.

- CW

Bill & Maisie's Diamond

It's not often that we have a 60th Wedding Anniversary in Ellerker.

Well Bill and Maisie Douglass celebrated their Diamond Wedding on 20th June and had a party the following Saturday in the Village Hall with Family and Friends.

Maisie was thrilled when her brother Frank Barratt and Alan Scott got up on stage and sang Flanagan and Allen's 'Underneath the Arches' – her favourite.

The picture shows Bill & Maisie on their wedding day in 1942.



20th June 1922

- TJP

Village Hall Appeal

As all members of the Community will be aware from the recent mail-out, the Committee is endeavouring to raise up to £22,000 for the second phase of improvements to the Village Hall. The sub-committee charged with this enormous task thought that this would be a good opportunity to up-date everyone on the progress so far.

We are encouraged by the interest and offers of practical advice and help from several members of the village; the financial response has been somewhat slower. The Business Plan is complete and by the time this report is in print it is expected that the Plan and the relevant application forms will have been sent to the various possible fund providers. As mentioned in our earlier letter to you all, we are not optimistic on our chances of funding but you can be sure that every avenue will be vigorously followed up. In the meantime, we hope you will agree that, if the Village is to retain what is, after all, one of its

very few central meeting points, it is important that steps are taken to maintain and improve its upkeep, whilst at the same time keeping rentals at a reasonable level.

The Annual General Meeting is to be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 23rd October, 2002 and everyone is welcome to come along and voice their views. If you have an idea or an opinion please come along and do not be afraid to express it. If you would like to see the facilities available for hire, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In the meantime we would still appreciate either your ideas, your practical help, by way of a pair of hands and your time, or your financial support. Contact can be made personally or by 'phone to Dennis Cooney (421074), Mary Dennis (422323), David Wood (424474) or our Treasurer Mike Parker (421132 – donations to Amen Cottage, Ellerker).

Thank you in advance for your support.

- DW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

The annual outing in July, was to Whitby, when HM Bark Endeavour was in port and some members took the opportunity to tour the ship. Tea was taken at Escrick YCA on the return journey.

In August Mrs C Scott brought her miniature replica of Granddad's House with some tiny detailed copies of furniture and furnishings showing his way of life – a fascinating hour.

In September Mrs Wilkinson spoke on Harvest Traditions and it was also our Show evening. The trophies were awarded as follows:

Flowers – Mrs Shirley Cliffe
Cookery – Mrs Mary Dennis
Handicraft – Jointly between Mrs Joan Wardby and Mrs Joan Scott

Produce - Mrs Mary Noble
Monthly Competition – Mrs Jorna

A needlepoint cushion cover by Mrs Joan Scott, won the silver cup for best item in the show. The daughters of Mrs E.A. Wood of Hazel House gave the cup.

An outing is being planned to visit the Chatsworth House Christmas attractions and if any seats are left on the coach friends are welcome to join us.

- MD

Ellerker Show 2003

It's that time of the year again when we start our preparations for the next Village Show, in aid of St Anne's Church, which we hope will take place at the end of January, 2003. We are looking for courageous talent, those who would like others to see them as they have never been seen before! If you would like to take part or want to know what it is all about before you commit yourself, please ring either Diana Bushby (422757) or David Wood (424474), if possible before the middle of October.

Great fun is had by all, at least by those taking part (we think); hopefully everyone who took part earlier this year will be approached in the next few weeks regarding their renewed participation!

- DW

Playing Fields

We are happy to report that the Barn Supper that was held in June made a modest profit. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this event a success, including those who kindly donated prizes for the Tombola.



Our other fund raising event for this year is a Jumble Sale in the Village hall on Saturday 12th October at 2pm. Any jumble can be collected by, or delivered to Sarah Wood at Ashley House on 422689 or Heather Ohikere at Stamford Cottage on 423411.

- PW

St Anne's

Hi! I'm back.

Eight and a half years of training were completed

on June 30th at York Minster. I am Non Stipendiary, that means I am "Free of Charge".

Next year THE BIGGEST BIKE in the world is coming to Ellerker. We are hoping to encourage twenty four riders to take part in a sponsored 12 to 25 mile flat route. Don't worry about being fit as some of the chains come off at regular intervals so you can experience a relaxing journey.

The cycle will be coming from Leeds and costs £500 to hire, so we need riders who can raise at least £100 sponsorship. For the privilege of taking part in this unique event. Only previously surpassed by David Green in the stocks and Mike Parker's cross-dressing kit for the Ellerker Show. Please contact me on 422757 as soon as possible as demand for seats is at a premium.

During 2003 we will be opening our gardens to the public (Even mine!) Date to be arranged.

The date of the Christmas coffee morning, Carol singing and other Christmas events will be announced shortly, in a circular to each house.

- MRB

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- Ed

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER — DECEMBER

October

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

November

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

December

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm