

Ellerker NEWS

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A round up of news from around the parish

St Anne's

Hail and farewell.

Farewell (but only in a church sense) to Rev. Michael Bushby and Diana. Michael was instituted at the church in Newbald as priest in charge, on 6th April. The packed congregation took part in a memorable service organised and conducted by the Rural Dean, our own Peter Falconer, with an address by the Bishop of Hull, who ordained the institution.

The culmination of years of study by Michael – a truly muscular Christian. We wish him well.

Hail to Rev. Peter Draper, who will be licensed as a Curate to the joint parish of South Cave Church on 3rd July, once again the result of much effort, building on his great abilities as a lay reader. We look forward to building on our happy relationship.

- AS

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Our AGM was held on the 7th April and on the 26th we hosted the Area Meeting attended by many members from Ellerker and outlying villages. Frank Ella and friends provided excellent entertainment.



The venue for May was South Cave Methodist Hall due to Ellerker Village Hall being required as a Polling Station. Penny Worsley gave us an interesting talk on the Kerem Hill Tribes and brought along samples of the handicrafts including silver jewellery. For our recent meeting in June we had a demonstration of new ideas on cookery utensils and kitchen aids by Christine Hough from the Pampered Chef.

We are now looking forward to our Summer Outing in July to Dunscombe Park, Helmsley.

- WB

Playing Fields – Funding

You will be aware from earlier issues of this newsletter that the Playing Field Committee approached the Parish Council asking for funding of essential running costs via the Parish Precept. On this occasion the Council was unable to oblige.

The essential costs are for 3rd party liability insurance, the annual inspection by RoSPA and mowing. This amounts to about £1,300 per year. The Parish Precept is the part of the Council Tax, which is levied by the parish and for a Band D property amounts to £13.27 in the current year. If the costs were added to the Precept it would increase the average Council Tax bill by about £10 per year.



But why should the Committee make this request, when for over 30 years it has raised funding through money raising events?

Two years ago the Playing Field Committee realised that it needed a more secure method of funding, when increasing "red tape" meant that the traditional Barn Dance was no longer viable. This event was the key fundraiser.

Why should village householders pay for the Playing Fields?

The Playing Fields are a village asset, but unlike say the Village Hall, it is not feasible to charge for their use, indeed, for everyday casual use this would be both impossible and unpopular. The Committee thought, without fear of contradiction, everyone in Ellerker would want the fields to remain as playing fields, in perpetuity. The Precept is the only method we could think of which would provide guaranteed, perpetual funding.

The Committee would still need to have fund raising efforts in order to raise money for replacing and maintaining playing field equipment, mowing equipment, the Christmas Party and so on. A current example is the replacement needed for the grey tractor. At the mo-

ment the Committee has funds, accumulated over 30 years, which can be used to buy this new piece of equipment.

At the well attended AGM in April the consensus was overwhelmingly in favour of the suggested change.

Please let the Committee have your views about this proposal, either for or against. Contact the Committee Chairman: Philip Wood at Ashley House, Sands Lane, Ellerker or the Secretary: Mrs T Williamson, Satis House, Main Street, Ellerker.

- PW

SCARECROW WEEKEND JULY 16TH – 17TH 2005 10.00 – 4.00.

We now have commitment from over 40 houses to make and display scarecrows over this weekend.

Refreshments will be sold in the village hall on the Saturday by the Yorkshire Country Women and on the Sunday by the Women's Institute.

Police no parking cones will be placed around the village, these will not apply to residents who normally park in the street.

Visitor's cars will be directed to the off-road car park.

If you are making a scarecrow and have not yet told David or Janet Green what you intend to display please do so as soon as possible so that we are able to avoid duplication of scarecrows. They can be contacted on 01430 422256.

Visitors to the festival will be charged £2.00 to park their car and receive a map of where the scarecrows are located.

As visitors walk around our village we can guarantee happy smiling faces

- WAM

Obituary – Jean Archer

Older residents may recall Mrs Jean Elizabeth Archer, who died in the Spring aged 81.

Dorset born, she served in the ATS as a search-light operator at anti-aircraft batteries on the Yorkshire coast during the War. She and her husband, Wilfred, brought up their two children in Ellerker before buying a bungalow in Brough and moving there. Daughter Jean and son Bob shared their birthdays on November 5th, being

born exactly 2 years apart.

Wilfred now lives in Gilberdyke Nursing Home, Bob in Leven and Jean in Australia where she and her husband have three daughters and two grandchildren.

While in Ellerker Mrs Archer was a former Treasurer of Ellerker WI and occasionally played the organ for services at St Anne's Church.

- MD

Parish Council

The Annual Village Assembly - was held in the Village Hall on 12th May. Lynn Waddingham resigned as Chairman of the Council. Mike Harrison has taken on this position, with Tim Pickles as Vice-Chairman.



Mill Hill One Way System – This continues to be discussed at Council meetings – see the article written in this issue of EN by the Clerk, please let her have your response.

Planning Applications

Ings House – Build pitched roof on garage – APPROVED

Hunsdale Farm – Weighbridge for Grit Store – APPROVED

Hunsdale Farm – variation of 3 planning conditions – 2 APPROVED, 1 REFUSED

Humber Yawl Club – erection of boundary fence – APPROVED

Little Beck – 1st floor extension – APPROVED

Waudby's Caravan Centre – illuminated entrance sign – Awaiting Decision

Beckside Nurseries – Extension and alterations – APPROVED

Croft Garth Farm – conversion of outbuilding to residential – REFUSED

Florins – erection of single storey extension – APPROVED

Waudby's Caravan Centre - erection of single storey extension to show room – APPROVED

Woodale Farm – occupation without agricultural conditions compliance – APPROVED

Verdona - 1st floor extension - Awaiting Decision

Local policeman – a new officer has been assigned, his name is Shaun Bagley.

Beck Clearing – Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped on 12th June.

Next meetings: 23rd June and 11th August at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

- TJP

One way system for Mill Hill – or not?

During recent parish council meetings the dangers present at the corner at the bottom of Mill Hill have been discussed at some length.

These discussions came about as a response to requests by residents. The discussions started when traffic was redirected during the construction of the new A63 exit roundabout.

The options suggested so far have been:

- Leave Mill Hill as it is
- Make Mill Hill a one-way street
- Make Mill Hill a cul-de-sac
- Put up signs to try to stop people passing through e.g. Access for residents only
- Put speed bumps before and after the corner

If anything is to be done in this part of the village it is felt that it should be at the request of the majority of residents, since whatever is done, it will no doubt inconvenience some village members.

The parish council would like to know the views of residents with regards to the subject. They have debated long and hard over many options and to date it is difficult to see an outcome which will satisfy even the majority. It has to be said that if there are to be any alterations to this road they will have to be approved by the Police and the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, so it is not just the parish council who make the decision.

What are your views? Do you feel strongly enough about them to put pen to paper? We hope so, as the parish council is there to act on your behalf.

Please send your comments to:

Mrs T Williamson
Clerk to Ellerker Parish Council
Satis House
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Ellerker

- TW

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

- Ed.

Broadband

Broadband (ADSL) Internet connection is now available in Ellerker. Contact your ISP for more information.

- TJP

Women's Institute

Over the past three months we have had interesting talks from Tim Mott with wonderful slides of the birds in our gardens; the world in miniature – My Grandfather's House, as presented by Christine Scott; and Hazel Armstrong showing slides "In the footsteps of Genghis Khan". We were extremely grateful to the last speaker who stepped in at the last moment when our advertised speaker let us down.



At the end of April, fourteen of our members attended the East Yorkshire Federation of W.I. Spring Council Meeting at Beverley. We all enjoyed the speakers etc. and marvelled at the outfits and hats worn to celebrate 90 years of the W.I. – a cross between a wedding and Ascot!

The Howdenshire Group held their Rally at Newport this year, again 90 years of the W.I. movement was depicted in the entries. Ellerker came second and we won the cup for the best handicraft section. One of our new members, Kate Harris, won the cup for best handicraft in show with her lace handkerchief.

Diane Pearson, one of our Committee members, has completed a National WI Challenge i.e. to walk an extra 90miles between January and December 2005. She clocked up 91 miles by the end of May and is probably the first in East Yorkshire to do so.

We have a busy summer ahead – we are working in shifts on the Sunday of the Scarecrow Festival to provide light refreshments in the Village Hall. In August we are planning a day trip to Lincoln including a guided tour of the Cathedral. Preparations are under way for our Annual Produce Show in September.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 6th July, in the Village Hall, 7.30.p.m., when Canal Craft will be demonstrating and sharing their art work. The competition is for a single rose from your garden. Please come and join us.

- PH

Playing Fields

Tractor – the 'Grey Fergie' had to be removed due to wear and tear and a piece of replacement equipment is being sought. Due to stringent play equipment regulations it will have to be supplied by a recognised play equipment manufacturer and so will probably be expensive.

Disability Discrimination Act – the committee is investigating what changes in access will be

necessary in order to comply with this act.

Jumble Sale – this successfully raised £156.

Sports Day – This will take place on 10th September and it is hoped to enhance the event to make it more of a village fete, in order to appeal to more people in the village. With the demise of the Barn Dance some in the village feel that we need a social event to replace it.

70/80s Disco – this will be held on Saturday, 8th October, at Brantingham Park (as last year). Tickets will be £6, available from Ashley House, phone: 422689.

Quiz – the Committee is hosting the Neighbourhood Watch Quiz again this year. It will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 15th October starting at 7.30pm.

- TJP

Village Hall

We are pleased to report that refurbishment work on the Hall has finally been completed! The last phase of the work included installation of the new lights in the Hall, minor electrical improvements and alterations to comply with NICCE standards and complete insulation of the roof cavity to reduce heat loss. This latter task was undertaken by Messrs. Wood, Parker and Cooney, all of whom agreed that it was the worst and dirtiest job they had ever undertaken!

The final report to WREN is in the process of completion and it is intended to have an official opening of the refurbished Hall in due course when representatives of the funders have been invited to attend.

Having received NICCE certificates we are also in the process of applying for a full entertainment licence for the Hall to comply with regulations.

We now have a Village Hall of which we can all be proud and which complies in every respect with regulations (of which there are many).

- MHP

Rosalie and Ivor

Hello Everyone

I think its high time I updated you with our exploits - or lack thereof. The last general epistle to everyone was just before we set off for Port Lincoln over two months ago.

Well, that trip was a steep learning curve. Briefly, we sailed on the first day to Emu Bay on Kangaroo Island - the sea was rougher than expected so we pulled down sail and motored. We

dropped anchor after dark and checked the newly installed wind generator, which was squeaking. Just in time - a bolt was loose inside and if the wind had been in another direction it could have dropped into the sea! Ivor repaired it and there have been no more problems - it is a useful piece of equipment.

Next day we sailed along the north coast of Kangaroo Island as far as Stokes Bay before heading off across Investigator Strait towards Port Lincoln. We decided to go as far as Thistle Island which had a very straightforward anchorage and go on into Port Lincoln in daylight. It was really more than a day's sail so we motored again. Quite calm seas past imposing Wedge Island and to Whalers Bay soon after sunset. Next day to Port Lincoln in fair weather through a maze of fish farms. We stayed 3 days at Port Lincoln in the marina on the channel where all the fishing boats go back and forth to service the tuna farms. Unfortunately from the marina it is a LONG walk into the city and you know who doesn't like walking. Then it was off to the Sir Joseph Banks group of islands in Spencer Gulf - these lie very low in the water and are virtually treeless, some sandy, some rocky, but the wind blows right across them and both the best anchorages (on Revesby) were not as sheltered as expected. These islands would be lovely in the summer....

... to be continued

- RM

Ivor Green, born 1927, spent the first 5 years of his life in Ellerker and later joined the Merchant Navy. With his friend Rosalie he has set off on a sailing adventure from Tasmania. This episode was received on 20th May, unfortunately there is only space to print a small part of it—Ed.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY — SEPTEMBER

July

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16-17 Scarecrow weekend, 10am—4pm

August

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 11 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

September

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Sports Day, 2.30pm