

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Edith Annie Wood 1909 - 2009

A life span of over 100 years has ended with the death of Edith Wood, a life wholly spent in Ellerker, apart from her secondary schooling and her final years of illness.

In her active years she was one of the strong personalities of the village, with her cooking skills, her poultry keeping and Parish Council membership. Village sports were held in her grass paddock, before the village green and playing field were bought, aided by her money raising efforts.

With the help of her brother-in-law Jack Wood, she kept the last dairy herd in the centre of the village, the milking parlour was where The Granary now stands.

She was President of Ellerker Women's Institute for over 20 years and was a founder member of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association, in her later years she was its only honorary member.

As a Women's Institute national judge of cookery, she was a familiar figure in her white overall, white tea towel over her arm, cutting a fruit cake in half, tasting a morsel from the middle and writing her comments with care. For trifle she abhorred a base of sponge soaked in jelly and insisted on sherry and fruit juice for her method.

She liked to recount how she toured the village selling bricks for half a crown (12½p), to raise money for the building of the Village Hall in 1929. Each was fired with the donor's name inscribed and when the cloakrooms were added in later years, the design allowed for the bricks to remain revealed, with their little bit of history and a remembrance of her efforts.

She was pre-deceased by her former husband Jim and her younger daughter Jenni-

fer. Her elder daughter Barbara, Jennifer's husband David and her grand children remember her with pride.

- MD

St Anne's

The Harvest Festival gifts were taken to a very grateful Salvation Army and helped to cater for their 113 residents.

The Lessons, Carol Service and Nativity Play will be held at 6.15pm on Sunday 20th December.

Carol singing around the village will be on Tuesday evening 22nd December – all voices are appreciated (No audition required)

Christmas Eve will see a communion service in Church at 11.30pm

On Christmas Day (Friday) there will be a shortened form of family service at 9.30am

There will be a Lenten lunch for the whole parish in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 17th February at 12 noon

Show rehearsals are under way – as usual featuring a host of original items and local talent

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Acknowledgement

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- Ed

Playing Fields

Back in September on a beautiful sunny day we had a wonderful sports day. The village hall was filled with some fantastic



entries for the indoor competitions. Mr. Langrick again produced a wonderful display of three blooms to once again win the Gardeners Trophy and Mrs Barratt entered a beautiful plant to win the Senior Gardeners cup. There were lots of entries for the children's competitions this year making it a close competition with some super art work from the Hurley kids, the Turners, the Johns, the Frarys and the Carliles. Amy Johns was pronounced the final winner of the cup for the indoor competition.

Out on the field we had a great turn out so again hot competition for the trophies. Jasper and Toby Frary both showed their athletic skills with Jasper winning the Neighbourhood Watch trophy and Toby winning the cup for the most points in the field events. As always the welly throwing was an entertaining and hotly fought competition with Josh Williams taking the junior trophy, Philip Wood winning the men's and Isobel Carlile taking the ladies trophy. Well done to all those who took part to make a lovely village event.

Preparations are underway for the annual children's Christmas party on 9th January. All primary school aged children and under who live in the village will be receiving their invitation very soon. If you fit into this category and have not received an invitation by the middle of December please contact Karen Johns 425265 and we will get an invite out to you.

Work on the fence was due to commence mid-November but it now looks as though the contractor won't make a start until the New Year.

- KJ

Theatre News!

Ellerker's 12th Annual Entertainment at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2010 in the Village Hall: please note that tickets go on general sale on Monday, 14th December: contact Mike Parker at 424474.

- DRW

Yorkshire Countrywomen

The Branch was sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Edith Wood, a founder member. A silver cup donated by her daughter, is pre-

sented each year for the "best in show" at the annual Handicraft event.



October – our speaker Ken Walker provided us with a splendid evening on the lines of "Call my Bluff", guessing the uses of objects he put on show. A panel of three ladies read out three alternative usages for each object, one of which was correct. Members had to choose one of three explanations as being the true answer. There were some interesting antiques and "descriptions" for each article and this made an entertaining evening.

November – "Christmas Traditions" by Margaret Brooker was the title of her talk. She gave a most enlightening insight into the original use of many items and customs we associate with Christmas, some of which surprised us. The talk was followed by a quiz covering a wide range of seasonal knowledge. The answers were all to do with Christmas. It was a very pleasing evening for everyone present.

December – the highlight is our Christmas dinner. The evening is always well attended, the attraction being good food and entertainment. This year the "Walkington Singers" entertained us with a variety of songs and readings to help put us in the Christmas mood. Many thanks go to Mrs Jenny Winn for making the evening a success by providing good food and excellent service from her and her team. It is always an enjoyable evening with friends.

Happy Christmas to all and best wishes for the New Year.

- BB

Ellerker Cinema

Always the last Friday in the month (apart from December and January) at 7pm in the Village Hall – entrance fee £3.50/ £1.50

18th December - The Lion King 2: Simba's Pride (U)

26 February - Mama Mia (PG)
Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, Colin Firth, Amanda Seyfried, Julie Walters

26 March - The Talented Mr Ripley (15)

Matt Damon, Gwyneth Paltrow, Jude Law, Cate Blanchett, Philip Seymour Hoffman

23 April - Australia (12)

Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman, David Wenham, Bryan Brown, Jack Thompson

- PAC

Margaret Needler 1941-2009

Margaret moved to Ellerker in 1962 when Peter found work at the Hawker Siddeley aircraft factory in Brough. Peter was born in Ellerker but moved to Birmingham where he met and married Margaret in 1960.

Country life was strange at first for Margaret but gradually she settled and became one of the villagers and learnt the language of Yorkshire. She took an 8 week crash course in driving and passed her test enabling her to get out and about. The bus service in Ellerker was not a patch on Birmingham!

Margaret was an excellent mother to Alison, Helen and John and "Special Gran" to 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Her hobby was knitting and all her children and grandchildren, along with many others in the village, always had the most wonderful garments made by her gifted hands. When she ran out of youngsters to knit for Margaret used her spare time and wool to knit for the premature babies at the National Intensive Care Unit at The Women and Children's Hospital, Hull and other hospitals.

A lot of the knitting was done whilst relaxing in a deck chair at several caravan sites around the country which Peter and Margaret visited during their caravanning years. Margaret loved to walk Helen's dog Beau, sometimes she would take 30 minutes another time 60 minutes, depending on who she met and chatted to.

Sadly Margaret's health started to deteriorate and knitting, walking and caravanning came to an end, but she always remained positive and supportive towards her family and friends.

Margaret passed away suddenly on Sunday, 25th October 2009. "A very special lady who will be sadly missed" GOD BLESS

- PN

Village Hall

The AGM took place on 18th November in the Hall. Before the meeting commenced the committee took time to remember with appreciation Mrs Edith Wood, a hardworking member of the Village Hall committee for many years.

Representatives from village organisations are as follows:

Women's Institute –

Ann Barker and Lilian Cole

Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Mary Dennis

Parish Council

Jessie Puckering and Mike Harrison

Playing Field Committee

Tim Pickles and Jane Standen

St Anne's Church

Tricia Christmas and Sue Parker

Elected members are David Wood and Mike Parker

The Chairman has been sifting through old village hall papers and came across an item on the use of the hall for school meals. In 1951 a fee of £40 per annum was negotiated for this, plus and extra £4 per week for coal.

- S&MP

Parish Council

Flood Update

The Highways Authority catchment study has been carried out and the flood committee is chasing up the findings of the study. Yorkshire Water has asked us to remind villagers not to dispose of fats and babies nappies etc. down the drain, as they cause severe blockages. We await further information from YW about action they can take to help prevent future flooding in the village.



Bus Stop

EYMS and the East Riding Council appear to have reached an impasse on this matter and we are making every effort to reopen communication between them. This matter drags on, but we will persist.

Playing Fields

The Playing Fields Committee has requested that the sum of £200.00 be added to the Parish Precept, payable as part of the council tax bill (equating to an average of £1.48 per Ellerker household per annum, we are told). We are requesting further information from the Playing

Fields Committee. This topic always provokes considerable debate at Parish Council meetings. Your views on funding the playing fields this way are welcomed.

Car parking

We have a number of narrow access roads in the village that are only passable if villagers are considerate when parking their cars. Please consider your neighbours and the access requirements of the emergency services when you park your car.

New Clerk

Many thanks to Jonathan Leathley for his services as Parish Clerk. The role has now been taken over by Angela Mooring.

Planning

Ellerker House ERYC approved removal of tree

The Parish Council has objected to an application to store additional gas cylinders at the site on Stonepit Road (which actually falls in the South Cave Parish). We took the view that it is too close to housing and to an existing ammunition store to be safe. The recent fire at the site adds weight to this view, we feel.

Next meeting:

21st January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

- MM

Women's Institute

We had a busy October with members taking part in Letter-count (our County Federation's version of Countdown) and the Neighbourhood Watch Quiz – we did not win either but were highly placed and enjoyed the events. Many of us attended the County Autumn Council Meeting in Beverley to hear Peter Slack, a Peak District hill farmer, whose deadpan delivery of anecdotes about other farmers and rambles brought tears of laughter to the whole audience but especially the farmers' wives! At our monthly meeting we were reminded how to keep safe by Robert McMillan from the local Crime Prevention Committee.



November was our Annual Meeting and Jean Butler was elected President again, Brenda Jackson remains Treasurer but my job has been split up between Maggie Tomlinson and Clair Whitaker. New faces were added to the Committee and I wish them all well. Before our business meeting, we were entertained by Marie Routledge and her choir of young people and children from Brough. Not only did they sing beautifully but some played the clarinet and the violin. We had a very successful Jumble Sale on

Saturday 14th November with a profit of over £200 – thank you to everyone who donated items and to all who came to buy!

By the time you read this, we will have had our December Meeting when we are to be taught how to make a flip-stitch Christmas card by Jean Ellis. In January, we are having our annual “meal out” at Kavanaghs in Beverley.

The next meeting in the Village Hall after December's will be the first Wednesday in February 2010, when we are having a Quiz Night and hopefully a fish and chip supper.

If you wish to join the WI, please come along at 7.30pm, or ring our new Secretary, Clair Whitaker on (01430) 422043. Message to young ladies – we are not “old” e.g. Clair is in her 30s and many 60, 70 and 80 year olds behave like teenagers!! The WI is changing dramatically – new groups are springing up in cities, workplaces e.g. Selfridges and a fire station! And there is one at a University!

This is my last report for Ellerker WI so I wish everyone in the Village a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- PH

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY — MARCH

January

- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 9 Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4 pm
- 21 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 28 Ellerker Show, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
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February

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 17 Lenten Lunch, Village Hall, 12 noon
- 26 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm

March

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