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Ellerker Scarecrow Festival 2006

I think it's safe to say that this year's Scarecrow Festival was a resounding success! Hopefully, you will all have received our "Thank You" note through your letterboxes, which also detailed the balance sheet for the weekend. We're happy to repeat that the total takings for the weekend amounted to £2,885.41 (including monies retained by some groups) with £1,715.41 being distributed amongst the various village organisations.

The creativity and ingenuity shown by all exhibitors was absolutely marvellous and we are very grateful to everyone who played a part, in whatever way, in contributing to such an excellent weekend. Feedback was extremely positive, both on the day and since. Many people already have ideas on what they're going to do next year so if you haven't decided yet use these coming winter months to dream up your project!

A huge thank you once again for everyone's support and we look forward to working with you again in 2007.

- WAM

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed.

Dorothy May Douglass (nee Barratt) 1922-2006

Maisie Douglass lived all her life of 83 years in Ellerker, apart from the period of her last illness. In June 1942 she married William (Bill) Douglass as a bride of 19 years old. They lived to celebrate their diamond wedding with a party in Ellerker Village Hall attended by many family

members and friends.

Maisie was a regular churchgoer and liked to fulfil her duties greeting the congregation as they entered, putting up the Hymn numbers, closing the door curtains on a cold day and so on. She was a good flower arranger and the two rear windows in the church were known as Maisie's windows.

She actively supported the Hull and East Riding Institute for the Blind and was a founder member of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association. A minute's silence was held in her memory recently.

She was devoted to her family and leaves her husband Bill, together with their son Maxwell who is a Customs & Excise Officer based largely in Immingham. Maxwell and his wife Maureen have a daughter Caroline, a graduate of Hull University.

Maisie's twin brother, Frank, is still resident in the village and keeps up the position of Churchwarden for St Anne's, the Church she so faithfully attended.

- MD

ELLERKER SHOW 2007

It seems unbelievable that the next Show will be the Ninth in the series! It will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th January, 2007 in the Village Hall.

This is the time of year when much of the planning is taking place and once again the Committee will welcome like-minded folk who would like to 'strut their stuff' (for want of a better expression) on stage in front of others.

If you feel you have a particular talent why not contact David Wood on 424474. Group rehearsals will start at the end of November and tickets will go on sale early- to mid-December. So now you know!

- DRW

BUSY BIBLE CLUB

The Busy Bible Club meets on the **first** and **third** Sundays of each month during term time, excluding the half-term weekend.

The 'new year' starts in the Autumn and, at any time, we would welcome new members between the ages of 5 and 11 inclusive. We meet at the Village Hall at 9-20 a.m., in time for the morning service at St Anne's Church. The first ten to fifteen minutes are spent in Church and the rest of the hour, until half past ten, is spent in the Village Hall in discussion, with quizzes, teachings, games and, finally, refreshments. Additionally, our group 'perform' at the Carol Service just before Christmas and again in the Village Variety Show which takes place, with adults, on the last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in January (see note elsewhere in the Newsletter).

This usually results in extra fun rehearsals on additional Sundays in December and January.

We open for business on Sunday, 17th September, continuing on the 1st October and so on. If you would like further details on what we are about please do ring Claire or David Wood at 424474 or Heather Ohikere at 423411.

- D&CW

St Anne's

Phew, what a scorcher!! After being a beautiful shade of brown during the hot weather, the Churchyard grass absolutely leapt when the rains came. The mower threw a wobbly at the thought. Thus the 'A team' had to pitch in to help Frank Walker with a backlog and get back to normal.

The vestry window has been fully restored, although it was in worse condition than we expected.

The BBC is back in action after the summer break and the Harvest Festival services will be on Friday, 29th September, followed by pie and pea supper in the village Hall and a gift service at 9.30 am on the 1st October.

- AS

Women's Institute

At our July Meeting, members listened to Jo Potter relating her interest in exhibiting dahlias at local shows as well as her interest in growing herbs whether for medicinal or cooking purposes. Later, that month, we worked hard at the Scarecrow Festival, providing refreshments as

well as selling plants, books and other items.



Our annual outing took place in August to the North Yorkshire Railway. Members, friends and families enjoyed a lovely day at Grosmont and Pickering.

September heralds our Produce and Handicraft Show. We had many entries in the 27 classes and the judges had been impressed by the high standards. Margaret Brooker presented cups to the following members

Produce – shared between Audrey Hutchinson and Ann Walters,

Flowers/Plants – Audrey Hutchinson,

Handicrafts – Patsy Harrison,

Cookery – Margaret Brooker, who also had the most points gained in all sections.

Best in Show – Dorothy Clarkson, for her painting of flowers on velvet.

Members then enjoyed a very informative talk on "The History of Lace" by Frances Bell. She showed us many beautiful examples of different types of lace as well as costumes from Victorian times up to the present day.

Next month, Mr. A. Tomlinson from the Yorkshire branch of The National Trust, will be speaking on "Housekeeping & Conservation with the National Trust" at 7.30pm. Wednesday 4th October. Anyone wishing to join us is very welcome – contact the Secretary, Patsy Harrison (tel: 421593).

- PH

Parish Council

Councillor Vacancies

There are still two vacancies on the Parish Council.

If you feel that you wish 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.

The five members currently in place are: Mike Harrison (Chairman), Lynn Waddingham, Jessie Puckering, Keith Brooker and Tim Pickles. There will be an election next year.

Beck Clearing – The next one is on 15th October. The session starts at 10am, meeting at the entrance to Pigeoncote Farm. Anyone wishing to come along and help will be very welcome - bring your own garden tools.

Planning Applications

Blacksmith's Cottage, Main St. - single storey extension to rear – APPROVED

Magpie Cottage, Ings Lane – removal of 3 condi-

tions relating to original approval – REFUSED

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

5 Mill Hill, extension to side and rear, & bay windows – APPROVED

Hill Top, Howden Croft Hill, pitched roof & 1st floor balcony – APPROVED

Hunsdale Farm, roadside sign – REFUSED

Wintergreen, Ings Lane, building change of use to Offices/Recreation – APPROVED

Note. Parish Council decisions on planning applications, forwarded to ERYC, are based on a majority vote and are frequently not unanimous.

Posters/Notices

If you display notices on the notice boards or any other place within the village, please remove them once the event has taken place.

Web-site

ERYC has offered to host a web site for any Parish which is interested. This one has expressed an interest.

Parish Plans

Parishes which have strong views about the way their environment develops in the future have an opportunity to make a statement by defining a Parish Plan. The Plan is defined by a project group drawn from residents of the Parish – not by the Parish Council. If anyone who has strong views and is interested in forming such a group contact a Parish Councillor for more information.

Street Scene

Work by ERYC started at the end of July making repairs and changes based on requests by the Parish Council. These are essentially to highway, footpaths and verges. Not all the changes have been appreciated.

Next meetings:

26th October and 14th December at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

- TJP

Playing Fields

Glorious sunshine greeted the annual Sports Day, a contrast to the rain-affected event last year. The morning saw a small but good quality selection of entries for the indoor classes. Best performance was by David Wood whose roses scooped first, second and third prizes and he regains the Rose Bowl.

The Three Blooms section was open to all resi-



dents for the first time this year and the cup went to Maxine Moses whilst Pat Jorna took first prize in the Houseplant section

Pat also displayed a fungi found in her garden and the judges, Rita Nicholls and Phil Copeland, were impressed with the exhibit, unfortunately was not a class for ingenuity. Perhaps there should be one next year. The Committee is always keen to hear new ideas for classes.

A new class was tentatively introduced this year. Just like the Olympics, where they trial competitions before entering them in the main event, we had a Men's Cooking Contest. Some residents were disappointed not to know about the event in advance, so we are pleased that there appears to be enough support to make this an annual event. Thank you to all the men brave enough to enter this year, with the rumour of only one casualty, who was going to have to re-decorate the Kitchen in any case. The eventual winner was Bill Morris with Zachary Gray coming second. [and. Clive Gray in 3rd place – Ed.] We assume our Playing Field insurance includes Dental care for the Judges.

In the Children's events the cup for most points was won by Bethany Gray with notable art work by Daniel Johns and a fine piece of sculpture from vegetables by Emma Williamson.

The afternoon brought a series of hotly contested races by the Children with Abbie Jackson eventually winning the trophy for most points gained. Lily Toffilo won the Ellerker Dash, with a great running display.

Lily's Mum kept up the sporting family tradition by retaining the Ladies Welly Throwing Trophy. Rory Moses won the junior trophy. Last years Junior Champion, James Williams, competed against Dad for the first time with a good throw. Bill Morris, with a tremendous throw that had the residents of Sebastopol Cottage worried about their windows, won the competition.

The last Trophy of the day saw the Round the Green Race won by Gary Jackson with a close finish between second and third seeing James Williams ahead of a Mr Leach from South Cave.



The Committee would like to thank all the competitors; judges, friends and family who helped made this a memorable Sports Day.

- CG

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA held a successful Strawberry Tea with a view to presenting the proceeds to the RNLI at the August meeting. Unfortunately the Lifeboats speaker was detained in a traffic jam on the M62 and could not attend our meeting.



For the first time in over 20 years we had a second successive disappointment when our September speaker was taken ill and could not come. She is Jill Quarmby who regularly visits Belarus and organises East Riding holidays for the children of Chernobyl.

Our Summer outing was to the Oswaldtwistle Mills Shopping Village and we also recently entertained Market Weighton YCA Branch for tea.

Mrs Hilary Ward retired as Chairman after over five years. She was thanked for her work by Mrs Lynn Waddingham and was later presented with an arrangement of flowers by Mrs Betty Pybus, who succeeds her as Chairman.

- MD

The Caves Festival of Literature and the Arts

Thanks to an amazing amount of hard work, South Cave became the centre for a successful Arts and Literature event at the end of June. The weeklong series of activities began with a multimedia Art Exhibition at the school, with pieces of an astonishingly high standard. The Poetry and Music Evening on Tuesday was a most enjoyable event, with readings from local poets, some quite serious, others amusing. Music, by Debbie Henderson closed the evening on a very high note indeed. Although there can be only one winner, the Pub Quiz with a literary theme was great fun on Wednesday night. Thursday saw two events, one for our youngest residents, a Teddy Hunt, and the other, a special presentation by Cave Players, "Wish you were here", holidays through the ages. The Frank Cleveland Orchestra got the toes tapping on Friday night at Brantingham Park with their big band sound. To close the Festival, on the Saturday, there was a Creative Writing Workshop with Gina Douthwaite, and a Book Sale at the Playgroup Hall, with local charities benefiting from the proceeds.

Everyone who took part in the Festival, organisers and participants, acclaimed the success of the events, and you will be pleased to hear that the Festival will be held again next year, with yet another mix of events, although favourites, like the big band will appear again next year.

The Committee would like to appoint an events co-ordinator for next year, so if anyone would like to take on this organisational role, a small honorarium will be paid. Please contact Kathryn at the South Cave Parish Office if you are interested.

Finally, on behalf of the community of South Cave, our thanks go to all those that gave their time and efforts to make this festival such a success, and especially to Karen Warren for her initial idea and driving force.

- Kathryn Richmond

[Bethany Gray of The Old Byre won the junior art event. - Ed.]

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There are still tickets available for the 70s/80s Disco at Brantingham Park on 30th September (fancy dress optional).

Tickets are £6 from Philip Wood, Ashley House, phone 422689 or Nicky Baker, Rosedene phone 424507.

Proceeds to Playing Field funds.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER — DECEMBER

October

- 1 Harvest Festival, St Anne's, 9.30am
- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15 Beck Clearing, 10am
- 26 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

November

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

December

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 14 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm