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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

The Busy Bible Club

The Sunday School in Ellerker, aka the BBC, is a small but lively group of youngsters aged from 5 to 11 years old, which meets every first and third Sunday in term time. We have quite a range of activities, from joining the adults in Church for ten or so minutes, including a special 'children's address, to teaching, games, quizzes and music. Everyone is encouraged to take an active part in the learning and fun.

Highlights throughout the BBC year include the annual summer trip -- last summer thirty of us went for a wonderful day out to Castle Howard with indoor and outdoor activity aplenty – the rehearsals for and performances of the Nativity and the BBC contribution to the annual Ellerker Show, which this year was our tenth.

Children do not need to be from families that regularly attend Church; we welcome anyone wanting to spend a happy hour or so, finishing with light refreshment, in the company of like-minded and enthusiastic children. Children from outside the village are equally welcome. We meet at 9:20am at the Village Hall; pick-up time is at 10:30am. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact either Claire or David on 424474.

- C&DW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Tempus fugit, almost a quarter of 2008 has gone and 3 of our meetings already Jan, Feb and Mar.

January we held our Club Members evening ending the night with a fish and chip supper.



February's meeting had a very interesting speaker. She was a Chocolatier, who told us how chocolate is made and letting all of us sample as well as purchase some of her yummy products.

March meeting was extremely entertaining and nostalgic, all about how the ordinary "man in the street" used to live, no electricity, no heating, no inside "loo" etc. etc. The speaker also brought along a typical model house and its definite basic contents.

Moving on! 2008 is a very special and exceedingly busy year for the YCA it is our Silver Jubilee. More news on our planned activities in my next newsletter.

- HJW

Playing Fields

The annual Children's Christmas Party took place in January (!) and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Father Christmas even made an appearance and looked thoroughly recovered from his Christmas rush.



The committee has been working towards getting a new fence but is still awaiting quotes so there is a small delay. We will keep you posted as things progress. We have also undertaken some tree pruning to keep the trees healthy and safe.

The chief money raising event of the year will be a 'Barn Dance' at Brantingham Park (Hull Ionians). The music and caller will be provided by the ever popular White Horse Ceilidh Band. Make a note in your diary for Saturday 20th September starting at 8pm. Ticket price and availability will be published in the next issue of EN.

Our AGM will be held in the village hall on Thursday April 10th at 7.30pm and everyone is invited. We always welcome any new members onto the committee so if you feel you can spare the time – meetings about 6 times a year and assistance at various events – please let us know.

- KJ

Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor

Women's Institute

In January, members were entertained by Malcolm Bromwich, a member of the Hull Magic Circle. Several ladies were asked to assist with his tricks, much to their astonishment! Later, in the month, members had another enjoyable evening out at Kavanagh's Restaurant in Beverley.

Unfortunately, our speaker for February was unable to attend due to family circumstances. Patsy Harrison therefore read a prize-winning essay, written by her mother; entitled "Things my Grandmother told me". As Patsy's great grandmother was born in the year Victoria came to the throne, she brought many Victorian and Edwardian items that related to her great grandmother and her family.

In March, members were enthralled by the stunning photography of Peter Richardson, with his audio-visual shows depicting many local areas as well as Bruges and the Lake District.



Two dates for your diaries: a) Saturday 12th April – Jumble Sale in the Village Hall, doors open 2.00pm. b) Sunday 27th April – Treasure Hunt, on foot

around the village, from 1.00pm to 4.00pm. Flyers are to be delivered around the village, inviting you to take part if you wish. We will make sure that everyone participating sticks to the public footpaths and lanes and do not encroach on private property, - you know what the WI are like!!! This event is not open to the general public but to friends and families of Ellerker Residents and WI Members.

Our next monthly meeting is Wednesday 2nd April, at 7.30pm, when the speaker will be Sue Hobson, "Knitting in different directions". If you wish to know more, please contact the Secretary, Patsy Harrison, on 421593, preferably in the evenings.

- PH

St Anne's

Easter is a moveable feast. It is calculated to fall on the Sunday after the first full moon after 21st March (the Spring Equinox) – so there! This year it is almost, apart from one day, as early as it is possible to be.

It will be celebrated at the morning service at 9.30am on Sunday, 23rd March. It will be conducted by Rev David Perry and the organist will be Mr G Floater.

St Anne's AGM will be in Church on Sunday 21st April, after a shortened evening service at 6.15pm. All are welcome.

There will be a plant stall in the Village Hall at 10am on Saturday 10th May. Please come and bring plants if you are able.

- AS

[Editor's note - As Alan says the earliest date for Easter is 22nd March and the last time this occurred was 1818, the next will be 2285. The next time it falls on 23rd March is 2160]

Parish Council

Affordable Housing

Ellerker Parish Council would like to thank the residents who took the time to fill out the questionnaire on affordable housing. A total of 72 households completed the form and the results were as follows:

No	64 (89%)
Yes	6 (8%)
Undecided	2 (3%)

However, there has been a further development. We have received information that the fifty houses suggested will not be built.

Bus Stops

The bus stop on the corner of Mill Hill and Howden Croft is currently being updated to incorporate new regulations. It appears that the stop opposite the Village Hall will also require attention.

Dog Fouling

Please can we remind dog owners that allowing your dog to foul on walkways and the street is an offence and carries a financial penalty if reported. Please can you use the bins provided or take it home with you. Thank you.



Planning Applications

02/01/08 Land North of Ellerker Beck and South of Brantingham Road Elloughton Erection of 1 no agricultural building — **REFUSED**

09/01/08 Keepers Cottage, Dale Road Erection of single and three storey extensions to rear, following demolition of existing lodge — **APPROVED**

03/03/08 South Cave Service Station, Brough Road Erection of extension to form office accommodation, extension to retail area — **PENDING**

Next Meeting: Thursday, 8 May at 7.30pm

- MH

East Riding ADHD Support Group

On Tuesday, 25th March 2008 we will be holding a Family Fun Day at Ellerker Village Hall from 10am to 2pm. There will be a Treasure Hunt around the village with a first prize.

Inside the Village Hall there will be a Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall, Plant Stall, Tea and Coffee and much more. All are welcome.

Any donations for the Tombola will be gratefully received.

Contact Mrs T Mcfayden on 01430 424034

- *TMcF*

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

Can anyone beat **136**? This is the number of empty and discarded drinks cans I picked up on the verges between Ring Beck Cross roads and Brantingham village on Sunday afternoon. There is every chance that some could beat the number quite easily, as I only picked up those immediately in view and there were plenty in the beck and undergrowth.

It would also be interesting to know where I could buy Bavarian 86, strong lager as it is clearly very popular with someone who likes a drink and throws the can away when they have finished the contents. It is probably sold locally.

Unfortunately, the kilometer or so of road in question is all within the Ellerker parish boundary, so it reflects on us all.

Yours faithfully

Tim Cartwright -Taylor

Village Hall

The film session started on 29th February with Chicago. Everyone who attended was impressed with the excellent reproduction, the size of the screen and the quality of the sound. Don't miss the next show!

The next performance, on the last Friday of March (28th) is **PAINT YOUR WAGON** followed 4 weeks later by **PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN** on Friday, 25th April.

Performances start at 7pm prompt, Tickets are £3 per person available at Green's Garden Cen-

tre—or pay at the door.

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

- *S&MP*

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

- *Ed.*

The Tenth Ellerker Show

Somewhat belatedly, this critic has put pen to paper to describe the events from a Friday night late in January when, once again, the curtain came down on over two and a half hours of 'entertainment' in Ellerker Village Hall. The Saturday night's performance was the 25th by the now famous forty-odd 'Ellerker Players'. Or should this read forty odd players?

The ten years have seen a remarkable advance in the variety and ingenuity shown by cast members, by the now renowned stage staff, by the wardrobe department – no longer MFI – and so on. Not the least remarkable of the artistes' talents is their ability to find new hiding-places ('hiding?' – perhaps not always so!) for their words.

It is always dangerous to highlight particular acts for security reasons – social security reasons – so I feel it is probably safer to leave this job to the professionals who have reported, variously, thus:

"Nuns involved in transvestite wedding fiasco" ... most late Saturday editions

"We thought that last year's musical was the musical to end all musicals; sadly it didn't...H. Daily M.

"We sent our theatre critic to this show; fortunately, he could not get in"..... Evening Standard

"The perfect antidote to insomnia".....The Lancet

"I have never seen a show like this one before --- thankfully" Chairman of the Oscars Committee
And perhaps a little more positively....

"London theatres reel from drop in attendances. High quality local shows to blame"..New York Herald Tribune

I wonder what 2009 will have in store for us all?

- *TD*

Scarecrow Festival

The fourth Ellerker Scarecrow Festival will take place on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July 2008.

Last year's festival was an even bigger success than the previous one, bringing hundreds of visitors to the village to see over 50 households with scarecrow displays. This enabled much needed funds to be distributed amongst several village organisations.

It was only possible to stage the festival through the efforts of 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 to contact DAVID or JANET GREEN on 422256 or BILL MORRIS 422130 (email WAM1592@AOL.COM) as soon as possible.

If you already have an idea about what sort of scarecrow you want to do, tell David or Janet so we can try and avoid getting two of the same. **Your idea will be kept secret!** As last year, scarecrows are to be placed at front of houses/gardens so that visitors do not have to enter properties.

We hope again to have stalls such as for ice-cream, books and Tombola. Donations for the Tombola, of any unwanted Christmas gifts, etc, would be much appreciated and can be dropped off at Green's Garden Centre. There will also be the much-needed refreshments in the Village Hall.

Would you like to have your own stall on the playing field? This could be selling things, eg White Elephant, sweets or cakes, perhaps a Hoop-la or bucket ball - children love to try for a prize! The stall 'owners' can say which village organisation their profits go to.

New village residents can visit the Garden Centre where David or Janet can answer any questions you may have, alternatively you can email Bill.

4 MONTHS TO GO!

- The Scarecrow Committee

Ellerker's Website

The Parish Council has its own website

www.ellerkerparish.org.uk

On here you will find Minutes of Parish Council Meetings as well as most of the issues of Ellerker News etc.

If you have ideas for changes or additions to the site please contact a Parish Councillor, the Parish Clerk or the EN Editor.

- Ed.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL—JUNE

April

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Playing Field AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 WI Jumble, Village Hall, 2pm
- 25 Cinema, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 WI Treasure Hunt, 1pm

May

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 8 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

June

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm