

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Women's Institute

Over the past three months, Members have been involved in lots of events including the Autumn Council Meeting, Group Meeting, Neighbourhood Watch Quiz and most recently, Lettercount which is the WI's version of Countdown. Our teams did very well in the last two events but did not win.

At our October Meeting, we had great fun identifying objects from the past, brought by Derek Clark from Beverley. November was our Annual Meeting which resulted in "no change" with our officers and Committee; Jean Butler remains President, Patsy Harrison Secretary and Brenda Jackson Treasurer. Earlier in the evening we enjoyed tasting "Four recipes for Christmas" courtesy of Sheila Meadley. Some of us were lucky enough to win some dishes in the raffle!

This last week saw the culmination of our "80th Birthday Year" when Members were treated to a delicious Christmas Meal, at the hands of Jenny Winn and her team. We also listened to a very good selection of songs from the musicals and Christmas Carols, by the Anthem Singers. Our County President, Linda Morris, presented Jean with a certificate for 80 years.

Our other guests included members from our link institutes, and many past presidents. Some of the past presidents are no longer members so it was lovely to meet up with them again. The Hull Daily



Mail came to photograph them with our Birthday cake, made by one of our past presidents, Jessie Puckering. As Jean said in her opening and closing remarks, "It has been quite a busy year and not many WIs get the opportunity to appear on the telly"!

On behalf of the Committee, thank you to all the members for all their hard work, tears and laughter, in making this a year to remember.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

- PH



Presidents (past & present) of Ellerker WI
L to R: Mary Dennis, Margaret Brooker, Margaret Green, Pat Wilkinson
Ann Barker, Jessie Puckering, Jean Butler (President), Jane Robinson, Lilian Cole

St Anne's

We are grateful for the donation from the Scarecrow Weekend.

December Services are:

Sunday 21st— Lessons and Carols with BBC nativity play 6.15pm

Monday 22nd— Carol singing around the village, 6pm at Ring Beck

Wednesday 24th— Christmas Communion 11.30pm

Christmas Day— Shortened Family Service

Sunday 28th— Evening Communion

The Church Council have agreed to transfer the evening service to 9.30 in the morning for a trial period of twelve weeks from January

Our esteemed show producer intends to shorten winter once again. We are already treading the boards for the end of January show!

We are a friendly Church offering a warm welcome in more ways than one. In the words of the Salvation Army "come and join us".

- AS

Playing Fields

Our Barn Dance back on 20th September was a great evening thoroughly enjoyed by those who managed to get to it. Unfortunately many couldn't make that night so financially it was a loss-maker. Hopefully we'll pick a better night for everyone in future.

Invitations for the annual children's Christmas party (In January!) will be winging their way to all 11 year olds and under in the village. If you are a child that fits this category (or know someone who does) and haven't received an invitation please let us know Tel 425265.

We hope to have more news about the Playing Field fence replacement by the time of the next issue of EN.



A request was made to the Parish Council for financial assistance to help with the cost of field mowing, insurance and the annual safety inspection. The request was rejected

- TJP

Village Hall

The AGM took place on 19th November in the Hall. Business was followed by a social evening with wine and savouries and an opportunity to see an interesting display of photographs of Ellerker, some old some new.

Representatives from village organisations are as follows:

Women's Institute — Ann Barker & Lilian Cole
Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association
Diana Tarleton & Mary Dennis
Parish Council — Jessie Puckering & Mike Harrison
Playing Field Committee — Tim Pickles
St Anne's Church — Tricia Christmas & Sue Parker

Elected members are: David Wood, Mike Parker & Jane Standen

The Chairman, Tricia Christmas reported as follows:

The AGM of the Village Hall has come round once again, something which we are all proud of; although it has meant a lot of hard work for many people it means that we are surviving as a community.

The hard work has been in the forefront of my mind as the year rolled by. It takes dedication by many people for the Hall to function properly from keeping the diary, balancing the books, the cleaning, the maintenance, the Spring clean, the unlocking and locking of the door, the switching off of the alarm: the list goes on and I would like to thank everyone for their part in performing these and other tasks.

We have had regular bookings for art, dancing and Tai Chi classes and the Hall has been used by the WI, YCA, Neighbourhood Watch, Parish Council, Playing Field Committee, Church functions, Sunday School, The Scarecrow Festival, as well as private parties. Occasionally crockery and equipment has been loaned out for a small donation. All the village organisations send representatives to this committee.

As a result of our request for a home for the trestles and table tops we are pleased to report that Philip Wood has taken them on behalf of the Playing Field Committee and they can be used by other organisations.

One of the issues discussed this year has been the amalgamation with the Playing Field Committee but no final decision has been made. It would seem that taking all aspects into account there would be very little to gain.

This year the Hall has been used as a cinema under the umbrella of ArtERY. They have lottery sponsorship and provide the screen, back projector and speakers. We have to provide transport to collect and return it to Beverley and pay £100 to the film bank as royalties. We have 4 more films in the current programme. Unless we get more support it will not be viable to continue.

The Committee needs the Hall to be used and all who do come to the various events compliment us on how friendly, clean and warm it has become and we are the envy of many, so thank you once again for your support and we hope this will continue.

- S&MP

Parish Council

Bus Stop on Main Street

The petition was presented to Councillor M Groves ERYC on 15th October, you may have seen the article in the Hull Daily Mail, on 17th October.

Thank you to residents who attended the meeting and heard two apologies from ERYC saying that they had "got it wrong" discussions are still ongoing, when we have more news we will pass it on.



For residents who have received a questionnaire regarding buses, this doesn't mean we are going to lose our bus service, ERYC are looking into the issue of use of bus passes before 9.30 am.

Flood Update

The survey involving Water Voles has been concluded, we have to protect their habitat.

I am duty bound to tell you that we have been instructed to "pull the plug" on the drainage survey which we had arranged. The information we have already acquired will be shared with ERYC with whom we are now working, this will also cover the excess water and sewerage problems. If you have any concerns about sewerage (which could be a health issue) please contact the Parish Council.

Street Lights

It was suggested that we turn off the street lights between midnight and 7am to reduce the cost in these difficult times. We are awaiting the information from ERYC which says this will not save much money, we have a contract with them regarding maintenance.

Playing Field

The Ellerker Playing Field Committee approached the Council for £500 to help towards playing field running costs, to be included in the 2009/10 precept bid. The request was rejected 3-2.

Bulbs and Beck Cleaning

Residents have been busy planting 1000 bulbs which were donated to the village by ERYC. Looking forward to Spring.

Beck cleaning took place on 23rd November. A big thank you to those who took part (i.e. remember snow was on the ground – that's community spirit).

Planning

- 1) Keepers Cottage, Brantingham, change

- of use to B&B - WITHDRAWN
- 2) Hunsdale Farm, Brough Road, retention of change of use to storage of commercial vehicles – PENDING
- 3) Ellerker Hall, Main Street, construction of vehicular access on Norfolk Bank Lane – PENDING
- 4) Greens Garden Centre, Ring Beck Lane, retention of A1 retail licence – PENDING
- 5) 2 Croft Cottages, Ring Beck Lane, erection of double garage – PENDING
- 6) Barn House, Todds Lane, erection of single storey extension - PENDING

Trees

Mill House, Mill Hill – APPROVED

Mill Hill cul-de-sac – APPROVED

Date of next meeting: 22nd January 2009 at 7.30 pm

May I on behalf of the Parish Council wish you all A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- LW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

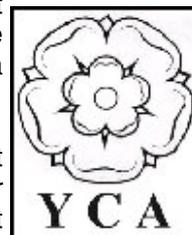
A hectic year all round for the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association and now coming up to Christmas - I'll say no more!!

Being our Silver Jubilee year with all the celebrations and outings, 2008 will hold lots of happy memories for all our members and to add to that we had our normal monthly meetings too. We have been very fortunate in having good speakers and demonstrations.

Our November venue was Swanland Nurseries, where we had a "lesson" in art, the artist literally painted a picture whilst talking us through the different stages making it look so easy; it was an interesting and inspiring evening.

On Thursday 4th December, it is the Ellerker Branch Christmas Dinner and entertainment evening which we hold in the Village Hall. This is a very popular event, each member going home with a surprise gift. Our final two big events for 2008 are our carol service in York Minster and the East Riding Carol Service at Driffield, followed by lunch at the Bell Hotel, culminating with a "West End" production?

It is with great sadness I report that we lost a founder member in November, namely Margaret



Friend, loyal for 25 years, who held the post of Branch Chairman for quite a long period.

On behalf of fellow members of Ellerker YCA, I would like to wish everyone a really Happy Christmas and a healthy 2009.

- HJW

Ellerker Show 2009

This year's show, the 11th, takes place on 29th-31st January.

Tickets this year are in hands of Mike Parker — 421132 and are on sale from Monday, 15th December. They always sell very quickly, so the advice is get in fast.

- Ed

One Man's Junk

In these cash strapped days where we're being encouraged to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, you may be interested to know that there's a new way you can get rid of your unwanted junk or perhaps pick up a gem, without money even changing hands. You will need access to the Internet to become a member of your local scheme, but once online all trading is free. The name of the network is Freecycle and it started in Arizona back in 2003.

The concept has since spread to over 85 countries, where there are thousands of local groups representing millions of members are changing the world one gift at a time. As a result, they are keeping over 500 tonnes a day out of landfills! The Hull group has over 3000 members.

By giving freely, members of the network help instill a sense of generosity of spirit as they strengthen local community ties and promote environmental sustainability and reuse. People from all walks of life have joined together to turn junk into treasure.

Perhaps if you receive an unwanted present this Christmas it would be a lovely way to give it to someone local who really appreciates it.

www.freecycle.org

- JP

Christmas on The Green

Don't forget this new event on Sunday 14th December, tickets £1.50 in advance or on the day.

Contact person: Tanya Potter, Wold View.
Phone 422424

- Ed

Richard Hainsworth

Some will remember the Hainsworth family who lived at Amen Cottage — John, Christine, Richard and Catherine. Richard (now 29 years) visited St Anne's recently and left this note:

Dear All at St Anne's

I came to visit today — not sure if anyone will remember but I used to attend regularly as a child — 17 years ago — and we lived in Amen Cottage.

Great to see the Church so well cared for and some familiar names on the notice board.

Every blessing to you all.

*Rev. Richard Hainsworth
(son of John & Christine Hainsworth)*

PS. I am now vicar of St Margaret's Church Wrexham, North Wales

Thanks to Frank Barratt for passing on the note for me to transcribe.

Richard's details are here:

<http://www.churchinwales.org.uk/rb/ben.php?dosommat=detail&which=708>

- Ed

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY — MARCH

January

- 3 Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4 pm
- 8 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 22 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 29-31 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

February

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

March

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