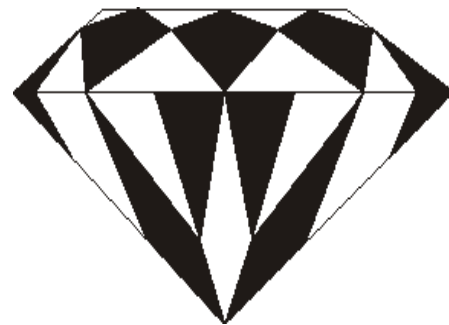


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A r o u n d u p o f n e w s f r o m a r o u n d t h e p a r i s h

St Anne's

On behalf of my family, I would first like to thank every person who has cared for my parents Alfred and Phyllis Bushby in Fern Villa. They clearly enjoyed their personal relationships with all the staff, including the many visitors and friends. The Holy Communion services were always a special occasion in their lives, since it became impossible for them to attend St. Anne's Church, since there are no facilities for people who immediately need them. My mother being a Sister in a Psychiatric Hospital for many years, fought long and hard to influence the PCC in her previous parish to provide these facilities. She gave me a roasting when she moved to Ellerker and couldn't attend St. Anne's for obvious reasons, a woman's influence clearly has more weight. Phyllis just wanted to feel normal but I had to explain that attitudes that are set in stone are difficult to melt. Her reply was, I did it so why can't you make God's House receptive to people of all needs, after all you are a Priest. Sadly when I retire to Ellerker I won't be able to take any services. I am only too well aware of what Jesus' attitude would have been to the fact that people are living beyond three score years and ten, he would have shown compassion and his divine powers to do something about it.

I have been appointed as Priest in Charge of North Newbald and will be licensed on the 6th April at 7.30 p.m. I wish to thank everybody who has helped me on my Journey of Faith and at times to listen to some of my half-baked sermons. I have really enjoyed the experience of being your Assistant Curate; it has been a great privilege.

The PCC wish to thank everyone who made the Ellerker Show such a wonderful

Success, particularly our Producer whose ideas for the next will already be alive and kicking in the silence of his own heart. Thank you for attending, tickets will be on sale in about 20 weeks to avoid disappointment, only joking of course, but it could become a reality.

- MRB

Lucas Diamond

Congratulations to Jim and Doreen Lucas who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 30th December.

- Ed.

The Future of Ellerker Playing Fields

You will have read in earlier issues of Ellerker News that the Committee has proposed that the essential running costs of the Playing Fields be funded via the Parish Council Precept (Council Tax) – as happens in several other local Parishes.



The essential running costs are Mowing, Public Liability Insurance and Annual Inspection of the play equipment.

The Committee would still need to raise funds for things such as maintenance and replacement of the play equipment.

Thus far the Parish Council has turned down the proposal, they think that the precept increase would be unacceptable and that it would not have the backing of the majority in the Village.

If you feel strongly FOR or AGAINST the proposal to fund essential running costs of the Playing Fields from a £10 per year per

household Council Tax increase, please come to the **AGM to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 13th April.**

- PW

Scarecrow Festival 2005

As most people will now be aware it is proposed to hold a scarecrow festival in Ellerker & Hilldales during the weekend of 16/17 July 2005. Several village organisations have already added their backing to the festival and so far approximately 20 households have confirmed that they will make and display a scarecrow. We obviously need as many scarecrows as possible to make the festival a success and to raise as much money as possible for the village.

If you are willing to make and display a scarecrow either in your front garden or at the front of your house please contact Bill Morris 422130, email wam1592@aol.com or David Green 422256.

- WAM

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed.

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker branch has had a recent talk on Family History and an Antiques Evening hosted by Derek Clark. In March we had a fashion Show by Kathryn of Leeds and our models included Veronica Fewster, Joan Waudby, Mary Noble, Helen Malcolmson and Jenny Winn. Discount was given on all sales so we had a profitable as well as an enjoyable evening.

We look forward to the results of the annual County Spring Competitions and to a Group Meeting here in April when our entertainer will be Frank Ella.

- MD



Parish Council

Tree Felling and Lopping – Should you need to fell or lop trees and live within the Conservation Area then you need permission. Ask ERYC for a form to apply for this, since there are significant penalties for carrying out work without prior consent.



Mill Hill One Way System – This continues to be discussed at Council meetings, along with alternative ideas that could lead to greater safety at the sharp bend at the bottom of the hill.

It is felt that traffic volume is less of a problem now that the new roundabout has been completed.

Playing Fields – further discussion has taken place regarding the request from the Playing Field Committee for funding of essential running costs from the Parish Council Precept. Funds would still need to be raised by the Committee, for example to pay for the Children's Christmas Party, the replacement of equipment and non-essential maintenance. Some members of the Council are concerned that agreement to this proposal would lead to a large percentage rise in the precept and that there may not be a majority of residents in favour of the increase, which would amount to about £10 per household each year.

Planning Applications

Hunsdale Farm – erection of new industrial building to replace pig unit – APPROVED

Hunsdale Farm – conversion of Dutch Barn to Grain Store – APPROVED

Beckside Nursery – retrospective permission to retain hard standing – APPROVED

Woo Dale Farm – erection of a new building – APPROVED

Hunsdale Farm – lifting of conditions on an earlier permission – REFUSED

Ings House – Erection of pitched roof on Garage - APPROVED

Littlebeck – 1st Floor extension – Awaiting Decision

Wandahome – Illuminated sign – Awaiting Decision

Beckside Nursery – Extension & Alterations – Awaiting Decision

Croft Garth – Conversion of Outbuilding to

Dwelling and Extension – Awaiting Decision
Beck Clearing – dates have been set for this year – 12th June, 4th September and 16th October. Sessions will start at 10am, meeting at the gates to the small Playing Field. Anyone wishing to come along and help will be very welcome - bring your own tools

Next meetings: 12th May 2005 (Village Assembly) and 23rd June at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Village Hall

Gifts and letters of appreciation were sent to our retiring Chairman, David Green and retiring Secretary, Yvonne Morris. The Chairman for the current year is Mary Dennis and the Secretary is Sue Parker.

The first fund raising event of the year was a play by John Godber, presented by the Leeds Library Theatre. All tickets were sold and the raffle made £118, but of course there are the fees of the actors and the cost of an entertainment licence.

New Curtains are in place and written thanks have been sent to Messrs W and M Puckering and Mr Tony Barratt for their help in exterior work.

Two new members of the Committee Mrs Soraya Hutchinson and Mrs Melanie Williams were present at the New Year meeting.

- MD

Women's Institute

2005 got off to a good start at our January Meeting with Terry Richards and his wife taking us back in time with Events and Musical Nostalgia. In February, Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire's Town Crier, Michael Wood, entertained us. At the moment he is the World Champion Town Crier so East Yorkshire is being very firmly put on the map. Everyone admired his striking costume and extrovert delivery of "cries" and poems. Our President invited her friends from the Thursday Tai Chi Class to visit us in March. Unfortunately, I missed this



meeting but the demonstration of Tai Chi made such an impression on many of my friends; so much so they want to start a class in the village. Next month, 6th April, we are looking forward to a Garden Birds Slide Show with Tim Mott. The competition is a wildlife photo taken by you.

Villagers may be interested to know that the National Federation of W.I.s is completing a survey of villages and small towns, looking at "unnecessary street furniture". Ellerker does not appear to have a problem. It is 90 years since the W.I. movement started in Great Britain and there are many events to celebrate this. The Howdenshire Group has chosen this theme for our Rally to be held on Tuesday 31st May, in Newport.

At our February Meeting we held our usual Bring and Buy, and Raffle, as well as a Cake Stall. The proceeds of these amounted to £53 and this amount has been donated to the Tsunami Appeal.

Please make a note in your diary – we are having a Jumble Sale on Saturday 16th April at 2pm, in the Village Hall. Come and bag a bargain or buy some famous W.I. cakes!

- PH

SCARECROWS

Are Scarecrows scary or attractive? Surely they are meant to keep animals and birds away and not attract them to our village.

Is there a contradiction in what the organisers of the proposed 'Scarecrow Festival' are trying to do by attracting visitors to Ellerker and the efforts of the Parish Council to control traffic on the grounds of road safety and the work of Neighbourhood Watch to keep crime at a low level?

When the Car Boot Sale was held at Ring Beck, undesirable visitors toured the village looking to see what might suit them rather than their rightful owners. Are our eyes open when we invite visitors from all over the area to spend a week-end in high summer looking into our gardens and houses in the hope that they spot a Scarecrow?

Ellerker is a very attractive village and a desirable place to live, part of its attraction is the fact that it is a cul-de-sac with little through traffic, which makes it relatively safe

and secure. The Neighbourhood Watch Committee has won awards for their effectiveness in encouraging house owners to lock their houses, garages and cars. Do we really want to spoil this fine record for a few Scarecrows?

- Tim Cartwright-Taylor

Rosalie and Ivor

Ivor Green, born in 1927, lived in Hilltop Cottage, Ellerker. His parents were Albert and Ellen (nee Pinder) Green. He left the village aged 5, when his father went to find work on Tyneside. He left school at 14 and went to sea.

I met Ivor in September 2003 when he visited the village with his younger friend Rosalie Meadows. They were walking around the edge of the Green looking at the view.

They both live in Tasmania and run a hotel called Holiday Lodge. The main purpose of Ivor's trip to Ellerker was to visit the graves of his parents and his auntie. Old Charles Pinder was Ivor's Uncle and Annie Pinder his Aunt.

Since that visit Holiday Lodge has been sold and the pair of them have set off on a sailing adventure in a boat called Elvira. This is a report from them in early November 2004:

4th November 2004

Rosalie And Ivor left Tasmania on Sat 30 October (as planned!) after settlement for Holiday Lodge on Friday.

But we did not leave at 10am as Ivor had promised, only 3 hours later at 1.30pm. Weather started out beautiful, with a great send-off from friends on Garden Island and Kelso. Into Bass Strait and the first few hours were lovely.

We tried putting sails up in the early evening, The furler went up easily, but the mainsail stuck and Ivor had to climb a little up the mast to free it from the lazy jacks - to my horror! Later that evening the wind strengthened and we thought it better to lower the sails - same problem again, and his nibs climbed out from the safety of the cockpit again while I tried not to panic. But he didn't fall overboard and I am trying to impress on him the importance of looking after my nerves and not putting me at risk of being a lone sailor, much to his amusement.

Sunday was still "rougher" than expected and

the breakfast on the big wave did not end up as porridge in our bowls - we reverted to corn flakes. Wind and currents were against us for much of the day and we seemed to make very slow progress, going by motor alone.

Late afternoon the seas seemed nicer and we tried the furler sail again for a few hours but took it down before nightfall. Next morning we could see Cape Otway but realised we would have another night at sea if we continued to Port Fairy as planned. We were rather tired, not being used to the short watches, so really needed a decent sleep. We pulled into Apollo Bay which is a lovely holiday spot, friendly people and good facilities.

That evening we had crayfish from the fisherman's co-op, fresh and good value. Next day was Melbourne cup day and wet so we stayed put. We left Apollo Bay yesterday morning and it was a slow trip against the 3 meter swell until we rounded Cape Otway. Then conditions improved and it was a pleasant afternoon but we could not reach Port Fiary by nightfall, so it was another night on the water, however this time it was much easier and calmer and we had to go slow so that we could enter the Port at high tide this morning. We tied up at 7 am.

Today is rainy. That's our trip so far

Cheers

Rosalie & Ivor

... to be continued

- TJP

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL — JUNE

April

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Playing Field AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16 WI Jumble Sale, Village Hall, 2pm

May

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

June

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 23 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm