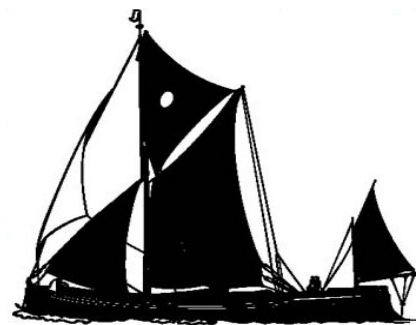


# Ellerker NEWS

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## Women's Institute

In April, we were unfortunately let down by a speaker but two members stepped in to keep us entertained. Audrey Tattersall gave a demonstration on making "fairy dolls" from pegs, lace ribbon etc. inspiring many to have a go. Kathleen Forsey gave an informative and amusing talk on the history of midwifery with reference to the Bible, as well as recounting her own experiences as a district midwife.

Simon Cherry, semi-retired vet at the Norwood Practice gave us a very interesting talk on his life as a vet, both here and abroad, at our May meeting.



As I write, we are expecting a talk from the Barge Preservation Society on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Frances Bell will be visiting us on July 4<sup>th</sup>, to examine oddities found in the home from bygone times.

Many Ellerker WI members have been to meetings at South Cave, South and North Cliffe, and the Spring Council Meeting at Beverley as well as taking part in the Howdenshire Group Rally, in the past weeks. I am delighted to announce that our entry for the Rally won this year. The theme was "Holiday" and we chose to do "Christmas". Jessie Puckering and Eleanor Bell received top marks for their cooking, and Eleanor won Best in Show for her pork pie. Beatrice Young won the Best Handicraft with a beautiful needlework sampler. Thank you to everyone who exhibited and helped to stage the event, as well as our many supporters.

We are planning a trip to Temple Newsham on August 8<sup>th</sup> as well as getting ready for the Scarecrow Festival. Many members are signing up for events run by the East Yorkshire Federation as well.

Anyone wishing further information or wanting to join us, please contact Patsy Harrison (Secretary) on 421593, or just turn up at our

monthly meetings – the first Wednesday of every month at the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

- PH

## New EN Editor

There is still time to put your name forward as the new Editor of this august publication, starting with Issue no. 41 (December of this year).

If you are interested please contact me on 422585.

- Ed.

## Parish Council

**AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> May.** At the AGM and Annual Village Assembly on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007, Michael Harrison was returned as Chairman of the Parish Council. Maxine Moses took a seat as a new Councillor and Tim Pickles retired from the Council after 12 years service. We now need only one other Councillor to reach the number required by Ellerker PC.

Current members are:

Keith Brooker  
Mike Harrison  
Maxine Moses  
Jessie Puckering  
Lynn Waddingham

**New Speed Restrictions to 40mph.** ERYC Highways Engineer, Mr. Hiscott, sent a letter, consulting on changes to the speed limits on the Roman Road, (old A63) from the cross roads at Ring Beck to the new roundabout at the A63 interchange, and beyond to Willow Flats. 40 mph is recommended due to the complexity of the interchange, increasing traffic flow and the amount of commercial premises on the south side of the A63. All Parish Councillors were in favour of the proposal.

**Street Lighting.** A contract has now been signed for the ERYC to take over the maintenance of the street lighting in the village.

**Posts–Ings Lane.** Four posts have been placed on the Ings Lane triangle to stop heavy vehicles running over the grass and damaging the small hawthorn tree in the centre.



**Cutting Back Trees.** As a result of a meeting with the YEDL, a contractor has now cut back the trees in areas where there was a danger of contact with overhead electricity supply lines. This may well have caused earthing problems resulting in power cuts.

**Scarecrow Committee.** The Council has been offered some daffodil bulbs from the Scarecrow Festival Committee. These will be planted in time for Spring 2008.

**Hedgerows.** The Council wishes to remind land-owners and tenants that under the provisions of The Hedgerows Act 1997, permission is required for the removal of Agricultural hedgerows. If advice is required contact Laura McCoy, Hedgerows and Nature Conservation Officer for ERYC, phone: 01482 393723.

#### Planning

3 Mill Hill, Erection of first floor extension to side and construction of bay window to ground floor following removal of existing window - PENDING

Keepers Lodge Dale Road Brantingham, Erection of single and three storey extension to rear, following demolition of existing lodge - PENDING

Croft Garth Stonepit Road, Retention of a general purpose agricultural building - PENDING

Land N of Ellerker Beck & S of Brantingham Road, Erection of stable block with hard standing car park area and use of land for the grazing of horses (amended) - REFUSED

Wold View, Ring Beck Lane, Erection of two story extension to rear, first floor extension to side and conservatory to side & rear – APPROVED

Camelia House, Ring Beck Lane - Erection of a two storey extension to side, conservatory to rear and construction of pitched roof to garage – APPROVED

The next Council Meetings will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, on 19<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2007. All Residents are welcome to attend the meetings.

- MH

## St Anne's

The Plant Stall and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May raised in excess of £370. Many thanks to all those who helped.

- AS

## Playing Fields

The AGM was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April

Members for the year 2007/08 are

Elected:

Nicky Baker  
Karen Johns - Secretary  
Heather Ohikere - Asst. Secretary  
Tim Pickles - Treasurer  
Philip Wood - Chairman

Representatives:

Jim Bradley - Neighbourhood Watch  
Mike Harrison - Parish Council  
Patsy Harrison - Women's Institute  
Jane Standen - Village Hall

Permission has been obtained to lop and removed some of the trees on the Playing Fields. The work will be done next winter.



The Committee have agreed to run the Tombola, Book and CD stalls on the small playing field for the Scarecrow weekend on 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please take anything you wish to donate which you think may be suitable to Green's Garden Centre for safe keeping until that weekend.

The Disco (70s/80s) will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets will be available from the Tombola Stall at the Scarecrow weekend (see above) and from Ashley House (Philip & Sarah Wood – 422689).

A Fence sub-Committee is due to meet soon to complete a grant application and consider quotations for the supply and installation of a replacement fence around the small field.

- TJP

## Scarecrow Weekend 21st-22nd July

The third Ellerker Scarecrow festival will take place on 21st and 22nd July 2007 between

10:00 and 4:00.

So far we have around 50 households displaying scarecrows, if you would like to display one for the weekend at your house please contact David 422256 or Bill 422130 or email at wam1592@aol.com. The more scarecrows we display the better the weekend will be for the visitors.

There is no specific theme so you can be as creative as you like. The scarecrows are placed at the front of your property so visitors to the village have no need to enter the gardens of houses taking part. If you have not already informed David or Bill that you will be doing a scarecrow please let us know your idea so that we are able to avoid duplications around the village.

If you have any unwanted books or items that may be suitable for prizes in the tombola these can be donated at Greens Garden Centre.

Thank you

- WAM

## Yorkshire Countrywomen

We've had an eventful few months.

In May we were unable to use Ellerker Village Hall because of the local elections, so our Committee booked Gilberdyke School where they entertained the members to an excellent high tea. The business was brief, the subscriptions of £6 were taken and we had a game of Dominos amid a lot of laughter.

Many members attended the county Spring meeting where Mr Gervais Phinn gave us a talk on his experience of teaching and he was very good. Presentations were made following the county Winter competition, the theme being 'Down the garden path'. Mrs Janet Palfreyman received a 3<sup>rd</sup> for her painting, Mary Dennis a 3<sup>rd</sup> for her poem and Barbara Harper received the silver trophy for a 1<sup>st</sup> in embroidery. This entry was also judged the best in the show for which she received another trophy.



A present has been sent to Mrs Daisy Evison on her marriage to Mr Norman Williamson of Welton.

Sadly the funeral took place of Mrs Elizabeth Ashby at Market Weighton Roman Catholic Church where the branch was well represented. She was a retired nursing sister who lived in Annie Med Lane, South Cave and hardly ever missed a meeting.

- MD

## Village Hall

The Leeds Library Theatre Touring Company visited the Village Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> May to perform "The Kingfisher", a light hearted romantic comedy by William Douglas Home. As usual, the acting was superb and 70 people thoroughly enjoyed the evening and approximately £200 profit was made for village funds. A further production is scheduled for Autumn when it is hoped as many villagers as possible will attend.

The work involved in clearing the side of the Village Hall has now been completed by Tony Barratt and his staff and we are very pleased with the result. Seven railway sleepers were donated by benefactors at £20 each and although this did not cover the total cost, it nevertheless was much appreciated and a big thank you to all those who gave their support.

Thank you to all those volunteers who gave the kitchen a Spring clean, including washing out the cupboards.

- MP

## Acknowledgement

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

- Ed.

## Playing Fields—some history

The following account, written over 37 years ago, may be of interest to those who haven't lived for all that time in the village. It gives an impression of how times have changed in almost 4 decades.

MARCH 1970

TO THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN ELLERKER  
PARISH

This is the account to date concerning the village green and playing field.

During the 1939-45 War and afterwards, money was raised and given to a central emergency and memorial fund. A public meeting was called after the War ended and it was then decided to allot this money to various definite causes. At this same meeting a Village Playing Field Committee was formed and granted £180, with the job to seek and acquire a playing field for the village.

Many enquiries were made to find a suitable field but without success until 1963, when Mr Rutter of Ellerker Hall offered Apple-tree Close for sale. The Committee decide to buy this field and the lowest price that could be obtained was £500. The late Mr Percy May generously loaned the Committee £500 without interest to make the purchase. This money was repaid in full to Mrs May.

The Committee continued in its work by having the field levelled. Grass seed was donated and the field sown. Then the work of mowing and maintenance started. The raising of more money continued and generous donations, gifts, time and work were given by the people of the Parish to pay the costs and make the field successful.

During this time, legal work was started to make the ownership of the field a Trust, with a view to vesting the title deeds with the Charity Commissioners so that the ownership and purpose of the field would be secure and maintained without regards to named trustees.

In other words the field is held upon trust for a village green and recreation ground for the benefit of the people of Ellerker Parish in such a manner as the Committee of Management from time to time shall think fit.

The Trust deed states definite rules of how the Management Committee shall be elected and function. A copy of the deed is held by the Committee Secretary and may be seen by anyone, upon request.

In 1967, the small field next to the Black Horse was offered for sale by Mr G Baitson. The Committee decided to buy this field. The lowest price that could be obtained was £425. The money to buy this field was made up of cash in hand and mainly from personal loans, free of interest, by people in the village, including the Committee.

When the deeds of this field were secured, they were incorporated in the Trust Deed of Apple-tree Close and vested with the Charity Commissioners. All legal work is now completed and both fields are registered as recreation areas.

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Many thanks to Mary Dennis for providing the text from that report.

Most will agree that it shows what a community is capable of achieving when it 'pulls together'. But of course whether we like it or not the village has changed a lot since 1970. At that time it had a pub, a shop and a post office. There were more people living here whose occupation was associated with the village. Property was relatively cheap and it was possible for 1st time buyers to move in. It probably wasn't anticipated in 1970 that as well as providing a recreation area for local residents it would also make the village 'more desirable' – in estate agent parlance.

The Playing Field Committee recognise that the world has moved on, that the village is different now and to fund playing fields annual running costs a different approach is necessary. This was the reasoning behind the village survey which showed that the majority in the village wish to pay the running costs through their Council Tax via the Parish Precept. A survey in 1970 would no doubt have produced an entirely different result, because times and people's attitudes and incomes were different then.

Anyway, despite the wishes of the majority of the village to have the playing field's essential running costs collected in this way, the Parish Council regrettably, still feels unable to give this idea their support. This was once again made clear at the Parish Council AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

- TJP

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY—SEPTEMBER

### July

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 21-22 Scarecrow Weekend

### August

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

### September

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 20 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm