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BBC Autumn Term

The Busy Bible Club starts its new term on Sunday 7th September. Children from 4+ to 11 join together for an hour of fun, games, music, topical teaching and refreshments.

We meet every first and third Sunday of the month during term time, at 9-20 a.m. in the Village Hall. This is our busiest term by far and is now well renowned, not just for the regular activities, but also for the rehearsals for and performances of the Nativity at the Carol service late in December and our contribution to the Village Show on three nights at the end of January.

The latter is a chance for children (and adults) to show off talents they never knew they had (perhaps), in like-minded company! AND, it will be our ELEVENTH!

If you need further details, do please ring Claire or David on 01430-424474.

- CW

Bus Stop on Main Street

There cannot be many Villagers or even visitors to Ellerker, who have not been thoroughly annoyed and amazed by the introduction in Main Street of a protuberance with bollards denoting a bus stop. Added to this are the words BUS STOP written in yellow across the road in case the former had not been noticed. Further to this insult to a Conservation village, full of character and hitherto unspoiled, the East Yorkshire Motor Services decided, during the actual construction of this eyesore, to change this bus route from one direct to Hull, to one that goes straight to Gilberdyke, resulting in the stop being totally unnecessary for that particular purpose and very rarely used for anyone getting off from Hull.

A petition with over 170 signatures has been circulated and will be presented to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, pointing out the absurdity of a bus stop in such a narrow street, where those with properties without drives or garages must park their vehicles, and close to the corner of Sands Lane which is a definite

safety issue. The Council will be urged to re-site the stop away from this narrow village street, possibly at the bottom of Howden Croft Hill where the wide grass verges could easily make way for an appropriate place for large buses to stop, and is not too far away from the original one. We thank everyone who signed to support this petition.

- DR

Yorkshire Countrywomen

It has been an all action year for the YCA in 2008. Besides our monthly meetings, which we thoroughly enjoy, having good speakers and demonstrations, we have lots of laughs and learning too. There have been several great Silver Jubilee celebrations, both county-wide and local.



Our Annual September Handicraft and Product Show was very well represented and as usual lovely flower and vegetable displays, mouth watering cakes and of course the handicrafts displays were superb.

Well we are back to normal in October and November, then on to December for our Christmas evening and entertainment. Phew!!

- HJW

Playing Fields

Sports Day

Despite somewhat persistent rain all the villagers who braved the elements had a great afternoon. The Williams family were in great form with James winning the Neighbourhood Watch Trophy for his fine performance in the around the field race, and Josh proving his abilities by winning both the 100 yards dash and the cup for the most points in the field events. The Turner family were hot on their heels with Alex and Scott winning the silver and bronze medals for the 100yards dash and Mum Tracey winning the Ladies welly throwing. Welly throwing was the usual popular and entertaining event with Robert Sayer winning the junior trophy

and Jonny Ohikere scooping the mens trophy with an almighty throw.



Indoor events were also hotly contested with Mr Langrick putting on a fantastic display for the Gardeners Trophy, Patricia Christmas winning the Senior Gardeners Cup for her houseplant and Bethany Wood produced a wonderful rose to win the Rose Bowl. The Children's indoor events cup will be passed around this year as there was a tie between Amy Johns and Alex Baker with brother James Baker coming a very close second. Well done to all that took part!

Fence

Everyone should have received through their door an update on progress regarding replacing the fence around the small field. We are aware that progress appears slow but behind the scenes there is a lot of work going on trying to get things moving.

Barn Dance

Just a reminder that on the evening of September 20th Brantingham Park is the place to be. The Barn Dance starts at 8pm and The White Horse Ceilidh Band will provide the music. As always with these events the more people that go, the more fun is had so get your dancing shoes on and come along! Tickets are available from Philip Wood.

- KJ

Village Hall

It's countdown to the first showing of the Ellerker Cinema on Friday 26th September when "The Queen" starring Helen Mirren will be screened. Future films include "The Bourne Identity" on 31st October and "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" on 28th November. There will be a special Christmas showing of "Nanny McPhee" on 12th December. Please come along and support this new venture.

There are two large wooden trestle tables in the Village Hall which are surplus to requirements. If anyone in the village would like these, please contact Tricia Christmas on 422104.

The AGM will take place in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 19th November at 7.30pm. There will be a short meeting with a social evening to follow with refreshments. We have some interesting pictures of Ellerker which will be on display and if anyone has pictures of Ellerker, old or new, please bring these along.

- S&MP

Women's Institute

In July we enjoyed a very informal members' night, when several members gave cookery demonstrations and tasting sessions, as well as poetry readings, a fun quiz and a lace making demonstration. Members were encouraged to have a go with the bobbins and two have since gone on to learn the craft. Patsy Harrison gave an account of her June visit to Liverpool as delegate to the AGM of National Federation of WIs. (I was very impressed by the guest speakers, Professor Averil MacDonald, Baroness Susan Greenfield and Sandi Toksvig.) The scarecrow festival in July was successful for us despite the inclement weather.

We did not have a meeting in August but were involved in preparing for our Annual Produce and Handicraft Show held on 3rd September as we agreed to take part in the filming of a new cookery series to be screened later this month, on BBC2. This series is called "What to eat now" and stars a new celebrity chef, Valentine Warner. Some of you may have been wondering why there was a film unit in the village, now you know. The chef is traveling around the British Isles demonstrating seasonal cookery and East Yorkshire was chosen for blackberries! He challenged the East Yorkshire WI members to compete with him in making bramble puddings, to be judged at a local show. We created a special extra class in our show for this challenge and it was judged by a very experienced WI cookery judge from York. The film unit spent some time on the allotment and in the kitchen of Margaret Brooker as well as in the Village Hall. I have to say they were not intrusive at all and allowed us to proceed with staging the Show as we normally do. Whether we all end up on the cutting room floor or not, is another matter and we will only know by watching the series when it

starts in two weeks. You will have to watch the TV show to see whether Valentine managed to beat the WI!



The rest of our show carried on as usual, the results as follows:-
Cookery.....Margaret Brooker,
Produce.....Brenda Jackson,

Handicrafts...Kate Harris, Flowers....Jean Butler/
Patsy Harrison tied,
Most points overall....Jean Butler, Best in Show...Audrey Tattersall for her picture of a garden, using several handicraft skills.

The speaker was Joan Helliwell on the history of the "Millenium Orchard" which is a joint venture between the East Yorkshire WIs and the East

Riding County Council and is situated in Beverley.

We will be holding another Jumble Sale on Saturday 8th November at 2.00pm. in the Village Hall.

- PH

Parish Council

Flooding update

Mr Barratt has now finished cleaning the Beck, sadly there was some opposition from some residents with concerns regarding wild flowers and Voles (which are protected) this has caused the Council to seek advice, we don't want to end up in court. So we now move on to the next stage. We need your help to do a survey so therefore you will be visited by a Parish Councillor with a few questions, so please help so we can progress. There will be more activity as more surveyors inspect the Beck and A63 in our efforts to alleviate the village being flooded again this will be paid for with flood fund money. If you have any concerns contact The Chairman. We have obtained some sand bags, if you would like some Councillor Harrison is willing to deliver.

Bus Stop

Thank you to the four residents who took on the task of the petition, the first one in the Parish's History. There will be another site meeting date to be fixed hopefully week commencing 13th October, check the notice board. You are welcome (see separate article).

Trees and Hedges

The Council have been contacted by residents about obstruction and damage to vehicles. Hedges which obstruct footpaths and roads need to be trimmed or lowered the same goes for tree branches. You may need to seek permission due to living in a Conservation Area. A phone call to ERYC Tree Officer that's advice it doesn't cost anything, better safe than sorry.



Water & Sewerage

We are still working with residents to sort this problem. Will update you when we have more information.

Planning

15 Mill Hill – Tree lopping - APPROVED
Wold View, Ings lane – Tree lopping - APPROVED

Church House, Howden Croft Hill – Extension to rear – APPROVED

Old Byre, Main Street - Extension to rear – APPROVED

Sewell Garage, Brough Road – ATM – APPROVED

Rosemount, Howden Croft Hill – Alteration to garage – WITHDRAWN

Dates for next meetings: (everyone welcome):
13th November 2008
22nd January 2009

- LW

Ellerker Show 2009

The last three nights of January 2009 beckon and, for the optimists amongst our readers, there is bad news. There WILL be a Show, our eleventh, all being well!!

If you have a talent which you do not want to keep under a bushel why not ring one of our 'auditioning' team members at once: Alan on 422542, David on 424474, Diana on 422757 or Mike on 421132. Britain - Ellerker especially - is always looking out for talent!

- DW

Scarecrow Festival

Another successful Festival in 2008!

Volunteers to be apprentices for the 2009 event please contact David & Janet Green or Bill Morris.

- Ed.

South Cave Arts Festival 2008

The third South Cave Arts Festival took place in July and attracted record numbers of visitors.

The art exhibition was especially well attended this year. Artists were asked to follow the theme of 'Off the Wall' - looking at things in a new or different way - and they responded magnificently with many pieces of original and creative work.

Jenny Milne's art installation, the 'Tree of Memories', in the Town Hall foyer, also drew a lot of interest, as did a sale of ceramics over the weekend. Other events included the now annual Poetry and Music Evening and a ceilidh at South Cave School.

Information and photographs from this year's events can be found on the festival website at www.southcavearts.co.uk.

We now need to start planning for 2009. If you are interested in organising an event, or in being involved in any way, please contact Karen Warren on (01430) 422737.

- KW

Christmas on The Green

In addition to the traditional Ellerker Christmas party for the children - there will be a new event in 2008!

Imagine:...Father Christmas led carriage riding across the village, Christmas trees decorated by our children enhancing the beauty of the Green... delicious lunch for children and adults, carols signing... What a beautiful way to start your Christmas!

When: December 14, 12.00-14.00

Who is invited: the villagers with family and friends

Contact person: Tanya Potter, Wold View.
Phone 422***

- TP

House Martins

Some may have noticed that the number of House Martins seen in the village this summer has been smaller than normal. I contacted the British Trust for Ornithology to see if they had an explanation. This was their reply on 26th June:

Thank you for your email regarding House Martins.

House Martins and Swallows were hit by a prolonged spell of bad weather south of the Sahara just as they began to move north which held them up for a couple of weeks. After this they were again hit by bad weather in northern Spain and southern France, holding them up again. This has resulted in some birds arriving in the UK up to a month late and others not arriving at all, couple this with a poor breeding season during last summer's washout and you can begin to see what problems these birds are facing. Hopefully this is just a short term trend and they will soon have a run of good migrations and breeding seasons.

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In wet weather their mud-cup nests are particularly vulnerable, so this year won't have been

very favourable for those that managed to get as far as Ellerker in May.

For those in the village who are privileged to have House Martins nesting under the eaves of their house, this is even more reason to put up with the temporary disturbance and mess they make, at least until they are able to recover to their traditional numbers. It would be a very sad day if they disappeared completely from the Summer scene.

- TJP

In Transition

In a new feature, John Pickles and Simone Fantinel will be writing about travels to farming communities learning about alternative ways of rural living.

Visiting farms in the UK and Mediterranean, we are gaining experience seeing diverse approaches to sustainable organic production. It is hard to ignore warnings about climate change, oil depletion and the end to life as we know, but there is hope! What we don't hear are the attempts people make to reverse these trends.

Reacting to rising oil prices, one movement is engaging people of all ages and is gaining such a momentum that towns are uniting behind its ways to reduce oil dependency and return to local resilience and self-sufficiency. It is known as the 'Transition Movement'. The first of its kind is Totnes in Devon.

Emphasis is on reducing energy use, wastage and unnecessary travel by returning to local production. Waste from one industry becomes fuel for another. Schemes include a local currency that retains wealth, as well as food and energy cooperatives. They demonstrate living economically and sustainably can be more colourful, enriching, creating community bonds. It uplifts villages that have declined in recent decades and stimulates local culture. You heard it here first in Ellerker News!

- JP&SF

Race for Life

Jane and Bethany Gray would like to thank friends and relations for their support in the *Race for Life* event held at Sewerby Hall at the end of June. They raised £131.00 for the Cancer Charity - <http://www.raceforlife.org/>

Tim Pickles entered the *Run for Moore*, which is the men's equivalent event. He would like to thank friends and family for contributing towards the £193 total sent to the Bobby Moore Fund - <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/>

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- CG & TJP

Mains Gas

Long term investment to keep your house warm! We enjoy enviable location living in Ellerker- rural and beautiful and yet so close to civilization and modern comforts... things like internet, gas... they are important aren't they? If you wish to learn more about changing the old fashioned oil heating in favour of a gas one - please let us know.

Contact person: Tanya Potter, Wold View.
Phone 422***

- TP

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

- Ed.

St Anne's

If this sounds rather like a fixture list, let us all try and make every one a winner!

The BBC is back in full swing after the summer break.

The Harvest Services will be:
Friday, 3rd October at 7.30pm, followed by a Pie and Pea supper in the Village Hall
Sunday, 5th October 9.30am

A Christmas coffee morning on the first Saturday in December

The first steps have been taken towards another Village Show (the 11th) in the last week in January.

- AS

Thomas Sayer

Tom Sayer, who for much of his life lived at The Old School, Ring Beck Lane, has been presented with The Queen's Medal by Princess Anne.

Tom, who went to Hymers College and studied at Cambridge University, was given the award at the Sovereign's Commissioning parade at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

He achieved the accolade after achieving the highest marks out of all cadets in academic, military and practical studies. The 24 year-old has now been attached to the Intelligence Corps.

Tom's mother, Sue, a pharmacist, said she was proud when he received the medal from Princess Anne. She said: "It's a fantastic achievement for Tom and we are all very proud of him. "He has done so well. He has worked hard and achieved an awful lot. When he received the medal from Princess Anne it was one of the proudest moments of my life."

After attending Hymers, Tom went to St John's College Cambridge, where he got a BA (1st Class Hons) in mathematics and psychology – also winning the college's Lamour Prize for best overall student.

In between university and arriving at Sandhurst, he spent a year teaching disadvantaged children in New Zealand and then spent 18 months as an IT consultant in London.

Thomas's father, Roger, is the managing director of the salad and herb growing and marketing firm Humber Growers Ltd.

His grandmother is Lily Lister and her father, who was in the Australian Infantry, won the Mili-



tary Medal for rescuing an officer in the First World War.

Addressing the representatives of the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst on April 11th, Princess Anne said: "This is a proud moment for everyone. It's a proud moment for their friends and relations and I join our guests and the Sandhurst staff in congratulating them and wishing them every success in their future careers"

- Ed.

Les Watson's 100th

Digital photography and surfing the Internet may not rank among the usual hobbies for the average 100-year-old. But Les Watson of Hessele,



takes it all in his stride.

Mr Watson who celebrated his centenary yesterday with a party with four generations of his family and friends has eagerly embraced the 21st century.

Mr Watson who still drives around in his own Ford Fiesta said: "I admire modern life in many ways. The Internet is wonderful and helps keep me touch with friends in Canada. Digital photography is much easier to use and I have a scanner so I can forward photographs on the computer."

Mr Watson was born at Holly Lodge in Brantingham into a family that ran the Triton Inn. He trained as a joiner and also worked in the village's funeral business, before eventually taking up a position in the joinery section of British Aerospace. He retired at 65, but refused to put his feet up, instead taking up golf as a hobby.

Mr Watson played at Springhead Golf Club in Hull and once shot a coveted hold-in-one. Mr Watson also bought a mountain bike and was cycling about 15 miles a day until well into his 80s. For his 90th birthday, Mr Watson celebrated with a flight from Humberside Airport in a Cessna aircraft.

His son Colin, 71, said Mr Watson's energy had passed down to the younger generations. He said: "The fact he so active is marvellous. All the

family are active and that's because of him. It's wonderful to be able to celebrate this day with all his friends and relations."

All 43 guests invited to Mr Watson's party at the Half Moon Inn, Elloughton accepted the invitation. Those celebrating the day included a cousin who had flown over from Canada, as well as Mr Watson's two sons, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, Luke 4 and Lily 8 months.

Mr Watson who smoked until he was in his 50s and has drunk alcohol in moderation throughout his life, puts his longevity down to luck. He said: "I think it's just good fortune. I've had many operations and often haven't been expected to pull through. I've had a wonderful party with my family and friends and I feel very fortunate to be here."

- Ed

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER—DECEMBER

October

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 3 Harvest Supper, St Anne's, 7.30pm
- 5 Harvest Festival, St Anne's, 9.30am
- 31 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm

November

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 28 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm

December

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 12 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm
- 14 Christmas on the Green, midday