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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

Women's Institute

Those of us who ventured out to Beverley in early October had a most enjoyable evening, despite the rain. We followed Paul Schofield round the old part of Beverley in search of ghosts and learnt much about Beverley's past. Afterwards, the lights in Kavanaghs welcomed us in to a lovely meal – so good, that we have already booked up again on 9th January 2008!

November was our Annual Meeting and the three officers agreed to stand for another year. President – Jean Butler, Secretary – Patsy Harrison, and Treasurer – Brenda Jackson, remain in office. Kate Harris was welcomed onto the Committee



and four of our long standing Committee members are taking a well-deserved rest, namely Jessie Puckering, Lilian Cole, Audrey Nicholls and Shirley Broadhurst. The business over, members sat back to enjoy a demonstration of 17th century costume – enactment view, by one of our members Rosemary Cousins. Rosemary is an expert needlewoman and had made most of the costumes for her husband and herself, as members of a society that re-enacts life and battles at that time. She gave an amusing account of her experiences, as well as giving us an excellent insight into life in the 17th century.

Our December Christmas Party went well and the White Rabbit Chocolate Company not only provided samples but gave an informative talk on the history of chocolate, related the differences between fine and “everyday” chocolate, and discussed the health issues from eating too much chocolate. Hurray – it is OK to eat expensive fine chocolate!!

Next month on Wednesday 2nd January, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm, the speaker is “Malcolm Bromwich's Magic Show” and the competition is “something made from an old Christmas card”. The week after on the 9th January, we are eating out at Kavanaghs in Beverley.

Next year we celebrate our 80th Birthday and

hope to arrange a Treasure Hunt on foot round the village in April, have a Family Fun Day in the Hall and on the Playing Fields in August, and have our Birthday Party in December – watch out for further announcements in the Ellerker News.

If you wish to join the WI, ring the Secretary, Patsy Harrison on 421593. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to Everyone!

- PH

Roland Dennett 1929 - 2007

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Roland was CO of the Brough ATC Squadron for 12 years. He spotted the house he bought from the air whilst taking cadets on a flight. House hunting the easy way.

During his National Service he served in the RAF as Engineering Officer with 208 Squadron in Egypt, where they lived under canvas. One of the planes crashed in Malta and Lord Mountbatten visited the wounded in hospital and threatened to tell his niece, the Queen, that the Squadron had destroyed one of her aircraft and that she would probably have them all thrown in the Tower! He was one of those who recently got a Service Medal fifty years late. He volunteered for a further two years due a National Emergency in Egypt.

Roland was Divisional Head of Overseas Training for Blackburn Aircraft (now BAE Systems) and travelled the world with his work. He and his wife had a very happy life together and spent their golden wedding in France with a traditional French wedding cake, a pyramid of choux pastry.

- DD

Ellerker Cinema

Hollywood comes to Ellerker Village Hall - please put these dates in your Diary!

Friday, 29th February 2008

Friday, 28th March 2008
Friday, 25th April 2008

The cinema season starts, at 7pm prompt, with a musical blockbuster. Tickets are £3 per person.

For further information please call Tricia Christmas (422104) or Jane Standen (424787).

These films will be shown as a result of a initiative by ArtERY with help from East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Screen Yorkshire and The Lottery.

- JS

Parish Council

NO REPORT FOR THIS QUARTER



Tuesday Art Group

The Art Group meets in the Village Hall on Tuesday afternoons, for 2 hours starting at 1.15.

We learn new skills using watercolour, acrylics, pastels and other media.

We have lively discussions about current art trends, visit relevant exhibitions and have thoroughly enjoyable afternoons culminating every 10 weeks with an end of term bash!

Our tutor is kind, patient and slightly eccentric. She is a professional Art teacher, Author and Illustrator.

Absolute Beginners are more than welcome – they will be nurtured, supported and encouraged to eventually produce works of art.

For more information please contact: Jane Standen 01430 424787 or Polly Ann White 01430 410272.

- JS

St Anne's

The Harvest Festival Services saw the retirement of Mr Geoff Floater as organist after 17 years devoted and inspiring service. We give our warmest wishes to Geoff and Pat. The duties are now shared by James and Diana.

A most successful Quiz Evening was held in the South Cave Family Centre, with Neil and Anne Barratt teasing our brains in an efficient and charming manner.

The Christmas Coffee morning was held on Saturday, 1st December.

Carol singing round the village will be on Thursday, 20th December, when all voices will be welcome, while the Christmas Carol Service in Church will be at 6.15pm on 23rd December.

Midnight Communion will be held at 11.30pm on 24th December, followed by a shortened Family Service at 9.30am on Christmas Day.

The 2007 services will end with an 8.00am Communion on Sunday 30th December.

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Playing Fields

Cast your minds back to a fine September day and the annual Ellerker Sports day. It seems a long time ago now but it would be a shame not to mention all the winners and remind you of a good afternoon. Contestant numbers were slightly down on previous years but that didn't stop the determination to win of those who were there.

There were some fantastic gardens in a box and nursery rhyme pictures from James and Alex Baker. Bethany Gray produced an excellent vegetable sculpture to beat off stiff competition from Ben and Isobel Carlisle and Daniel Johns proved his skill as an artist for the second year running. Bethany Gray also retained the children's cup for the most indoor points so well done to Bethany.

In the adult competitions David Wood retains the Rose Bowl again this year and Mr Langrick produced some fine flowers to win him 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the Three Blooms section. Sheilagh Bradley fought off stiff competition from her husband to win the Senior Citizen's House Plant section. The men put the ladies to shame in the cookery sections with 3 entries from the men but only one from the ladies. Clive Gray cooked up some fine scones to take 1st place and Selina Stones buns were deserving of 1st place.

Outside on the field there was hot competition for the children's cup for most points but Abbie Jackson eventually retained it for another year with James Baker and Henry Williamson hot on her heels. The Wood family was very impressive in the wellie throwing with father and daughter Laura taking mens and ladies trophies. Grant MacFayden proved himself an all rounder by winning the jun-



ior welly throwing and also the Ellerker Challenge cup for the 100yards dash. William Sayer rounded off the day winning the Neighbourhood Watch trophy for running round the field.

The committee would like to thank all those who took part as competitors, helpers or spectators to make it such a successful day.

Since the last "Ellerker News" we have also had our disco. Again numbers attending were down on last year but for those that went it was a great night with some impressive dancing.

The Chairman and Treasurer attended the Parish Council meeting in November, as a follow up to a letter in August requesting assistance with running expenses. At the meeting they answered Councillors questions. The Council voted in favour of granting £500 from the Parish Precept for the year 2008/09.

- KJ

Making a difference on your doorstep!

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the walls of the 2 prisons in Everthorpe? Well, HMP Wolds is currently looking to recruit new members to its Independent Monitoring Board and this would give you the opportunity to find out in a constructive, important and very worthwhile way.

Described as 'public service at its most unglamorous and unrecognised', Independent Monitoring Boards perform a vital 'watchdog' role on behalf of Ministers and the general public in providing lay and independent oversight of prison establishments.

Board members work as a team and monitor the day-to-day life of the prison. They visit the establishment on a regular basis, often unannounced, and talk to the prisoners and the staff. Members monitor the state of the prison, hear the requests of the prisoners, and report concerns if necessary.

The Independent Monitoring Board meets monthly and, if something serious happens, a member may be called to the prison at any time, day or night, to monitor the situation and observe how it is dealt with.

What does it take to be an Independent Monitoring Board member?

Board members, regardless of age, should be mature, open-minded and committed to diversity,

equality and human rights. Alongside sound judgment and good communication skills, Board members should have integrity, perseverance and a willingness to take responsibility and challenge the status quo. Much of the work involves talking to prisoners and staff, so being a good listener with plenty of common sense and tact, plus the ability to communicate effectively with people from all backgrounds and cultures, is essential.

Induction and further training is provided to ensure that those appointed to a Board have the knowledge and understanding to carry out their role effectively.

Who can apply?

It is important that Boards are made up of a cross-section of the local community, with members coming from all walks of life, backgrounds and experience. You do not need any special qualifications, but you will need the enthusiasm, energy and commitment to make a full contribution to the work of a Board. Board duties take up, on average, a time equivalent of three half days on average per month.

Members are appointed by the Ministry of Justice for periods of up to three years; if members wish, they are considered for re-appointment at the end of each three-year period. As part of a voluntary public service, those giving their time to a Board receive no payment. However, travelling expenses are paid and in certain circumstances members may claim for some loss of earnings.

For further information or an application pack, please contact: the IMB Clerk on 01430 428018 who will make the necessary arrangements for you to discuss the role further with the Chairman of the Board

- CW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Our last report of 2007 - my how time flies!

The October meeting was hilarious, the lady speaker a Mrs Hookam, gave us a talk on hints, tips and wrinkles and she had lots of the funniest pieces of equipment with her. I think the majority of the members went home exhausted through laughing so much.

In November unfortunately I was unable to attend due to a dreadful bout of shingles. However, I heard through the grapevine that



the speaker that evening worked for the RNLI, a charity that the YCA strongly supports. Apparently, she was very interesting and entertaining and related to her audience that the RNLI have more boats than the Royal Navy - quite a remarkable bit of news for one and all.

Well here we are, December already. Our Christmas dinner party and entertainment were well attended. We all excitedly opened our gifts from the lucky dip bag. Our magician was extremely talented and our dinner cooked by one of our members, Jenny Winn, was very good; an enjoyable evening for us all.

We have just enrolled two new members Mrs E Timperley and Mrs D Dennett, a good way to end 2006.

May we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- *HJW*

Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting took place on 14th November 2007 in the Hall. Business was kept to the essentials and was followed by wine and savouries and a chance to chat. The representatives from the village organisations were confirmed as follows:

Womens' Institute...

Ann Barker and Lilian Cole

Countrywomens's Association...

Diana Tarleton and Mary Dennis

Parish Council...

Jessie Puckering and Mike Harrison

Playing Fields Committee...

Jane Standen and Tim Pickles

St Anne's Church...

Tricia Christmas and Sue Parker

Elected members are as follows: David Wood, Mike Parker, Melanie Williams

The Chairman, Tricia Christmas, gave a report on last year's events as follows:

"I have had a wonderful committee who have worked very hard to keep the Village Hall in the condition we find it in today and I thank them very much for their hard work.

The Hall was used for Council elections, Art, Dance and Tai Chi lessons, by the WI the YWCA, the Playing Field Committee, the Parish Council, the Church, Neighbourhood Watch, the Scarecrow Weekend and for private bookings. It has also staged 2 very different theatre produc-

tions *The Kingfisher* and *The Complete Works of Shakespeare* and has a new venture in the pipeline for next year in the form of cinema.

We had a spring-clean, a good way to take stock of our property and this will become an annual event. We cleaned out cupboards and drawers, freshened up paint work, updated the First Aid Box, repaired the chairs, renewed the lock on the front door, had new keys cut and did maintenance work on the gutters and doors.

The largest task was the clearing of the overgrown area at the side of the Hall. This was necessary to make the emergency exits safe. Sponsors came forward to purchase railway sleepers and for this we are very grateful. We have also had help from other people who are not on the Committee and all this tells me that everyone is interested in the smooth running of the Hall.

Thank you for your support, however you gave it."

- *S&MP*

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- *Ed.*

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY—MARCH

January

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4pm
- 24-26 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30pm

February

- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 29 Cinema, Village Hall, 7.30pm

March

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Cinema, Village Hall, 7.30pm