

Ellerker NEWS

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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

Ellerker Votes Yes

The result of the Playing Field Committee survey, to determine if the people of Ellerker wish the essential running costs of the Playing Fields to be paid through the Parish Precept portion of Council Tax, was a resounding YES.

The survey sheets were audited independently and a summary of the results showed that of 118 households in the village eligible to vote there were 82 responses and 65 of those voted in favour of the proposal. A ratio of almost 4 to 1 gave their approval.

The 17 against the proposal, were either in favour of a voluntary contribution, not in favour of any payment at all, or didn't know.

There is a small but determined minority, in this village and beyond, who wish to deny the wishes of the majority and this has already resulted in a delay to the issue being placed before the Parish Council. It remains to be seen, following the Playing Field AGM next April, if this minority is still able to frustrate the wishes of most who live in the village.

- TJP

Women's Institute

At our October Meeting, the speaker was Ann Phillips, who was a dancer with the Black and White Minstrel Show. Our own WI members, twins Pat and Ann, demonstrated many recipes for a "Sweet Christmas" in November. All those present enjoyed tasting the results as well as listening to the girls' banter.

Thank you to all those who supported the Jumble Sale at the end of November – we made over £140, and had a good turn out.



Our A.G.M. took place on Wednesday 7th December and a new committee of nine members was formed, including two recently joined members. Margaret Brooker was elected

President and Brenda Jackson and Patsy Harrison remain Treasurer and Secretary. It was decided to create a new by-law i.e. that Officers stand for a maximum of 3 years and then step down for at least 1 year. Besides all the usual business of an AGM, Margaret announced the sudden death of our National Chairman, Barbara Gill, who died early November at the age of 63. After voting on the NFWI resolutions and other East Yorkshire Federation business, we made arrangements for next month's meeting on January 4th 2006. We are having a celebration dinner at South Cave Golf Club. Any WI members who wish to attend this and were not able to attend the AGM, should contact the President or Secretary as soon as possible. The business over, members enjoyed a special Christmas Buffet, which they prepared themselves.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Everyone.

- PH

Vera Wood

Mrs Vera Wood has died at the grand old age of 97. Her funeral was held at St Anne's on 8th October.

She and her late husband Charlie brought up their daughter Heather and son Frank at Ashley House and together they laid the foundations of the family transport business, which is still based there.

Vera was an excellent cook and was mentioned recently by a former Ellerker resident, who said that Mrs Wood made and iced a wedding cake for her. When asked how much was owed she replied that it was her wedding present, a lovely gesture never forgotten.

Vera joined in the village activities including the WI and later became a founder member of the Ellerker branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association. The initial formation gatherings were held round the fireside at Ash-

ley House. A minute's silence was held in her memory at the October YCA meeting.

Donations at her funeral were given to St Anne's Church, Ellerker, which she regularly attended. A large congregation was present, including her family of three succeeding generations.

- MD

Parish Council

Stones in the Highway – The Council were advised by ERYC Officers, during the Street Scene visit, that insurance cover of £2m is necessary to cover a claim should a 3rd party suffer damage or injury following a collision with stones placed in the highway. A number of houses had placed stones on grass verges to protect them from vehicle erosion. As a consequence, letters have been sent by ERYC to some households, indicating the legal position. As a general rule, footways and grass verges are considered to part of the highway.

New Clerk – A new Clerk to the Parish Council has been appointed. She is Michelle Scott of South Cave and her phone number is 01430 471364.

High Hedge – It was considered that the high Leylandii hedge close to the junction of Main Street and Cave Lane was a danger to the electricity cables which run through the top. The owner and YEDL have been contacted and the Council has now been informed by YEDL that work to reduce the height has been scheduled.



Millennium Seat – this oak seat outside the Village Hall was transferred to the Council for maintenance by the Millennium Committee. On recent inspection it was discovered that parts of it are decaying. The manufacturers are to be questioned about this, since it was considered that oak should have greater longevity.

Parish Precept – for the coming Financial Year 2006/2007 this has been set at £2,165, an increase of £250. A year ago there was no increase.

Planning Applications

Mill Cottage – installation of front door, staircase and satellite dish – APPROVED

Rosemount – single storey extension and alterations to rear – APPROVED

Green's Garden Centre - replacement of display

conservatory – APPROVED

Cavegates Nursery – Extension to packing shed – APPROVED

Cavegates Nursery – Retention of 3 caravans and addition of 4 more - Awaiting decision

Forsythia Cottage – demolition and replacement with extension to Ebenezer House – Awaiting decision

Magpie Cottage – demolition, followed by construction of 2-storey 4-bedroom House – Awaiting decision

Next meetings:

9th February and 23rd March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed.

Ellerker Show 2006

The eighth, yes, the eighth annual Ellerker Entertainment is booked for the evenings of Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 26th – 28th January 2006 at 7.30 in our Village Hall.

A new stage has been constructed and refurbished with the generous help of and/or supply of materials by John May, Michael Parker, Alan Scott, Hugh Christmas, Soraya Hutchinson and Colin Williams. They were very ably supported by the sweeping brush and tea-making of Tricia Christmas and refreshments provided by Jessie Puckering. Thanks to you all.

It must be pointed out, however, that the improved facilities will *not necessarily* result in improved performances by our local Thespians. Nevertheless we live in hope! What we *can* guarantee you is a fresh programme of variety as never seen elsewhere.

Tickets will be on sale from Thursday 15th December from Frank Barratt (422571), Mike Parker (421132) and Alan Scott (422542). Light refreshments will be served at half time.

-DW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

In October, local author Valerie Wood spoke about her life and work, including her newly published book "The Song Bird" - the competition for



a bookmark produced some very unusual entries.

In November, Andrea, the North Cave Florist, took to the stage for a demonstration of Christmas decorations and Mrs Barbara Harper was delighted to win one of them in the raffle. The Christmas Bauble Competition was narrowly won by Mrs Gladys Handley.

Our Christmas party was once again catered for by Mrs Jenny Winn and very well attended. The entertainment was given by Mr Alf Berry of Kirkella, guitarist and singer.

- WB

Village Hall

The final phase of the refurbishment programme is nearing completion and this has included complete insulation of all roof areas with Mike, David and Dennis undertaking this task and hopefully this will save fuel costs and provide a warmer environment. Soraya Hutchinson kindly donated new carpeting, underfelt and hardboard for the surface of the stage and a new construction has now been completed thanks to the combined efforts of Alan Scott and John May plus help from Hugh and Tricia Christmas, Colin Williams and Mike Parker. Jessie laid on welcome refreshments to keep the labour force happy. Alan kindly provided the timber and John the expertise in putting it all together. The stage is now strong enough to support the band of the Royal Marines.

The Library Theatre Touring Company presented *Wind in the Willows* on 29th October. It was an excellent production and well supported. We are pleased to announce that they are to return with a comedy *Happy Jack* on 17th March 2006.

The official opening of the latest phase of refurbishment duly took place on 25th October prior to the AGM. Mr and Mrs Lacey, who have hired the Hall for dance classes for many years, did the honours and cut the ribbon. Phil Copeland entertained us in his inimitable style and every one enjoyed the wine and savouries afterwards. Every household in the village was notified of this momentous occasion but the attendance from Ellerker residents was disappointing.

Officers

Chair

Mary Dennis

Vice Chair Tricia Christmas
Secretary Sue Parker
Treasurer Mike Parker

Elected Members:

Jane Standen
David Wood
Melanie Williams
Soraya Hutchinson

Representatives:

Parish Council - Jessie Puckering and Sarah Wood
WI - Lilian Cole and Ann Barker
YCA - Mary Dennis and Diana Tarleton
St Anne's - Tricia Christmas and Sue Parker
Playing Fields - Tim Pickles

The Treasurer was pleased to report a continued strong position with a surplus of trading income over expenditure of £448.83.

The committee were disappointed to receive a letter from Dennis Cooney tendering his resignation. This follows many years of unstinting work during which he was Sfficeers- lliams, t production refurbishment. He wilkl be greatly missed. ing his resignation. This follows many years of unstecretary when he was instrumental in the successful completion of the first phase of refurbishment. He will be greatly missed.

- M&SP

St Anne's

A very big thank you to all concerned in the highly successful Christmas Coffee Morning held on 3rd December. To those who gave, those who helped and those who supported it. The total raised to date is around £480.

On Tuesday evening, 20th December, Church members and friends will be carol singing around the village. Please support us in the Church's work - extra voices welcome!

There will be communion in St Anne's on Christmas Eve at 11.30pm and a family service on Christmas morning at 9.30am.

Our long suffering producer is once again directing us towards what promises to be another entertaining show at the end of January.

A joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

- AS

Rosalie and Ivor

Continues from EN32

We passed Port MacDonnell in the middle of the night and could see lights of Mt Gambier. Next day, we had thought to stop at Portland, but as we were making good time and the sea was so calm we decided to continue on to Port Fairy that evening. The sea between Portland and Port Fairy was like glass and there was a beautiful sunset as we passed Lady Julia Percy Island. We were nicely tied up to a berth in the Moyne River at Port Fairy by 10pm Friday night.

Good facilities at Port Fairy, nice little shops for eating, and quite a lot of boats using the boat ramp 50 meters away to go fishing - successfully; the fish cleaning bench was next to the ramp and the resident seal and huge stingrays had a great time catching the scraps, much to the delight of passers by.

My daughter Rhonda came over from Warrnambool in the afternoon, and after a walk on the beach we went back to her place and with boyfriend John went out to a very nice meal. Sunday was another lazy day - we explored the old cannon battery close by and when Rhonda came in the afternoon we took her out in the boat for a while and tried to catch some fish - well, you don't expect we caught any; however Rhonda enjoyed the little sojourn as she was not sick this time. We bought our fish and chips when we got back to shore. Monday was a maintenance day for Ivor while I took John's car (which we had borrowed) back to Warrnambool for more catch-up time with Rhonda.

We departed Port Fairy 8 am on Tuesday and in fair weather made good time with the engine, mainsail and head sail in fairly light winds - the wind was supposed to be NE/NW but it was more E/NE all the way across Bass Strait. Calm conditions, so no point in stopping at Apollo Bay as we knew poor weather was due in a couple of days. So we sailed on through the night and the next day, pretty uneventful, past King Island, noting two of its lights and we were off Burnie about 5 am, when we decided to take the small foresail down as it was a hindrance rather than a help. That Thursday was a rainy day, and we were glad when we could at least make out West Head and then Low Head with its light flashing in the gloom. We entered the Tamar River about 4 pm, and were delighted to hear a strong wind warning then broadcast for the northwest coast. It was a slow trip against the tide to Beauty Point where we tied up about 5.30 pm. Annie Young

was there to meet us and Ron and Sylvia from the marina helped us tie up.

Since then, life has been a whirlwind of catching up with friends and acquaintances - so nice to be back (home), to see everyone and not to have the weight of Holiday Lodge constantly pulling me back to work. We brought the rain with us - it has rained most of the past two weeks, but it was desperately needed here and throughout most of south eastern Australia, But now it is clear and fine and perhaps frosty.

As an aside, Ivor trolled a fishing line most of the way across Bass Strait. His reward wasonly seaweed! As for me, I know what my luck's like with fishing, so I don't try. But perhaps I might have to change my tune - we might get very hungry if we spend a few weeks on the ocean!! That's food for thought.

Cheers from Tassie
Rosalie and Ivor

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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 is the 2nd part of the story received on 11th July, —Ed.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY — MARCH

January

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Ellerker Show 2006. 7.30pm
- 27 Ellerker Show 2006. 7.30pm
- 28 Ellerker Show 2006. 7.30pm

February

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

March

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