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100th Birthdays

Mrs Edith Wood (nee Lister) celebrated her 100th birthday with her family and the staff at Westerlands on Sunday, 8th March. For most of her life she lived at Hazel House Farm, Ings Lane. She has been a resident of Westerlands Care Centre in Brough since January '98.

Mrs Francis Elizabeth Donkin is due to celebrate her 100th birthday on 8th June. The Donkin family lived in Mill House and Brooklyn on Mill Hill for many years. Mr & Mrs Donkin moved to North Newbald in March 1985 .

- Ed.

Ellerker Scarecrow Festival 2009

The fifth Ellerker Scarecrow festival will take place on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th July 2009.

In past years we have had fantastic support from the village and hope that this will continue into this year. David and Bill will be visiting all households in the near future but if you are willing to display a scarecrow and would like to contact them before this their details are listed below .

As usual Scarecrows will be placed so that visitors can see them from the roadside so no one has to enter the garden of the house with a display. Please support this weekend as it brings much needed funds to the various village organisations that benefit from it. We hope that it is yet another successful year. Thank you

David Green 422256 or at the garden centre
Bill Morris 422130 or email wam1592@aol.com

- WAM

Women's Institute

Many members gathered at Kavanagh's Restaurant in Beverley for a New Year's Evening Out, at the start of 2009; and as usual enjoyed the meal.

Unfortunately, our speaker for February was in-

disposed but one of our new members, Maggie Tomlinson, entertained us with the story of her grandmother. Maggie related how she researched her family background via computer sites and other information sources, concentrating on the only grandparent she remembered.

In March, we had a very informative talk on "Beekeeping" by Colin and Debbie Hattee from Holme on Spalding Moor. No doubt many readers will have seen news items about the plight of honey bees due to adverse weather conditions and disease. The National Federation of WIs are debating "SOS for Honey Bees" at their AGM on 3rd June. Locally, the East Yorkshire Federation of WIs work with the Beverley Beekeepers Association at the Millennium Orchard at Beverley Parks, in conjunction with the ER County Council.

In the next few weeks, we are hostesses for our Group Meeting with South & North Cave WIs, and Sandholme and Hive, in Ellerker on 19th March. Over half our membership are attending the Spring Council in Beverley to hear our National Chairman, Fay Mansell on 18th April.



We will be holding a Jumble Sale in the Hall at 2.00pm. on Saturday 28th March. If you wish to bring jumble, please leave it Saturday morning and do come along – it is amazing what you find!

Our next monthly meeting is April 1st, and the speakers are the flower arrangers from White Cross Garden Centre.

- PH

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- Ed.

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Alan Denzil Nicholls 1939-2008

On 5th December a large congregation gathered at St Mary's Broomfleet for the memorial service of local farmer Alan Nicholls.

Alan was born at Crabley Farm, Broomfleet where he spent most of his life, but he was a well known and familiar figure in neighbouring Ellerker.

For many years he was involved in the running of Garth Farm as a traditional, mixed, working farm and more recently he farmed Cave Sands Farm, both on Sands Lane, Ellerker.

His priorities from which he never deviated, were his family, his livestock and the fertile acres which provide "our daily bread".

He was an advocate of efficient drainage systems, free flowing ditches and water courses, to alleviate serious flooding. He also fought tirelessly to end any pollution which could pose a threat not only to the environment, but to life itself.

To some in Ellerker he may be best remembered with nostalgia, when on a fine Spring morning the traffic was forced to a standstill as Alan, with sheep dog in attendance, slowly walked a flock of ewes and their tiny lambs through the village to pastures new.

To his wife Audrey and his family, we extend our sympathy.

- Ed.

Free your wilderness - Permaculture

There can be few things more satisfying than growing your own food. But growing enough to live on, would surely mean a return to 7 days a week of dawn-til-dusk labour and precious time for anything else, or would it? Post petroleum doom predicts a future of toil with scythes, calluses and aching muscle. A thoroughly arduous life none should want.

Agriculture over the last 10,000 years has tended to fight nature rather than work with it, and increasing demands by the food markets has made this worse for the hapless farmer.

Today's ignorance displays a lack of faith in nature, but modern thinkers have rediscovered an old approach that most had forgotten. They call it 'Permaculture' and say it can form a basis for sustainable food-production, that yields impressively with minimal intervention. Ingenuity and understanding of complementary wildlife that flourish within a given piece of land is encouraged, of which a by-product is edible.

There are now numerous inspirational sources for home and small-scale food production that can be thoroughly rewarding and help re-establish a link with the land that should not be underestimated. As we head into Spring, the growing season is waking from hibernation, why not experiment and remind yourself what nature can provide.

www.permaculture.org.uk

- JSP

Tanya's Hot Buns

Tanya Potter is planning a 'Hot and Sweet Buns' competition on Saturday, 25th April in the Village Hall. Use your favourite recipe along the lines of a hot-cross bun or teacake mix (if I understand correctly) containing fruit and spices and normally served hot.

The entry fee is £2 – there will be a prize – any profit will go towards the tree bench fund. - the fee entitles entrants to sample and judge other entrants buns.

Enquiries are welcome from the teams of families and friends - please contact Tanya Potter, Wold View, Ings lane, 01430 422424

- Ed.

A Night Out

We left home at 6.45 and didn't return until 10.50. We had a lovely evening out, no travel expenses and we only paid £7 each for our tickets. We went to see a group of local people perform. What do they say "never work with children and animals"? We don't know who said that but they got it wrong. The professional performance by the children and Lulu (the dog) were very impressive. Congratulations to each one of you. Have you guessed where we went?

We went to Beverley Races, the costumes wouldn't have looked out of place at Ascot, well done. We enjoyed solos, duets, comedy and prose the scriptwriters had once again surpassed themselves. The scenery and musical accompaniment all added to make this a special evening, with a good cup of tea, home-made biscuits and a good raffle.

What more did we need? Sorry good company. This all takes place in late January on three consecutive nights.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way. We really enjoyed the show, but we knew we would, this is our eleventh visit. Hopefully we will be back next year.

Have you guessed where we had been? Ellerker Show of course.

- L&KW

Where's that tree?

With the growing popularity of wood-burning stoves and the move away from burning expensive fossil fuel it will be interesting to see how many of our old friends, the mature trees in the village, disappear and get converted into firewood.

- Ed.

St Anne's

Services have now settled down at the regular time of half past nine on Sunday mornings.

The annual Church meeting will be held in Church on Sunday, 19th April after morning service. All are warmly invited to attend.

There will be a Quiz in South Cave Family Centre on Friday, 3rd April at 7.30 pm, a light supper is included.

We are also holding another plant sale in the Village Hall at 10am on Saturday, 16th May. All contributions would be greatly appreciated.

Once again we shall take part in the Scarecrow Festival in July.

- AS

Playing Fields

The annual village children's Christmas party was enjoyed by all who attended – adults and children!

The Ellerker Playing Fields AGM will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday April 8th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and anyone who feels they can spare the time to be a committee member would be warmly received.

The members of the committee have sadly accepted Jim Bradley's resignation from the committee. Jim has been a member of the committee



for over 40 years and the Playing fields would not be the current wonderful asset to the village without Jim's input over the years. Many villagers will remember the wonderful Barn Dance & Suppers which took

place at White House Farm for many years and only last year he & Sheilagh provided the use of their garden and marquee following the celebration of his 80th birthday. We all thank Jim very much for all his hard work, knowledge and advice which have been invaluable.

- KJ

Village Hall

The committee is always looking to improve the facilities in the Village Hall and in this connection 3 new tables have been ordered and some of the chairs are to be re-upholstered.

Tuesday nights are free of any activities at the moment. Should anyone like to arrange a booking, please contact Jessie Puckering on 01430 422761.

Despite disappointing attendance figures so far, Ellerker Cinema will resume in September on the last Friday of each month. Suggestions for future films would be much appreciated. Please contact Tricia Christmas on 01430 422104.

- S&MP

Parish Council

Flood Update

There have been meetings with

- a) The Highways Agency
- b) Yorkshire Water

At both meetings concerns were expressed and these were taken on board. Both agencies have agreed to look into the problems so from time to time you may see workmen in the village, both groups have agreed to meet with us again. Yorkshire water did ask us to ask you to be careful what you put down the loo, hopefully they will let us have some leaflets also that farmers and landowners clean their dykes. Workmen have been seen again pouring builder's waste into sinks, please let us know if you see this happen, this has caused blockages in the past.



Bus Stop

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council has said that the bus stop in Main Street cannot be removed, they are willing to replace the black posts with wooden ones which would be more in keeping. Recently it has been suggested that another bus stop be put in near the Village Hall. The Parish Council have made NO DECISION on this proposal. We have met with East Yorkshire Motor Services, there have been incidents with two buses passing together. We found the meeting very informative, will let you know the outcome when discussions have taken place.

Roads and Verges

Grass verges are really suffering at the moment, so if possible try not parking on them, as mentioned in the last issue bulbs were planted on some grassed area sadly vehicles have driven over them. Concern has been expressed about some vehicles travelling too fast. The Council have approached East Riding of Yorkshire Council to ask if Mill Hill down to Main Street can

be included in the salting programme, this has not been included before because it is not a bus route, we await the outcome.

Precept

The Precept which is part of your Council Tax has been reduced this year on a vote 5-1 in favour. We have taken into account the credit crunch.

Date of next meetings—Everyone is welcome
26th March 2009
21st May 2009 – AGM

- LW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Well here we are 3 months into 2009 and a much quieter year ahead I think, after an extremely exciting, busy and memorable 2008 - OUR SILVER JUBILEE YEAR.

The January branch meeting was well attended as usual, as is our Fish and Chip supper social evening a very enjoyable evening.



Unfortunately, our February meeting had to be cancelled at the 11th hour, due to adverse weather conditions.

Along came the March meeting and our Demonstrator/Speaker who had been booked, was unable to attend, however all was not lost, at the very last minute a gentleman wildlife photographer bridged the gap. What a superb show he put on, showing slides of flowers, birds, insects, animals and the most beautiful butterflies. He ended the show by showing his very personal abstract pictures which were absolutely brilliant, a wonderful evening's entertainment.

April is our AGM so in my next report I shall tell you all the current news.

- HJW

Star Gazers

If you enjoy looking at heavenly bodies in the sky on clear, dark nights why not give Peter Clark at Ardath, Ellerker Lane a call on 422460.

When it is forecast to be clear on Thurs, Fri. or Saturday nights, you can arrange to join other star gazers on Sancton Hill.

- PC

Right Up Your Street?

(Overheard at a recent Council meeting)

ERIC: How can we get those tricky little streets in Ellerker widened, without the villagers noticing?

'ERB: I know, we'll send more of our double-decker thingies round more often....

ERIC: What a good id--

'ERB: --AND we'll time them to pass in opposite directions where the streets are at their narrowest...

ERIC: ...so that we wear away those beautiful--

'ERB: ---green grass verges...

ERIC: ...so the street will then take more of the flood waters...

'ERB: And, while we're at it, we'll put more of those raised pavements and special yellow boxes, big enough for a double bendy-thingie...

ERIC: ...and don't forget to dot the 't's and cross the 'i's, will you.....

Seriously, though, this is just one of the scripts submitted for the next Ellerker Show. Casting and rehearsals will resume again in November 2009. Meanwhile, the Production Committee would like to thank very much indeed all those who took part in or helped with or attended our eleventh 'event'. Thank you, all.

- DRW

Ellerker News Online

This issue of Ellerker News and most of the earlier ones going back to 1999 can be viewed as PDF files at:

<http://www.ellerkerparish.org.uk/ccm/navigation/category.jsp?categoryID=131712>

- Ed.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL — JUNE

April

- 1 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 2 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 Quiz, S Cave Family Centre, 7.30 pm
- 8 Playing Field AGM, V. Hall, 7.30 pm
- 19 Annual Church Meeting, St Anne's
- 25 Tanya's Buns, Village Hall

May

- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 16 Plant Sale, Village Hall, 10 am
- 21 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

June

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