

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Barn Owl Boxes

Money to make 7 Barn Owl nest boxes was raised last year from the sale of Ellerker Concert videos and donations — this generous support is now bearing fruit.

Observations showed that some of the boxes were occupied and in mid June we arranged for Jimmy James from Beverley, a Schedule 1 licensed 'bird ringer', to visit and inspect the boxes. He ringed 6 Barn Owls in total, 5 juveniles (see picture) and one adult female.

Three of the five boxes erected last year are in use, which is far better than we expected. One of the boxes is being used by a pair of Kestrels and two by families of Owls.



- TJP

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association continues to support County events. At the Winter competitions (3 Ridings) exhibition at Askham Bryan Mrs Joan Scott won the flower arranging cup, Mrs Janet Palfreyman was third with her water colour painting and Mrs Mary Dennis was fourth in the poetry competition which had forty seven entries.



Joan Scott is to use her flower arranging expertise in York Minster by doing a pedestal 11 feet high when it is the YCA's turn to decorate the Minster. Jenny

Winn has recently been elected to the Yorkshire Central Committee as one of the representatives of the East Riding.

This year we have lost Mrs Christine Nicholls formerly of Island Farm Broomfleet, a regular member known for her skills as a needlewoman and flower arranger.

Monthly meetings continue to provide interest and entertainment, the June Speaker being a nutritionist sparking much discussion and comment. The competition for an old fashioned remedy was won by Mrs Janet Green with a recipe for getting rid of aphids from roses.

- MD

Village Hall

It's been a busy time for the Village Hall Committee of late. The jumble sale went well and gave us a healthy profit to boost our funds. Work is nearly complete on the new path around the Hall (many thanks to William Puckering and Tony Barratt!) and investigations are underway regarding a replacement oil tank. A working party is being formed to tackle the redecoration of the interior of the Hall later this summer.

In an effort to keep the Hall in good order, would users kindly note that any items left in the Hall will be disposed of after a period of 3 months.

Local group, "Quarto", will be providing an evening of entertainment in the Hall on Saturday 25 September 2004. The show

will start at 7.30pm and tickets will cost £5.50, which includes tea and biscuits. Tickets will be available soon from Green's Garden Centre. Hope to see you there!

Don't forget, the Hall is available for hire for private parties, etc. Just contact our Booking Officer, Jessie Puckering, to check availability.

- YM

St Anne's

No report for this issue.

Women's Institute

In April, we were reminded of Hannah Hawkswell, when Fairfield Travel gave us a slide show of "Hannah Hawkswell Country" i.e. the Northern Dales and Teeside. Our very own twins, Ann and Pat, regaled us with their version of "Ready, Steady, Cook" in May. They are much more entertaining and informative, with their interactive banter, than the TV programme. In June, we were mesmerised by "Mythical Mermaids", as Heather Applegarth told us how she began her vast collection of mermaids, which have now taken over her home.

Besides enjoying our main speakers each month, W.I. members are kept up to date with Federation business, events and courses, whether local or national. Some members are going clay pigeon shooting. Our President has just returned from Denman College where she completed a specialised quilting course. Other member representatives keep us informed on the activities of other Village groups and the area Home Economics Group.

We came second overall in the Group Rally held at South Cave, which was well attended. WELL DONE to all those involved in making and arranging the items for our stand. We did not win any individual cups this year but standards remained high and we were just a few points behind the winners South Cave.

We welcome new members, so why not join us at our next meeting on Wednesday 7th July, at 7.15.p.m. in the Village Hall. Brenda Staple-



ton will present "Samplers", and final arrangements for our August trip to Burton Agnes will also be made. The monthly competition is for a single rose from your own garden.

- PH

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

Lost and Found

If you have lost an exotic bird (feathered variety) please contact Paddy Hall – 423586.

- Ed.

Parish Council

Bridges

ERYC Highways now say that are not responsible for ALL the bridges over the Beck. They claim no responsibility for wooden bridges.

Beck Cleaning

Anyone wishing to help with this leisurely Sunday morning job is invited to meet outside Pigeoncote Farm at 10am. The remaining dates are 18th July and 10th October.

AGM & Village Assembly

The Annual General Meeting was held on 13th May, 2 members of the public were present and Lynn Waddingham was re-elected as Chairman.

Notice Board

The 2nd Notice Board has been delivered and is due to be erected in place of the original board. The original board will be refurbished and placed at Hill Top.

Planning Applications

- 1) Church House - Demolish existing and erect new double garage – 2nd Application – APPROVED
- 2) 1 Croft Cottage, Extension – APPROVED
- 3) Keeper's Cottage, Dale Road, Brantingham – Extension – APPROVED
- 4) Sebastopol Cottage, erection of 2 storey



extension & conservatory –
Awaiting Decision

Beckside Nursery

No planning application had been received for changes taking place at Beckside Nursery, Norfolk Bank Lane. Enquiries have been made.

Westlands Nursery

No planning application had been seen for the four temporary accommodation units down Sands Lane. They are to be removed by the end of May 2004.

Mobile Phone Mast

The collection of boxes and poles placed on Brantingham Road to support the Hutchinson 3G/Gridcom mobile phone transceiver has been rationalised to two sets of wooden poles. There is still a query outstanding on the suspension of a large power cable over a drain and the Beck.

Next meeting: 22nd July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

- TJP

Playing Fields

By now I'm sure all the village residents know that the Annual Barn Dance has been cancelled. This was due to complications, which arose as a result of trying to meet the standard required to obtain an Entertainment Licence. In this present time of litigation culture the Committee felt we were on very shaky ground if we held the Barn Dance without some form of public liability insurance. In order to obtain this we had to have an Entertainment Licence and therein lay our downfall.

Obviously, all the committee were saddened by the decision to cancel. We looked at several alternatives but we decided that we would be unable to make all the necessary arrangements in time for the 25th June.

The Barn Dance is important, not just as a night for fund-raising. It is a traditional event in the Village Calendar where people get together to give generously of their time and effort. Hopefully, in doing so they have some fun and are involved in the spirit of

community, which is so important in a small village like Ellerker. It is with this in mind that the Committee hope to do whatever is feasible so that we may hold the Barn Dance in its usual venue at White House Farm next year

Until then, in order to raise funds we plan to hold a 70's Evening at Brantingham Park, some time in October. We hope we can rely on everyone in the village to support us in this venture.

Thank you to everybody that attended the Annual General Meeting. We were gratified to see so many faces and very happy to welcome three new members on to the Committee, these are Keith Brooker, Clive Gray and Terrie Williamson. We continue in our deliberations as to whether we should join the National Playing Fields Association. Tim Pickles has just published the last addendum in the massive information gathering exercise he has undertaken. If the Committee's vote to join the NPFA is unanimous then it will be opened up to all residents of Ellerker for their consent.

Sports Day this year will be on Saturday, 11th September. A notice will be displayed nearer the time giving more details.



Last but not least, the profit from the Jumble Sale of 22nd May was £160. Thank you as always to everyone who helped with the running, provided the jumble, baked a cake or bought any of the wonderful bargains.

- HO

Handy Lads

Bob Jenkins of Mill Hill, with Sebastian Dexter, together form a group calling themselves 'Handy Lads'. They are participating in Operation Lifestyle 2004. So far they have completed beck cleaning and painting benches at North Cave School.

Prizes for winning teams include a visit to Disney World & Sea World, Adventure Holidays in France and Mountain Bikes. Good Luck lads!

- TJP

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed

Beck Cleaning

The Beck work on the morning of 13th June was very well supported with over 20 people turning up and taking part for about an hour. We seemed to get the job done in half the time it would normally have taken. The children enjoyed a spot of 'fishing' and as you can see from the picture it wasn't all hard work!



- TJP

Broadband

Anyone interested in faster access to the Internet?

If you are using an ordinary phone line then you are currently restricted to a maximum 56kbit/s (the fastest modem speed).

Using broadband you can use the same line for your phone and for your computer simultaneously.

In theory it is possible to achieve a download rate of 2Mbit/s using ADSL (Broadband) but for that BT has to upgrade the equipment at their North Cave exchange. As at 31st March there were 172 'North Cave' subscribers interested in broadband. British Telecom's 'trigger point' - before they will consider upgrading the Exchange is 500 - so there is still some way to go.

Recent press reports suggest that BT will be upgrading all but the smallest exchanges by 'Summer 2005'.

If you are interested in Broadband then you will need to register to say so, through your Internet Service Provider (ISP). All the information you need is on the BT web-site at http://www.bt.com/broadband/bb_index.htm.

- TJP

Volunteers?

Have you noticed in the hours of darkness a greenish glow in the Village Hall?

To comply with Fire Regulations we have installed an emergency lighting system which is always switched on to illuminate the Exits. These Regulations also require that doors either side of the stage can be pushed open from the inside. In addition there is a fire alarm in the main entrance. As an item on the Committee Meeting Agenda the alarm is tested every six weeks or so and so far has not alarmed any neighbours!

This upheaval has not done the interior decoration any good, when the term ends for classes using the Hall, a working party is being organised to repaint the walls and doors. Volunteers are welcome, so please contact any Committee member if you wish to be involved. It is hoped that this will keep costs and fees down, but further fund raising events are planned and will be advertised locally.

- MD

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY — SEPTEMBER

July

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 18 Beck Clean, Pigeoncote, 10am
- 22 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

August

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

September

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Village Sports Day