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EN Distribution

Shirley Forster has reliably and consistently handled the distribution of Ellerker News for many years. She has decided to hang up her stapler and retired after issue 33. If anyone would like the job of taking delivery of the bulk of the copies, collate, staple and distribute to the delivery team please contact me. If you could deliver a couple of dozen copies as well, all the better – but not essential.

Lynn Waddingham is one of the delivery team and has also decided to call it a day after 8 years; this issue will be her last. If you would like to consider delivering copies to Mill Hill and Howdencroft Hill please contact me.

On behalf of the village I would like to convey our thanks to both of them for their years of service to the community.

Please contact Tim Pickles, by phone: 422585 or tim_pickles@yahoo.co.uk

- TJP

Ellerker Scarecrow Festival 22-23 July 2006

It is proposed to hold the second Ellerker Scarecrow festival on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July 2006.

Last years festival was a huge success bringing hundreds of visitors to the village to see over 40 households with scarecrow displays. This enabled much needed funds to be distributed among several village organisations.

It was only possible to stage the festival through the volunteers who worked so hard producing their scarecrows for the weekend. It is hoped this year to show

more scarecrows so we are asking that anyone who is willing to make and show a scarecrow contact DAVID or JANET GREEN on 422256 or BILL MORRIS 422130, email wam1592@aol.com.

If you already have an idea about what sort of scarecrow you want to do tell David or Janet, it will be first come first served with ideas. As last year scarecrows are to be placed at front of houses/gardens so that visitors do not have to enter premises.

We hope again to have stalls such as Tombola, Ice cream, and the much needed refreshments in the village hall. We are also looking at the possibility of a second-hand book and CD stall. If you want to raise money for your own charity or organisation and want to hold a table top sale of your own at your gate or drive please let us know.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you are willing to take part or offer help in any way. Thank you.

- WAM

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed.

Women's Institute

The Members who attended the Celebration Dinner at South Cave Golf Club in January, agreed it had been a great success and would like to repeat the experience next year.

In February we heard all about the wonderful work



done by the "Make a Wish" Foundation from local representatives David and Thelma Horner. The Foundation are like fairy god-mothers, granting the wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses, e.g. swimming with dolphins, going to Disneyland, being a Princess for the day etc.

Another wonderful organisation was represented by Dave Thompson and his dog, "Guilder", when he visited us on 1st. March – Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Many of us had seen the dogs working on various TV shows but it was interesting to hear more about their training, many of the dogs being "rescue dogs."

Next month, Wednesday 5th April, there will be a change to the programme as we had hoped to have the WI Country Markets but sadly, they have been disbanded.

I was due to speak in July so I have brought forward my talk and hope to book a speaker on some aspect of gardening for July. Our next meeting will therefore contain a talk on "Fits and Faints", but the competition will remain as a decorated egg for Easter – any medium.

Many members are planning to attend the Spring Council of the East Yorkshire Federation, in Beverley, on Saturday 22nd. April. The Howdenshire Group of WIs will hold their Rally on Thursday 25th. May, in the Village Institute, Ellerker.

- PH

Lilian Last

The funeral took place in November of Mrs Lilian Last. Mrs Last was generally know as Lily and St Anne's Church was decorated with lilies as a compliment to her.

Born Lilian Reed, she had a very difficult early start to life. She was the eldest of six children and her mother died when she was ten years old. She then had to take on the responsibility of keeping house and caring for all the family, an achievement when support was nil – no family allowances, health services etc.

She married a Suffolk man, Fred Last, who worked locally and they had two children, Shirley and Geoffrey. She helped with the

cleaning and flower rotas for the church and would complete her task by placing a quiet contribution in the collection box on each occasion.

She lived in Mill Hill for many years, until a short time before her death on 6th November 2005, at the age of ninety seven.

- MD

Parish Council

Councillor Vacancies

Dennis Cooney and Sarah Wood have both resigned as members. Anyone who wishes to have a go at serving their local community, by putting their name forward as a candidate, please contact the Parish Clerk, Michelle Scott on 471364.



NB. This is important. Without Councillors there will be no Parish Council and without a Parish Council Ellerker's influence with East Riding of Yorkshire Council is much diminished. The Council provides the official channel of communication between the village and the local authority.

Dog Fouling

It was noted that there has been an increase in dog fouling and more yellow 'doggie' signs are to be stencilled on paths. Existing signs are to be refreshed.

Millennium Seat

This has been sent for repair and should soon re-emerge at its cosy spot outside the Village Hall.

Planning Applications

Mill Cottage – listed building consent for roof light and fence - 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:

23rd March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Parish Council AGM and Village Assembly
11th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Our first meeting of the New Year held in January was Member's Night when we had a Quiz followed by a very enjoyable Fish & Chip Supper.

In February a representative from Lifeline (East Riding Council, Bridlington) talked to us about the aid available. It was pointed out how Lifeline could be extremely helpful to anyone needing care after a stay in hospital and wishing to return to their own home rather than other accommodation. Contact telephone number is 01262 605467.

A make-up demonstration of beauty products by Oriflame and a display of jewellery by Fifth Avenue Collection was given in March. These were available for purchase by our members.

- WB

Village Hall

We are pleased to announce that Tim Pickles has joined the Committee as a representative of the Playing Fields.

The Hall is now used regularly by Women's Institute, Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association, Sunday School, Art Classes, Tai Chi, Dancing Classes, Neighbourhood Watch, Parish Council, Jumble Sales and private bookings for parties, particularly for children. However, there remains plenty of opportunity for more usage for those who wish to utilise this excellent facility and enquiries for availability should be directed to Jessie Puckering on telephone number 422761.

It is the intention to have a working party to clear weeds and debris around the side of the Hall and then gravel will be spread to prevent new growth. This will considerably improve the appearance of the Hall itself. If you are prepared to help for say an hour or two could you please phone Mike Parker on

421132.

It is nearly 4 years since any increase was made in letting charges and during this intervening period there has been a considerable increase in running costs. Electricity costs have virtually trebled in the last 3 years and oil prices per litre are now around 34 pence compared with 16 to 18 pence in 2003. There will almost certainly be a need to increase hire charges but it is not the intention for this to come into effect before 1st October 2006. Regular users will, however, be given plenty of advance warning.

- M&SP

St Anne's

The 8th Annual Ellerker Entertainment was once again most rewarding to all who took part and all who attended the three full houses. Grateful thanks to our ever inventive producer, David Wood, our patient musical director, Diana Bushby and all who contributed so well and so willingly.

There will be another Quiz at the South Cave family centre on Friday, 31st March at 7.30, presented by Neil (Mastermind) Barratt. Tickets are available from the usual suspects.

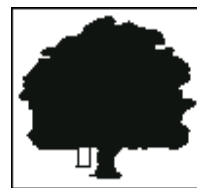
The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at St Anne's after morning service on Sunday, 2nd April. All are welcome. Coffee will be served afterwards.

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Playing Fields

A decision has been made by the committee not to take the request for funding via the parish precept to the parish council for the time being. The matter may be raised again by the new committee following the annual AGM on 20th April 2006.

During recent field inspections it has been noticed that members of the public are allowing their dogs to foul the playing field. There are signs in place requesting that dogs be kept off the fields and we would ask that dogs are not allowed on the fields for obvious reasons.



The search for new equipment to replace the tractor continues.

Following the success of last years 70s/80s disco at Brantingham Park the committee have decided to hold a similar event this year, this will take place on 30 September 2006, please make a note of this in your diary.

The committee are seeking quotes for the repair/replacement of the existing fence on the small field. It has been decided that the existing design should remain.

The children's Christmas party was a great success, thanks to all who contributed.

The annual ROSPA inspection report has been received. On the whole the facilities were given a clean bill of health, with only a couple of small items requiring action.

- TW

Ellerker Show 2006

Applause and angst, bravos and brickbats, compliments and complaints. They are all part and parcel of the ABC of producing and presenting a Show.

Was the Eighth Show, in January, any different from any of the previous seven? An insider's view is bound to be biased, so let us see what the Press had to say: "Highly entertaining and imaginatively original" screamed the Grapevine generously (thank you for that). "As always, it would be unfair to single out individual acts..." and they promptly did so. And, not unjustly. And what was that the Critic from the Hull Daily Mail was heard to comment? "The best show I've seen tonight"?

But seriously, there WAS nothing serious about the Show. Fun, laughter, Community Spirit, hard work, goodwill, pathos – we had it all! And, I suppose, if there were a difference in the Show this year, perhaps, just perhaps, it was bigger and better because we had the most varied number of acts (35 different 'happenings') and a record number of local artistes, over 40 in number, taking part, in all nearly three hours of 'live' Variety, all of which seemed to whiz along like a manic 'Muppet Show-style' roller-coaster

ride.

Whilst the relationships and friendships built up amongst the cast are important to ensure the best performances, equally the rapport and understanding between the parties either side of the curtains are essential to the ongoing success of the series. This year was no different. A wonderful atmosphere back-stage, three appreciative audiences and the usual (and some unusual) gaffes contributed to yet another memorable year, which now makes a total of eight shows and nineteen performances. My pocket calculator was struggling with totaling up the number of acts and completely broke down when asked to add up the ages of the forty-odd participants. Where else can you see so many children from six to eighty-six on stage and enjoying themselves?

The "Green 'Un" Editor may by now have decided not to print this overlong perambulation, after all, what is an editor if he doesn't edit? But, just in case I still have an audience, the Committee would like to thank everyone who appeared in the Village Hall during the last three days of the last week in January.

- DRW

[*Note—I did edit—on this occasion somebody else suffered the deadly slash of the knife—Ed.*]

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL — JUNE

April

- 2 Annual Parochial Church Meeting, St Anne's (after morning service)
- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Playing Field Committee AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm

May

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

June

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm