

# Ellerker NEWS

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## Acknowledgement

Many thanks to Morgan, Lloyd, Jones Associates for their generous help in producing this publication.

- Ed

## St Anne's

A set of complete Anglican Hymns "Old and New" were presented to St Anne's Church in grateful and loving memory of Professor Arthur Pollard, by his wife Phyllis and sons John and Andrew in October 2002. They were blessed and received into Church by the Revd Peter Faulkener on Remembrance Sunday, when Phyllis joined us for Evening Prayer (1662). The service that Arthur always preached at, in his capacity as a Reader, a position he held for over fifty years in the Church of England. We also wish to thank Frank Walker (Sue's brother) and Mike Parker for making the book case for these hymn books.

The date of the "Open Gardens" has yet to be arranged during 2003.

The PCC wish to thank everyone who supported our Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. "A Great Time was had by All", including some of the ladies from Fern Villa who came with Rita to enjoy this very special Advent occasion.

Details of all church services will be posted to every house in the village on a Christmas Card.

- MRB

## Village Hall

The Committee for 2002/2003 has been elected with the officers' posts as follows:

Chairman - David Green  
Treasurer - Mike Parker  
Secretary - Yvonne Morris  
Bookings Officer - Jessie Puckering

We also have representatives from the many village organisations and several elected members. We are all committed to working hard throughout the next year to ensuring the Village Hall goes from strength to strength.

It is with pleasure we can announce that the Leeds Library Theatre Touring Company will once again be trading our boards. They will put on a production of "Double Vision" which is about a chap who wins the lottery, or thinks he has! It is planned to take place on 14 March 2003 so watch out for the promotional posters around the village! In the meantime, wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year!

- YM

## Women's Institute

After another very successful year, the new Committee for 2002/2003 was elected in November, with officers' roles as follows:

President - Margaret Brooker  
Treasurer - Joan Seward  
Secretary - Yvonne Morris

We also have several elected members who form a very strong team who will organise our yearly programme, Rally, Produce Show, raffles, competitions, fundraising, etc.

We are pleased to report that we've attracted some new Members this year and I'm



sure they'll confirm they've received a very warm welcome from everyone. So, if you fancy coming along to see what we get up to, join us on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm (commencing February 2003).

With very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

- YM

### **Your Parish needs you!**

Have you ever felt that you could do more to support the community in which you live? Have you ever wondered about the changes that take place in the village and want to find out more? Do you ever despair at the antics of the East Riding of Yorkshire Council and want to speak to an East Riding Councillor about it?

Do your bit for the Parish of Ellerker and stand for Council in the forthcoming elections, in May 2003. Contact Dick Cathcart, Parish Clerk, at The Granary, Ings Lane (422498) for information about being a Councillor and for nomination papers.

- TJP

### **Village Hall Appeal 2002**

Having been warned that response from potential funders can take a fair time - and that, indeed, funding is becoming scarcer and scarcer, despite what one reads in the Press, we can only report that we still await such responses.

As expected from committee members' visits to a 'teach-in' at County Hall, we are not overly optimistic. The response from the villagers started off in very encouraging fashion, with a few donations and quite a lot of written and verbal suggestions, (all polite!), as to what we might do with our Plan. In reality, we expect to have a serious shortfall.

If you need a little reminder of what you might do or wish to make a donation, either monetarily or in kind, please be kind enough to ring Mike Parker, our Treasurer, on 421132. Thank you.

And remember what wonderful facilities we already have. If you want to make a booking, at a very reasonable cost, for that next event, please ring our Booking Officer, Mrs Jessie Puckering at Pigeon Cote Farm (422761) to check availability.

- David Wood

### **Yorkshire Countrywomen**

In October, we had a surprise evening as our scheduled millinery demonstrator had recently retired. We had a very entertaining hour guessing the use of antiques passed from table to table.

In November, Valerie Billham sang Christmas songs interspersed with story telling. She needed no accompaniment from an instrument. The winner of the Christmas cracker competition was Mrs Gwen Underwood.

In December we held our Christmas lunch at Langlands Nursery at Shiptonthorpe. Thirty eight of us went and we browsed the Christmas displays afterwards.

The death of Mrs Marjorie Patchett, a former chairman and organiser of many a happy outing has saddened us.

- MD

### **Ellerker Show 2003**

Further to our last report we are pleased to say that rehearsals have already started, to make the show bigger and better than ever.

The event will take place at 7-30 pm in the Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 23rd, 24th and 25th January, 2003. Tickets will be available from Frank Barratt, Mike and Diana Bushby, Alan Scott and David Wood from **10 am on Saturday, 14th December, 2002.**

Please note the additional third night, the Thursday, for which all seats will be at the reduced price of £5 per seat, with refreshments limited to tea/coffee and biscuits. On the Friday and Saturday there will be the usual dazzling array of goodies!

For anyone new to the Village, or for longer stayers who have managed to avoid this event so far, further information on the activities of this entertainment (?) group can be gleaned by telephoning 424474.

– David Wood

## What's your history?

Do you find the history of places interesting, particularly the place you live? The book 'Ellerker – 150 Years of Church and Village' compiled by Patricia Jorna eight years ago, contains a wealth of fascinating historical material. How would you like to build on that? For example by finding out more about the house you live in and the people who lived in it before you? Why is the Parish boundary where it is and when was it laid out? What were local farming practices 100 years ago? Have you ever attempted to find out about your family ancestors? How far did you get?

I have most of the Census information for Ellerker from 1841 to 1901 and it is intriguing to see that in 160 years the number of dwellings in the Parish has increased 80%, from 70 to 126, but that the number of people has reduced from 373 to about 290.

If these questions and the answers to them interest you, please give me a call (422585) and we'll see if together, we can form an Ellerker Local and Family History Group.

- TJP

## Parish Council

**Planning** – Applications have been received for the following developments:

- 1) Pear Tree House, Sands Lane - 2 storey extension - Approved
- 2) Micawber Cottage, Church Lane - dormer extension, garage alteration and conservatory – Refused
- 3) Sands Lane – erection of T-Mobile phone mast – Withdrawn
- 4) Brantingham Road – erection of Gridcom mobile phone mast – Permitted Development (the Council has



no right of objection)

- 5) Wold View, Ring Beck Lane – change of use of outbuilding to 'Industrial' - Awaiting Decision
- 6) The Bungalow, Main Street - 2<sup>nd</sup> storey extension, integral garage and conservatory – Awaiting Decision
- 7) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham – additional access road and erection of six 'Walker's Lodges' - Awaiting Decision. NOTE. This is also to be considered by Brantingham Parish Council.

**2003 Election** – nominations for the Council will be required in time for the forthcoming election, which will take place 1<sup>st</sup> May 2003. It is hoped that sufficient nominations are sent to ERYC to enable a 'proper' election to take place.

**Village Hall Hire Fee** – It has been accepted that the Village Hall finances demand that a large increase in hire fee for Parish Council meetings is inevitable. As with other changes in costs, it will have to be reflected in the Parish Precept, collected as part of Council Tax.

**Finance** – Due to election expenses and increases in costs for training, internal audit, Clerk's salary and Hall hire, budgeted expenditure for the coming year is due to rise by £240. To accommodate this a 15% increase in the Parish Precept was indicated, however, it was decided that half the increase should be drawn from reserves.

**Standing Orders** – The new Model Standing Orders have been adopted by the Council.

**Black Horse** – it was noted that the proprietors of the Black Horse Restaurant had written to the Playing Field Committee questioning the position of equipment near their mutual boundary. It was agreed that any dispute would be between the two parties and would not involve the Parish Council.

**Clerk's Salary** – this is being reviewed in the coming year in line with national recommendations. It was agreed by all that the present Clerk does an excellent job.

**Stonepit Road** – Concern was expressed at the mud on the road at Willow Flats and at the landfill activity, taking place at the EXRYC depot. Although on the Ellerker side of the A63, this site lies within South Cave Parish and questions can be addressed to them via their office in Market Place.

**Allotment** – the cost of cutting back the hedge to reasonable height is being sought. The request for the Council to provide a water supply has been turned down.

**Freedom of Information** – the Council is taking steps to comply with this requirement, which seeks to make the Council more open to scrutiny of their decision making. All 'Core Classes' have been adopted, extensions can be considered later. More about how to access information held by the Parish Council, will be published in the next issue of Ellerker News.

**Miscellaneous** – the Council has expressed dismay at the delay in improvements to the South Cave interchange – Yorkshire Electricity will be working in the village, to prune trees which may interfere with their power lines – the Clerk will coordinate a working party to implement annual maintenance of Council assets – it was noted that hedge height had been reduced at the Wandahome site, contrary to the Council's request at the time 'change of use' was requested.

**Next meetings:**

12th February and 9th April 2003 at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

- TJP

### Playing Fields

September saw the annual Sports Day on the playing fields. There were many worthy competitors, but congratulations go to Mark Puckering for winning the Neighbourhood Watch Shield for running round the big green, Robert Sayer for winning the Ellerker Dash (across the green), and Terri Williamson and Ian Sayer for winning that most prestigious event 'The Welly Chucking Competition'.



Due to apparent diminished interest, this was the first year we decided not to have the Fancy Dress competition. Reactions to this have been varied, so please let us know if you would like to see the event reinstated. The invitation for the Children's Christmas Party will be out soon. Please let us know if your child would like to come.

The committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- PW

### A little bit of Ellerker history

New government taxes have never been popular. The riots that followed the poll tax of 1990, the introduction of income tax during the Napoleonic wars, and Lloyd George's land tax in 1911, that caused a constitutional crisis, are just three examples. But it was the hearth tax imposed by Charles II's Parliament in 1662 that created widespread public condemnation and riots in Bristol and London. The tax was based on the number of hearths in a building and for Ellerker in 1672 there were 88 hearths recorded in 55 buildings. Ten buildings were exempt "discharged by legal certificate" and eight had more than two hearths, with Mr Wm. Towlyn having 6 and Mr Ellerker 4. The tax records were an early form of the current census.

- TJP

### ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY — MARCH

**January**

- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm
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- 25 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm

**February**

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

**March**

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Leeds Library Theatre Touring Co., "Double Vision", Village Hall, 7.30pm?