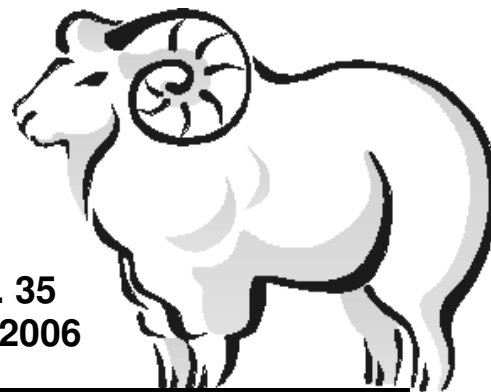


# Ellerker NEWS

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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**

## EN Distribution

Pam Dalton has very kindly offered to take on the role of distribution coordinator for EN and also takes over the round vacated by Lynn Waddingham.

– Ed.

## Ellerker Scarecrow Festival 22-23 July 2006

We now have over 50 households committed to creating scarecrows for this year's festival.

If you have not already told Bill or David what your design is likely to be can you please do so as soon as possible, so that we do not have duplications of scarecrows around the village. If anyone else would like to make a scarecrow or offer help in any way it would be greatly appreciated.

This year promises to be another huge success and will hopefully raise much needed funds for village organisations.

David can be contacted on 422256 and Bill on 422130 or email wam1592@aol.com

- WAM

## Acknowledgement

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

– Ed.

## Women's Institute

At our April Meeting, there was a change to our programme and I gave a talk on "Fits and Faints", relating my experience as a neuro-physiology technician for the past 36 yrs or so.

In May, Sheila Gardner gave a most interesting account of the transportation of East Yorkshire

Convicts to Botany Bay, Australia. We were all amused to hear that some Puckerings were sheep rustlers!!

Ellerker were hosts to the Howdenshire Group Rally on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Village Hall was packed with visitors from North Cave, South Cave and Sandholme and Hive; all knowing they would get a wonderful supper. North Cave won the overall trophy and we came second. Our handicraft ladies won the Handicraft section and I won the Rose Bowl for best handicraft in the show – my knitted sheep and lambs. Thanks to the Puckerings, I have had lots of real sheep outside my windows to act as models! One of super – cooks, Audrey Nicholls, received top marks, 20/20, for her ham and egg pie. She will share the trophy for Best in Show with a lady from Sandholme & Hive for her Yorkshire Curd Tart, and another lady from South Cave for her jam. Congratulations to all who took part – all four displays were wonderful and the judges were very impressed at the high standards in all sections.

By the time you read this, we will have visited South Cave Textiles for a talk and buffet supper, in June. Already, preparations for the Scarecrow Festival are underway, collecting things for our stalls and a cookery leaflet containing all our favourite recipes. These will be on sale when we provide the refreshments on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>. July.



The July Meeting will be in the Village Institute at 7.30p.m. Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, when our guest speaker will be Mrs. Potter giving us tips on rockery plants, herbs and dahlias etc. The competition will be for a "pretty plate".

Anyone wishing to join the W.I. can contact the Secretary, Patsy Harrison, on 421593, the President, Margaret Brooker or Treasurer, Brenda Jackson.

- PH

## Parish Council

### AGM

The Annual General Meeting and Village Assembly for Ellerker was held on 11<sup>th</sup> May. One member of the public and no (zero) East Riding of Yorkshire Council Councillors attended.

### Councillor Vacancies

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council.

If you feel that you would like to contribute something to your community by becoming a Councillor, or want to discuss what it involves, please contact the Parish Clerk, Michelle Scott on 471364.



### Beck Clearing

Dates have been set for this year – 20<sup>th</sup> August and 15<sup>th</sup> October. Sessions will start at 10am, meeting at the entrance to Pigeoncote Farm. Anyone wishing to come along and help will be very welcome - bring your own tools.

### Conservation Area

Within Ellerker's Conservation Area we are all know that the pruning or lopping of trees is restricted. There are also some restrictions on small developments, these include:

- The insertion of dormer windows into roof slopes
- The erection of satellite dishes on walls, roofs or chimneys fronting a highway
- The installation of radio masts, antennae or radio equipment housing with a volume in excess of 2 cubic metres
- The size of a house extension without specific planning permission
- Various types of cladding

If you plan to carry out any of the above you may need to apply for planning permission. If in doubt, call East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 01482 887700 and ask for Edward Atkinson or "Buildings in Ellerker Conservation Area".

### Planning Applications

**Cavegates Nursery** – Retention of 3 caravans and addition of 4 more - Awaiting decision. NB. Applied in September 2005

**Forsythia Cottage** – demolition and replacement with extension to Ebenezer House – APPROVED

**Magpie Cottage** – demolition, followed by construction of 2-storey 4-bedroom House – APPROVED

**Rosemount** – single storey extension to rear – APPROVED

**Blacksmith's Cottage** - single storey extension to rear – Awaiting decision.

**Magpie Cottage** – removal of 3 conditions relating to approval (above) - Awaiting decision

**Camelia House**, Ring Beck (East's) – demolition of garage, erection of two storey extension to side, erection of conservatory to rear - Awaiting decision

### Next meetings:

13<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

- TJP

## Yorkshire Countrywomen

April once again saw our annual meeting, followed by a Domino Drive which was a new event to us.

In May we had an enjoyable evening being entertained by the Headway Players from Driffild. Our well supported competition was for a limerick "There was a lady who doubted" - being the first line.

June saw Mrs Peggy Hesketh giving a display, with comments, of quilting and fabric pictures. One of her pictures gained first prize at the annual YCA Winter Competition.

We look forward to our Strawberry Tea in the Village Hall at 2.30pm onwards on the 29<sup>th</sup> June – open to all, with proceeds going to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.



Every year every individual member nominates their favourite charity. Each branch sends their majority choice to the Central Committee, which in turn determines the majority branch nominations as the current year's charity. This joint effort makes a considerable contribution of several thousand pounds, a big donation to causes like the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Osteoporosis Society.

- MD

## Village Hall

There are a number of small general maintenance jobs requiring attention, mainly outdoors and these will be completed during the next few weeks, including some painting and tidying up outside. In the meantime, our application for 100% rate relief has been granted by East Riding of Yorkshire Council and this will be reviewed on 1 April 2009.

How would you like to start watercolour painting or build on what you can already accomplish?

Try "Watercolour Painting for Beginners and Improvers" at the Village Hall, starting Tuesday,

26<sup>th</sup> September. The classes run for 20 weeks, every Tuesday, from 1.15pm to 3.15pm. The course covers:

- Basic skills
- Learning new techniques
- Exploring different styles
- Painting outside in the summer
- Discussing traditional and current trends

To find out more or to enrol, contact the Adult Education Centre, South Hunsley on 01482 648600

- *M&SP*

## St Anne's

Thanks to the care of the Church taken by the Council, well supported throughout the village, the 5 yearly building inspection showed St Anne's to be in very good condition.

However, serious defects were noted in the stonework of the vestry window and the council intend to have this put right. To help towards the expense a plant sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. Please give it your support if you are able.

Because of the Confirmation Service at South Cave on the evening of Trinity, Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> June, there will be no evening service that day at St Anne's.

- *AS*

## Playing Fields

A well attended AGM was held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, the meeting which followed elected the following officers:

Chairman – Tim Pickles  
Vice-Chairman & Events Manager – Philip Wood  
Minute Secretary – Clive Gray  
Secretary – Terrie Williamson  
Treasurer – Terrie Williamson

Dead branches have been removed from the three Sycamore trees in the NE corner of the small playing field, in addition permission has been requested from ERYC to remove some of the low branches.

The Committee has received a claim for damage following an incident during the strong wind on the night of 14<sup>th</sup> February, when a branch fell on a car in the Black Horse car park. This has been passed on to the Playing Field's insurers.

Some owners, with their dogs, had been using the fields, they claimed not have seen the No Dogs signs. As the Committee have a duty of care to protect the health of young children who

use the fields, it was decided some months ago that bigger signs should be installed. Six new signs have been constructed and erected.



Quotations have been obtained, with a view to replacing the fencing on the small field. The present fence had served well for about 35 years but has a design flaw which means that it quickly goes rusty after repainting. The replacement will be expensive.

A 70/80s Disco has been booked for 30<sup>th</sup> September at Brantingham Park. If you want to partake in a rip-roaring night then tickets are on sale from Philip Wood (422689) price £6.

- *TJP*

## Community Compost

For every tonne of green waste going to landfill, East Riding of Yorkshire Council currently pays a tax of £21, this could increase to over £50 by 2020 - and guess who pays that? Gordon Brown gets £500m to £600m a year from Landfill Tax, partly from your Council Tax.

Not only that but when organic waste breaks down in a landfill hole, methane gas is released. If this escapes to the atmosphere it adds to global warming / climate change. Methane is 20 to 30 times more powerful a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

The problem can be alleviated by allowing the break down to take place aerobically (with oxygen), rather than an-aerobically (without oxygen – as in landfill). If compost is made properly then this is the way organic waste, such as weeds and grass cuttings, decompose into compost. Carbon Dioxide is produced during the breakdown but it is 'carbon neutral' so doesn't add to global warming.

One way that everyone who has a garden (perhaps everyone in Ellerker) can help is by composting. Many people have a 'compost corner' in their garden, but another idea is to have a place within the village where this waste can be turned into compost on a larger scale. The green waste would be collected, composted, then returned to the contributors. At the moment the cost of this service, if any, still has to be worked out.

If you have read the June issue of East Riding News you will have read on pages 14-15 the best way to make your own compost and that a 330 litre compost bin can be purchased for a very competitive £6, a saving of over £30. If you missed this, it is a 'recommended read'.

If you are interested in participating in a local community composting scheme for your green garden waste, then please contact Mike Harrison (421593) or Tim Pickles (422585).

- TJP

*This episode is from a message sent 24th January and covers Christmas/ New Year period ...*

We left Gosford at midday on Monday 12 December, the day after "Carols by Nav Light" on boats in front of the marina. We finally arrived back in Beauty Point in Tasmania three and a half weeks later on 6 January. I will mention some highlights of the trip.

Back in Broken Bay and Cowan Creek while waiting for suitable northerly breezes, we met, by chance, the Andrewartha family who used to live down the road at Clarence Point. They had left Tas in May and were gradually making their way northward, stopping at every port. The three kids seem to be thriving on the experience, and mother, also a novice sailor, enjoys the new life-style.

Just inside the heads of Sydney Harbour, we anchored once again at Spring Cove near Manly. The cove was well populated with pleasure boats and kids enjoying the water and jumping off the big rock into the deep calm. Next morning as Ivor pulled up the dinghy a 4ft shark grabbed at the end of the boathook in the water!!

At Port Hacking we waited several days for strong south westerlies to pass. We hooked on to a public mooring at Jibbon Beach in Royal National Park, just opposite Cronulla Beach made famous by the previous weekend's riots. A number of boats moored close by next day and there was one large beach party as well as smaller gatherings; a police launch came across the bay for a check. We could see through the binoculars that Cronulla Beach was deserted - a sad situation indeed in the warm weather a week before Christmas.

At Jervis Bay we picked up a public mooring at Green Patch not far inside the heads just before a beautiful sunset by that pristine beach.

Next day in the light winds, we hoisted the spinnaker for a while, then as the wind increased we pulled down the spinnaker in less than streamlined fashion, and set about hoisting the furler foresail and main. But we made the mistake of hoisting the furler first and then the main off the wind instead of straight into it and the wretched thing tangled in the lazy jacks, so we dropped the lot. Ivor finds it hard to believe that I find it difficult to hold the steering straight in tossing

seas, but he has had a lot more practice than I. Then we motored into Ulladulla, tied up against the wharf and enjoyed the very nice showers available at the Coastal Patrol and our first meal ashore since leaving Gosford.

Rosalie and Ivor

.... To be continued

*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. —Ed.*

## Main Street Flood

Many will be aware that following the prolonged and heavy rainfall on 22<sup>nd</sup> May the Beck broke its banks on Main Street at the junction with Church Lane and ran down the road. The full width of Main Street was covered with water for a distance of about 40 yards, much of the overflow ran back into the Beck at 'New Bridge' culvert but some carried on down Ings Lane. One garden was flooded to a depth of 6 inches.

This reinforces the message that it is important that the Beck is kept clear of debris and vegetation, especially when a combination of lush growth and heavy rain can result in a blockage. Once flooding has started it is very difficult to deal with until the water subsides. Fortunately this type of event is rare in Ellerker.

- TJP

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY — SEPTEMBER

### July

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22-23 Scarecrow Festival

### August

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Beck Clearing, 10am
- 31 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### September

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 26 Watercolour painting course starts