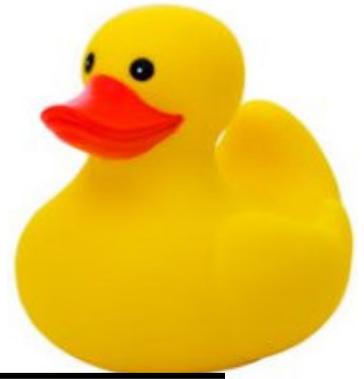


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## Playing Fields

Many thanks to the retiring Scarecrow Committee for their generosity in time and energy in organizing another excellent village Scarecrow event this year. We were lucky with the weather and the turnout was exceptional. The Duck Race proved to be very popular and the Playing Field achieved a record in fund raising (come to the next AGM in April to find out how much!)

Sports Day this year is on Saturday 19th September (a week later than usual so as not to clash with the Freedom Festival and the Clipper race leaving Hull on the 12th-13th September weekend). By now everyone should have received a flyer through their door with information about the indoor competitions.



For Children:

- Paper plate decorating
- Digestive Biscuit decorating
- Village Photograph

For Adults:

- House Plant
- 3 Blooms
- A single rose
- Village Photograph.

We are hoping for fine weather for a great afternoon. All indoor entries should be in the village hall between 10am and 12 mid-day. Outdoor events start at 2pm on the field.

**BREAKING NEWS:** We finally have good news about the replacement of the fence. We have just received funding from the Big Lottery Fund and hope to get work started on the fence very soon.

- KJ

## Ellerker Show 2010

Our now famous - some say, infamous - Show is scheduled to take place in the Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2010. (Tickets will be available from the usual suspects from mid-December.) It will, surprisingly, be our Twelfth and has been variously described as 'The Show to End all Shows'...though it hasn't yet succeeded... and, by a very famous critic, as 'the best Show I have seen in the last two and three-quarter hours'.

Despite all this, or perhaps because of it, we would once again welcome new talent. If anyone reading this note would like to join a band of artistes who, we must be honest, are not looking for the sort of riches sought by our leading bankers and Ministers of Parliament, please ring the Production Committee, c/o David, at 01430-424474 for an immediate - and confidential - audition. The pay may not be good but the fun and the Community spirit is beyond price.

- DRW

## Mark Evison 1962 - 2009

Tributes have been paid to Mark Evison, aged 47, who died on 16 August, 2009, after being repeatedly stung by a swarm of wasps while cutting grass. Mr Evison, a farmer, had been clearing a dyke on farmland in Ellerker, near South Cave, when he disturbed a wasp nest.

He lived and worked on his mother's farm with his brother Paul. His family moved to the 50-acre arable farm when he was three years old.

Mr Evison's brother told the Hull Daily Mail: "Half of me has died. Mark was my rock.

He was the level-headed one. I always turned to him for advice. I could not have wished for a better brother."

Mr Evison's mother, Daisy, also paid tribute to her hard-working son. She said: "Mark was very highly regarded in Ellerker. He was known by everyone. "Mark was very thoughtful. A fortnight ago we had the annual scarecrow festival. "A lady from North Cave had done a lovely painting of the village, which showed our farm. "I happened to mention it to Mark. A little while later Mark had gone to the church where it was displayed and bought it for me.

"We are all devastated. The support we have been given from the village has been great."

Albert Williamson, a resident of Ellerker, knew Mr Evison from birth. He said: "Mark was a well-liked lad; very hard working. He would have done anything to help someone."

*Reprinted from  
<http://www.lastingtribute.co.uk/tribute/evison/3136205>*

– a message from Paul –

I would like to thank the people of Ellerker for their kind support and generosity given on the sad loss of Mark. The family found great strength from the village community and all the offers of help, especially Mr Martin Wood and Martin Scott for their help in finishing the harvest. I can't thank you all enough.

– Paul Evison

## **Yorkshire Countrywomen**

July – Our annual outing proved to be a great success. We were fortunate to have good weather. The coach took us to Pickering where we stopped for coffee and biscuits at the Forest and Vale Hotel. We had a short time to look around the High Street to visit interesting shops.

Following this we travelled by steam train on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway to Whitby where the fish and chip restaurants seemed to be well patronised by our members! More time was given to enjoy the sights of Whitby before we returned home by coach. Everyone seemed to enjoy the

day out.

August – An interesting talk by Julie Los about the organisation and running of the YCA in the East Riding and at County Level. It made us more aware how much work goes on behind the scenes to make the Association a success.



September – Our annual Handicraft and Produce Show took place at the beginning of the month. As usual, lovely flowers and vegetable displays, together with several cookery and handicraft classes showed off the variety of talents by members of this local branch.

In the evening, after the presentation of the Trophies, we enjoyed an interesting talk about life of a nurse on Hull Docks given by Mrs B Whipp. She certainly had an interesting life and told us about many strange and harassing incidents that took place in her time at work.

- BB

## **Acknowledgement**

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

- Ed

## **St Anne's**

The main focus now is on autumn activities. The BBC meet again; the Show is on the "road"; and the harvest celebrations begin on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7pm in Church, followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. They conclude with a gift Family Service in Church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am.

We are all deeply saddened by the sudden death of Mark Evison, we had probably the largest number of mourners in recent years attending the funeral. Over £1,000 was given in his memory, which the family most graciously donated to St Anne's.

- AS

## **Ellerker Cinema**

Always the last Friday in the month (apart from December and January) at 7pm in the Village Hall – entrance fee £3.50

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September The Duchess (12A) – Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October Slumdog Millionaire (15) – Dev Patel, Freida Pinto

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November The Third Man (PG) – Joseph Cotton, Trevor Howard, Alida Valli, Orson Wells

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December Lion King 2 Simba's Pride (U)

The programme for February to April will follow in the next issue of Ellerker News

- PAC

## Parish Council

Flood update — The flood committee have put forward a request to Yorkshire Water that the sewers in Ellerker be included in their desilt programme. Yorkshire Water could use a down pile to investigate the state of the village sewerage system, which would give an indication of the remedial action required. There is currently a dispute over responsibility for the sewerage pump between public service providers. An inspection of the pump is required to deal with the problem of the poorly functioning overflow flap.



Bus Stop — The Council has asked the local police to put forward their views on the bus stop in Main Street, as we believe it to be an obstruction of the public highway. We are keen to pursue the “hail and ride” option, but it is proving very difficult for us to arrange meetings with EYMS and ERYC. Incidentally, you may have noticed the significant reduction in the number of buses that now pass through the village. The PC has not been notified of the reason for this change to the timetable.

Beck Clearing — Thanks to all the villagers who came out to help with beck cleaning in July. The PC was particularly grateful to Tony Barrett and William Puckering for the heavy work they kindly undertook. This highlighted to us the need to put the beck clearing on a more formal basis and we propose to engage a contractor for future beck maintenance.

Planning — Belvedere, removal of condition 2 of planning permission—Application Approved

Next Meeting: Thursday, 24th September, 7.30pm. All are welcome

- MM

## Busy Bible Club

The Busy Bible Club at St Anne's Church, Ellerker, opens for business again on Sunday, 20th September. All children from the age of 4 to 11 are welcome to join us for an hour or so of Fellowship, Friendship and Fun, along with music, laughs and refreshments. We meet at 9-20 a.m. at the Village Hall on the first and third Sundays of the month (during school term-time) and, after ten or so minutes in Church, we return to the Hall for an hour's packed programme, which this term includes preparations for our contributions to the Harvest Festival, the Carol Service just before Christmas and the Ellerker Show - this year will be our TWELFTH - at the end of January. This really is a good chance to meet up with many of the other children in the Village. If you want further details, please do telephone Claire or David at 01430-424474.

- C&DW

## Women's Institute

At our July Meeting, members were entertained by Dorothy Taylor and Joyce, ex Land Army Girls. They brought lots of wartime memorabilia as well as models of a working farm, dolls dressed in their uniforms and many photos of the girls at work. Our visitor, Jean from South Cave, told of her time as a rat catcher when working near Hotham. Joyce read many poems which were tributes as well as being very comical. Both ladies kept us all amused with their banter and were thanked by Audrey Tattersall, who was also a Land Army Girl and she related some of her wartime experiences.

We did not meet in August as our outing was cancelled due to lack of numbers. This is happening with many of our neighbouring WIs so in future we are proposing to arrange summer outings as a group. However, we were all very busy at the end of July with the Scarecrow Festival and like

many other village organisations, we had a very successful day.



September always heralds our annual Produce and Craft Show. Again, we had another good year with high standards and many varied entries. The Cookery and Preserve Cup was awarded to Kate Harris, the Handicraft Cup to Patsy Harrison, the Flowers Trophy to Jean Butler and Audrey Tattersall won Best in Show with her cross stitch picture of poppies. Before the presentation of trophies, Kirsten Simister, from the Ferens Art Gallery in Hull, gave us a talk on the history and development of the Gallery including the recent changes made this last year. She showed many slides of famous works of art, including those of recent finds in the archives as well as new purchases. In addition she related how the Art Gallery works in conjunction with all the Hull Museums and now reaches out into schools and the rest of the community to further art education. It certainly made me resolve to visit the Gallery again as much has been changed since my last visit.

Our next Meeting is on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Robert McMillan on "Crime Prevention"- please join us – we are always pleased to see new faces!

- PH

### **Shirley Forster 1935-2009**

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Shirley passed away on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as a result of an operation, after being in pain for over a year following a fall. Her funeral in her home village of Ellerker, East Yorkshire was held on 15<sup>th</sup> June with local LDWA group members in attendance along with family and friends.

Shirley with her husband John, was for many years in the LDWA. They were founder members of the East Yorkshire Group and had close association with North Yorkshire, Nidderdale, Cleveland and latterly Vermuyden groups.

Shirley participated in many challenge events such as the Crosses Walk, Cleveland Classic, the Fellsman Hike and many shorter distance events and also completed two New York Marathons, the London Marathon, the Lyke Wake Race and Great North Run.

Shirley and John became involved in organising events and helping out other groups on checkpoints. With her organising abilities and her calmness in any situation, groups could rely on Shirley to overcome any crisis. Cleveland Group in particular appreciated her being there to help on the Tandem and latterly Afoot in Two Dales, taking up her usual role of registering entrants and checking them in on completion, always with a smile.

A keen gardener, Shirley was also a talented botanical painter and needlewoman. She had a full and varied life, mainly connected with horticulture, organising courses for Hull College. Among her many roles she was a village postie, a job she loved. Her life-long ambition was to do a degree course at Hull University but sadly was not able to complete this.

Shirley will be remembered for her calmness and her winning smile and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

- Edith Moran and Bernie Pearson

- Ed

### **ELLERKER EVENT DIARY OCTOBER — DECEMBER**

#### **October**

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 2-4 Harvest Festival celebration
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 30 Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm

#### **November**

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 27 Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm

#### **December**

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 18 Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm