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

– Ed

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA has had a busy Autumn schedule.

Swanland Nurseries produced a lovely demonstration of Christmas accessories.

In November Helen Malcolmson, one of our members, showed us how to decorate cakes.

Our very successful annual party was held in December. Jenny Winn, also a member, catered for a three course meal and Mrs Brown from North Cave played her keyboard for a sing song later. During the meal, Thomas the magician entertained each table in turn. We were pleased to see our Chairman back after her Stroke and for her to welcome three new members.

By the time of the printing of this article we shall have been to the East Riding Carol Service at the Bell Hotel in Driffield, which is always fully booked

– MD

Ellerker Show – 2004

St Anne's Church, Ellerker is proud to announce that their 6th —yes sixth— Annual Entertainment will take place at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 29th, 30th & 31st January 2004.

Home-made biscuits, tea and coffee will be available in the interval as usual.

Book early to avoid disappointment; tickets are available from Frank Barrett (422591), Mike and Diana Bushby (422757), Alan and Joan Scott (422542) and David Wood (424474).

Adult Tickets are £7, Children 12-18 are £5, under 12s are free. Concessions £5 (Thursday

night only).

Rehearsals are now at full throttle and for regulars and folks new to the village this could be the chance to have a fun night out just when we are all feeling the anti-climax of the year-end festivities!

We look forward to seeing you and you seeing us!

– CW & DW

Women's Institute

Since our last report we have had three monthly meetings. In October, Alan Harrison related many of his experiences in local amateur dramatics and as a professional “extra” for films and for television e.g. “The Royal” and “Corrie”.

Our AGM in November took place after great fun making Christmas cards/decorations as demonstrated by Marion Jackson. Kate Ollett, from Hutton Cranswick, took the Meeting as advisor from the East Yorkshire Federation of WIs. She updated us on the aims and regulations of the WI movement, which have evolved over the years. Margaret Brooker was re-elected as President, Yvonne Morris as Secretary and Joan Seward as Treasurer.



The 75th Birthday of Ellerker WI was celebrated at our December meeting, in the presence of guests from the WIs of North Cave, South Cave, Elloughton-cum-Brough and Sandholme and Hive. We all sat down to a wonderful banquet provided by the members, and greatly admired by our guests and entertainers. Beautiful floral centrepieces adorned the tables, courtesy of Dorothy and Pat. Jessie's magnificent cake was cut by Margaret Green, our longest serving member, while our guest WIs proposed the toasts. Frank Ella and Friends provided the musical entertainment, with many jokes and stories. Many members and guests were coaxed into taking part, playing bells and maracas etc.

The party atmosphere rounded up with carol singing. AND we all received a gift- a china mug specially designed for the occasion.

As a committee member, thank you once again to EVERYONE who helped to make our 75th Birthday Party such a success. Ellerker WI will keep going many, many more years with such commitment.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- PH

New Year Refuse

There will be no refuse collection on Wednesday, 31st December, instead there will be a double sack issue on Christmas Eve and a collection as normal on Wednesday, 7th January. Please do not leave out your rubbish until collection day at 7am.

Recycling sites will be open as normal during the holiday period 10am to 6pm, but will be closed on 25th, 26th December and 1st January. Humberfield will close at 4pm on 24th and 31st December. There will be no 'bulky item' collection service from 25th December to 5th January. Phone 01482 393939 for any more information.

- TJP

Parish Council

Norfolk Bank Lane

It is recognised by ERYC that the passing places between the cross-roads and Bow Bridge need to be enhanced, the work required has not yet been scheduled, since money to carry it out is not yet available.

Beck Cleaning

Volunteers have cleaned the village part of Ellerker Beck on several occasions this year, an activity which is necessary in order to prevent flooding. Thank you to them and to those kind people who have provided refreshments.

Footpaths & Verges

Dog owners are reminded that it is ILLEGAL to allow their dogs to foul any public footpath or verge and leave it there.

Planning Applications

- 1) Belvedere, Ring Beck Lane - Extension to rear – APPROVED.
- 2) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham – additional access road and erection of six 'Walker's Lodges' – APPEAL DISMISSED.
- 3) Croft Garth Farm, Main St. – new dwelling to the West - APPEAL DISMISSED.

- 4) Hunsdale Farm, Brough Road – Farm Buildings change of use - APPROVED.
- 5) Ellerker Growers, Ings Lane - New dwelling - REFUSED.
- 6) 1 Croft Cottage - Extension – 2nd Application – REFUSED.
- 7) Church House - Demolish existing and erect new double garage – REFUSED.
- 8) Ellerker Hall – Field Shelter - APPROVED.
- 9) Wandahome – Illuminated Sign - REFUSED.
- 10) Church House - Demolish existing and erect new double garage – 2nd Application - Awaiting Decision.
- 11) Mount Airy Business Park – Change of use - Awaiting Decision.
- 12) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham – Extension - Awaiting Decision.
- 13) 1 Croft Cottage - Extension – 3rd Application – Awaiting Decision.

Councillor's Allowances

The Council had received a letter from ERYC encouraging Parish Councillors to consider being paid Allowances. After some discussion, it was agreed unanimously, that Ellerker Parish Councillors would not claim allowances. Members are satisfied that as long as they are not out of pocket through serving on the Council, there is no need to claim an Allowance.



Mill Hill Salt Bin

A 2nd Salt Bin for Mill Hill is to be requested from ERYC, the Council don't know yet whether or not it will be 'free' or will have to be paid for from Parish funds.

Notice Board

A new Notice Board is to be purchased from Parish funds and the existing one refurbished and placed in the Hill Top Bus Shelter.

Parish Council Clerk

The Clerk has handed in his resignation and will finish Council work at the end of March 2004. Members agreed that he has done a sterling job for over 7½ years. Advertising for a new Clerk will commence before the end of December, with ideally, a handover period before April.

Precept for 2004/2005

There was a long debate about whether or not the costs for the training of a new Clerk and for the maintenance of the Beck should be included in the coming year's budget. Along with other unavoidable increases it would have required an increase in Precept of 24%. This was considered to be too high, so these two items have been excluded. Consequently the increase for the Parish for the coming year will be £216 or about £1.60

per average household, it was decided however, that half the increase would be paid from reserves. The new Clerk's training costs will be taken from reserves if necessary.

Minute Books

It is recognised that the Council Minute Books represent an important piece of social history of the village. The Clerk holds the current Minute Book which starts in 1990 and also the one covering the period 1910 - 1955. The one covering the period from the formation of the Parish Council to 1910 is held by a former Council Chairman and it was agreed that this should be placed in the County Archives at Beverley, after first being copied to CD-ROM for village records. Sadly, the Minute Book for the period 1955 - 1990 went 'missing' over 10 years ago – if anyone knows the whereabouts of this book please inform a member of the Council or the Clerk.

Next meeting: 12 February 2003

- TJP

Mobile Library

Every fortnight the ERYC library van calls at the village. It has a reasonable selection of books to choose from and for a small fee, books can be reserved from East Riding of Yorkshire Council book catalogue and collected from the van.

If you happen to be in Ellerker on Wednesday afternoons you may like to have a look and give it a try, there is no charge to join or take out up to a dozen books.

The next visit will be on 7th January 2004 and fortnightly thereafter. The van stops at Ring Beck, Village Hall and Mill Hill at approximately 2.20, 2.35 and 3.00.

- TJP

Ellerker Local History

The Local History Group, which meets every quarter, is finding out more about the origins and history of the buildings in the village. For more information about joining the Group contact Tim Pickles (422585).

- TJP

Playing Fields

Railings painting

The white railings around the small field are badly in need of painting. So far we have been unable to find anyone to re-paint them at a reasonable cost.

National Playing Fields Association

Looking to future generations in the village, we are doing our best to secure the Fields 'in perpetuity'. There are two aspects to this: one is to ensure that the fields can never be sold and the other is to ensure that there is funding to keep the Fields viable in the future.

The Committee does have the power at the moment to dispose of the Fields, but only with the consent of a village meeting and the DETR, so it would be very unlikely to happen. Nevertheless, we are looking at what is required to change the governing document to remove the power to dispose of the property.

The main expense items every year are the insurance for 3rd party liability, the annual inspection and the mowing. If we were to transfer the 'custodian trusteeship' to the National Playing Fields Association, they would provide the insurance and annual inspection free of charge and this would remove almost half our annual expense. This sounds too good to be true and we are doing our best to discover if there is a 'catch' to this arrangement. If we were to pursue an agreement with the NPFA, a condition is that the power to dispose has to be removed.



Moles

We noticed earlier in the year that there was an incursion of moles. One of them was cheeky enough to pop up inside the Marquee, when the wedding reception was being held on the Green. The mole or moles are now well established and it is proving problematic to evict them. We have tried trapping and a chemical deterrent so far without much success. We need to remove them before mowing commences next season or the ride-on mower is at risk of getting bogged down.

Slide mound

There is a natural tendency for the soil at the top of the mound to migrate to the bottom and in the dry weather the new turf at the sides of the slide became badly eroded. New turf has been laid and steps have been built, in an effort to encourage users to stay off the new grass. An archaeological dig uncovered the rubber mats at the base of the slide and beyond them a sand runoff has been provided for those who exceed the statutory speed limit. In the process about half a tonne of soil was returned from base camp to the summit.

Litter Bins

The three round litter bins were in need of repair and renovation, we could have asked East Riding of Yorkshire Council to assist but they might have replaced them with the black plastic ones which are now commonly seen. Thanks to John May an excellent job has been done in replacing

and treating the wooden spars and repairing/ replacing the steel inners on the existing bins.

Jumble Sale

The Jumble Sale in October raised £169.78, many thanks to those who donated things for sale and to the helpers who have to sort the items, haggle with the customers and clear up afterwards.

Christmas Party

This annual event for village children will take place on Saturday, 10th January, from 4pm to 6pm. Please return your invitations as soon as possible to ensure that you get a present from Father Christmas, who is once again taking time off from his New Year holiday to call in on Ellerker.

Neighbourhood Watch Quiz

Janet and Ian Sayer, Sarah Wood and Tim Pickles represented the Playing Fields in this annual village Quiz and this year were lucky enough to win it - against the strong opposition of 9 other teams. This means that we will be hosting the Quiz in 2004, make a note in your diary for Thursday, 14th October 2004.

- *SJW*

PC meetings

All Parish Council meetings are open to any member of the public and village residents are very welcome to attend. If there is a particular point that you wish to raise at a meeting please speak to the Chairman, Clerk or any Council Member 14 days or more before the next meeting. The next meeting is on 12th February.

- *TJP*

Village Hall

Did you see a builder's skip outside the Village Hall in November? Into that skip went the old Village Hall windows, fascia boards, soffits and guttering, along with old cupboards, ancient cooker and flooring from the kitchen.

Refurbishment work has progressed smoothly, with as little inconvenience as possible to regular users. Once when we had no sink, the ladies of the village Hall Committee washed up one cup at a time in the ladies room's small washbasin. With much carrying of small items to and fro.

Now we have a brand new kitchen with new cupboards, cooker and flooring. Do come and see when you have the opportunity. We thank those who have donated money towards this effort, the first major improvements since the millennium, when we installed a new central heating boiler

and facilities for the disabled.

Looking to the future we hope for new curtains in the Hall, after decoration. Towards that end fund-raising events will include a visit from the popular Leeds Library Theatre and a Jumble Sale.

We hope you all have a happy 2004.

- *MD*

Delivering

Thanks must go to the team of people who, with the help of Shirley Forster, deliver this publication every quarter. They are Lynn Waddingham, Jessie Puckering and Brenda Jackson.

If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Shirley on 423860.

- *Ed*

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY — MARCH

January

- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 Refuse collection (1st of the year)
- 7 Mobile Library (1st of the year)
- 8 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4pm
- 29 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm
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- 31 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm

February

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

March

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