

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Barn Owl Boxes

Many thanks to those who contributed towards the cost of nesting boxes for Barn Owls, by making a donation or buying a video of Ellerker Show 2003. Six specially designed boxes, which are potential nesting places, will be erected around the Parish later in the year.

There were about 12,000 pairs of these beautiful birds nesting in Britain 70 years ago and this number had dropped to about 4,400 in the 1980s, so they need all the help they can get. See the Barn Owl in the top right corner of this page.

- TJP

St Anne's

An amazing three consecutive 'full houses' greeted the Ellerker Entertainment Group in their Fifth Annual Variety Show during the last week of January. From all reports it sounds as though a good time was had by all; it is rumoured that Videos, but possibly not DVD's, are available from the Editor of this very publication, Tim Pickles, with profits going towards the provision of owl boxes in the Village.

(So far, the members of the Show Committee have been unable to round up all video copies!) However, they would like to thank all those who helped on, behind or front of stage for their tremendous support in raising a sum just in excess of £2,000 for Church funds.

At the risk of upsetting 'our' artistes, so soon after the dust has barely settled after the Fifth. The Committee is already considering the possibility of a Sixth Show, though, frankly, no-one will have the strength to get serious on the subject until

about three days before opening night as usual. Seriously though, if any Ellerkerian feels they have a talent to be shared on stage, do please telephone 01430-424474 for a contract.

- DRW

Women's Institute

Ellerker WI dined out in January at our annual "Celebration Dinner". 2003 saw us welcoming some new Members, taking our total membership to 35! In February we enjoyed a trip down memory lane with Mr Richards and his "Radio Nostalgia" and in March Mr Ball took us on a journey around "Old East Yorkshire".

We're all working hard at the moment preparing for The Rally in May, which will take place at North Cave. The theme this year is "Farmers' Market" so hopefully that will provide plenty of scope.



Finally, a "Preservation Day" will take place on Saturday 10 May at 11am in the WI Hut, South Cave. This event is being hosted by WI Members who have recently successfully completed their City & Guilds in Preserving. The day will consist of speakers in both the morning and afternoon, with tasting and an opportunity to discuss ideas and queries. Lunch will be provided and entrance will be approximately £4.

Don't forget, we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in Ellerker Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

- YM

95th Birthday

Mrs Lily Last celebrated her 95th birthday last 14th February – Many Happy Returns!

– *Ed*

Acknowledgement

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

– *Ed*

YOUR Parish Council

Ellerker Parish Council is there to channel your opinions to the bodies who wish to elicit the views of the village.

Do your bit for Ellerker and stand for the Parish Council in the election on 1st May. Contact Dick Cathcart, Parish Clerk, at The Granary, Ings Lane (422498) for information about being a Councillor and for nomination papers – or apply direct to East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

- *TJP*

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Our 2003 meetings have so far included a talk by Mr P Lamp of Hull City Parks and Cemeteries Department, whose remit includes the responsibility for Hull fair. Hull fair has a Chaplain who travels all over the country for showmen's christenings, weddings and funerals. Such background information was most enjoyable.

Housekeeping for the National Trust's stately homes was our subject for February – coping with the ravages of sunlight, damp, dry rot and the trampling of thousands of visitors. Slides illustrated the speaker's points.

In March we had a demonstration of skin care and reflexology. Mrs Janet Green volunteered to have a foot massage and joined in the repartee. We look forward to our summer season and the 20th Anniversary of our foundation.

- *MD*

ELFHIG

26th February marked the first meeting of the Ellerker Local and Family History Group (ELFHig).

It was decided that the emphasis would be on local history and the first project will be try to determine the time period in which the village's dwellings were built. If you know when your house was built and if possible who built it, please contact Tim Pickles (422585). The time periods we will try and slot them into will be pre-1800, 1801-1850, 1851-1900, 1901-1950 and 1951-2000.

The Group is made up of Mary Dennis, John and Shirley Forster, Peter Thackery, Sarah Wood and Tim Pickles. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 21st May.

- *TJP*

Parish Council

Planning Applications:

- 1) Wold View, Ring Beck Lane – change of use of outbuilding to 'Industrial' - RE-FUSED
- 2) The Bungalow (Croft Cottage), Main Street - 2nd storey extension, integral garage and conservatory – APPROVED
- 3) 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.
- 4) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham - Extension - Awaiting Decision.
- 5) 'Verdona' - Extension - Awaiting Decision.

Beck Cleaning – If anyone would like to help Parish Councillors clear vegetation from part of the Beck, the dates have been set as: 22nd June, 27th July, 31st August and 19th October. This is an important job in maintaining the efficient flow of water through the village centre and preventing flooding in heavy rain. Parish Council insurance covers volunteers in the unlikely event of injury.

Allotment - It was agreed that the hedges at the allotment would be cut back once this



year at Council's expense and thereafter would be maintained by the allotment holder. The Hawthorn trees at the NW and SW corners would be examined to see if they were unsafe and if they are would be cut back as well.

Finance – The Clerk has carried out A Financial Risk Assessment, the Council endorsed this. The Council accepted the proposed Clerk's Contract of Employment. It was anticipated (from reports) that Council Tax would increase by 6.6%. An ERYC Councillor pointed out that the proposed increase could still be amended when the full ERYC meets to agree the figure.

Postal Service – Despite the apparent reduction to one collection per day (4pm) we have been assured by The Royal Mail that delivery performance will not suffer.

Signs – Some concern has been expressed at the lack of consultation by ERYC Highways on the erection of signs in the village. It was felt by some that the design is not always sympathetic to Conservation Status.

Cave Lane Footpath – The pathway was unusable for part of last year due to inadequate mowing. ERYC are to be reminded of their responsibilities for maintaining this link.

Dog fouling – The Clerk is to refresh the yellow footpath signs. ALL dog walkers are reminded that they have a legal responsibility to clear up after their dog has fouled a public place.

Next meetings:
9th April 2003 and (Thursday) 8th May 2003, at 19:30 in the Village Hall. The latter will also incorporate the Annual Parish Assembly.

- TJP

Playing Fields

After having a successful Children's Christmas party we are now looking forward to the AGM next month, where hopefully there might be a few Big Strong Boys (or Girls) who would be willing to volunteer to join the committee. If you are interested please

come along to the AGM on Thursday, 10th April, in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Look forward to seeing you there.



The Annual Barn Dance and Supper will be held on Friday, 27th June by kind permission of the Bradley Family.

- PW

Village Hall

Despite initial reservations that outside funding would not be forthcoming, the Committee is pleased to report that, we are well on the way to being able to carry out the majority of the improvements proposed in last year's report to the Village. This is however, subject to our being able to provide matched funding, (i.e. £1 to be raised for each £1 to be funded by grant).

The original estimate, for works needed to bring the Hall 'up to scratch', totalled about £20,000. Thanks to offers of help and monies given, or promised, to date, we are now about £6,000 short of our total requirements. We therefore need a final push from all village members prepared to support our only local amenity.

Should you wish to make a contribution, by way of donation or indeed a loan, please send it to our Treasurer, Mike Parker, at Amen Cottage, Ellerker. If you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact him at 421132, All calls and donations will be treated in the strictest of confidence, unless otherwise requested.

- DRW

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By the time you read this, Leeds Library Theatre will have had another successful visit to the Village Hall. If you attended their latest performance, we hope you enjoyed it as much as us! Look out for more productions throughout the year.

The recent computer classes proved very popular and we hope to have more classes to choose from in the near future.

Recently, the Hall's gutters have been cleaned and the protruding nails in the floor

have been hammered in. The Committee continues to work hard to secure funding to update the Hall's facilities and elsewhere in the Newsletter our Sub-Committee have provided an update on the progress of the appeal fund and offers of practical assistance.

- *YM*

Contributions

It is satisfying to be able to fill 4 or even 6 pages of Ellerker News every quarter, but often this proves quite difficult. If you have any stories, which are not time critical and which can be used to fill up the gaps which inevitably appear, it would be a great help.

It would also help if I could put more entries in the Ellerker Event Diary, I'm sure there's much more planned than we print!

- *Ed*

5th Annual Ellerker Show

Due to popular demand, this year's show took place on three nights in the Village Hall at the end of January and played to packed houses.

A wide and varied programme ensued, opening with the children in 'Malice in Hum-berland'. The costumes were fabulous and the performances exceptional. We were brought up to date musically by Richard Smith and Robert Marengi and then straight back again by Sima Bagheri with a lovely selection of songs from Oklahoma.

Once again, Christopher Williams wowed us at the piano with his Black and White Rag. No Ellerker show would be complete without the Odd Oder (not the smelly variety) who came up trumps and followed this in disguise in the second half as Barmy Willy alias Phil Copeland. There were some boozy carollers in the shape of Norman, Chris and Trevor, Chris Bradley enthralled with tales of the riverbank, Frank and Alan bridged the "Generation Gap".

The theme of this year's show was South Pacific and Marjorie Robinson has been

nominated for an Oscar for her performance in 'Younger than Springtime' with David. The chorus girls refused a request to wear grass skirts and a couple of coconut shells but this was more than compensated for by their enthusiasm and singing and colourful costumes. Phil Copeland's "Enchanted Evening" was ruined by Mike Parker's entrance in a blond wig and a grass skirt but they got together later in "This Nearly Was Ours".

A touch of class was provided by Vicky Dewar's lovely voice and Geoff and Diana gave a great impression of Rawitz and Landau with a piano duet by Strauss. Alan Scott got a big surprise with Neil Barratt's Big Red Book and a special guest "Miss Piggy" (you could tell by the legs who it was). Those same legs belonging to Clair starred in "The Cocktail Party" and the Queen (wearing Rita Nicholl's hat) graced us with her attendance (in a coach this year) followed by a celebratory fly past by Concorde.

It was a memorable show, lots of fun for those taking part and lots of hard work for the organisers, David and Clair, Diana the musical director and Alan and Phil and the rest of the committee. Well done! How about "Les Miserables" for next year's theme!!!

- *MP*

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL—JUNE

April

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

May

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

June

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 Barn Dance & Supper, White House Farm, 8pm