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A r o u n d u p o f n e w s f r o m a r o u n d t h e p a r i s h

Ellerker Scarecrows 2010 17th-18th July

The management of the Scarecrow Festival has been taken over by Ellerker Playing Field Committee and this will now be their chief annual fund raising activity. Please make a note of the dates in your diary, calendar etc.

Assistance with the preparation and organisation of the weekend will be very gratefully received and anyone wishing to help, should contact the Chairman of the Playing Field Committee, Philip Wood.

In order for this event to be a continuing success the Committee will need the full support of the village and a minimum of 50 scarecrows. Friendly members of the Committee will be calling on each household to canvas support!

-Ed.

Busy Bible Club

The Busy Bible Club is 'open' again for the remainder of this 'season', taking us from now through to the end of July. We would welcome all children aged five to eleven to join us, in term time, on the first and third Sundays at the Village Hall at 9-20 a.m.

We go into Church for ten minutes or so and then return to the hall for an hour's packed programme of songs, teaching, fun and games and competitions, followed by light refreshments. At the end of the summer term we have a 'day out' somewhere special, along with friends and families.

All of these occasions give the youngsters in the village an opportunity to meet up with each other. A new 'year' starts in September but you do not have to wait until

then! And, of course, in the Autumn Term we have the added enjoyment from rehearsals and performance of the Nativity at the Carol Service. Children do not have to be from 'churchy' families or even live within the village.

Additionally, anyone who would like to join our happy throng as a helper would be welcomed, to help 'spread the load' so that we do not have to close the Club because of holidays. Any thoughts, anyone?

If you want further details, please do not hesitate to contact Claire or David on 01430-424474. By the way, all helpers are 'CRB checked' for everyone's safety!

- C&DW

St Anne's

The Church Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 11th April after morning service. This is when the year's activities and finances are reviewed and officers for next year elected. Please show your support by attending.

A plant sale will be held once again during early May. Provision of plants and your custom would be much appreciated.

Another Quiz in South Cave Family Centre is in course of preparation.

- AS

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed

Playing Fields

The Playing Field Committee will be holding their AGM on Thursday, 15th April — all villagers are very welcome to attend. It will take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.45pm.



As you will have seen we finally have the new fence in place — it was a long time coming but I hope you agree looks very smart and should last us for many years to come. As requested by the majority in the village it is virtually a copy of the old fence — without the rust!

The Playing Field Committee has taken over the running of the Scarecrow Festival this year. It will take place over the weekend of 17th-18th July and we hope to continue the wonderful success of previous years.

Anyone who would like to be involved in the planning and organisation of this fantastic event is very welcome — you don't need to become a member of the committee. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Philip Wood on 422689 or come along to the AGM.

- KJ

Vera Harlington 1930-2010

Vera was born in Ellerker one of seven children to Mr & Mrs Ernie Land, her parents both lived to a great age and Vera nursed them until the end. That care and concern for others marked her life more than anything else. Vera worked hard, was married for 20 years and brought up four terrific children practically single-handed. She worked on the land, she worked at a local chicken farm and she worked for other people helping out in all sorts of domestic work. She earned money and kept the family together.

Her dad was one of the few who survived The Somme and the rest of the First World War and I think she had the same guts and determination to survive for her kids. She now has ten grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Self-giving service and generosity were in

her nature. She always gave to charities and to whoever asked for help. The family say that though she had very little and never went away on holiday or treated herself to anything big, she was happy and contented with life, she never wanted anything.

Although she spent 66 years at Ellerker and 14 years at North Cave and though she loved her bungalow in North Cave it was kind of fitting that she should spend those last seven weeks in Fern Villa back to her roots in Ellerker. The Family would like me to thank Lesley the manageress at Fern Villa and the staff particularly Andy who she thought the world of, for the wonderful way in which he looked after their Mum.

As most of you will know Vera loved to knit and to crochet, she was constantly making toys, baking which she would do for everyone around her. She fed the neighbours children when they came round to play, she could make anything out of nothing. And if the children were ill she would sit up all night with them, never thinking of going to bed herself. And of course we mustn't forget her love of animals particularly birds which she fed all the time and especially cats. Her special pet was Blackie her cat, born under the shed and lived with Vera for fourteen years, following her everywhere.

Courtesy of Vicar of Elloughton cum Brough

Yorkshire Countrywomen

Having had a successful end to 2009 with Christmas Dinner and entertainment, 2010 began slowly with a cancellation of the January meeting due to snow and icy conditions. So our planned fish and chips/games evening did not happen.

February meeting resulted in another change of plans as the booked speaker could not come. At the last minute a beetle drive had to be arranged, but once again we had an enjoyable evening with much laughter and fun.

In March we held an enjoyable and interesting evening with a return visit from a local wildlife photographer. A superbly colourful show with slides of flowers, insects, ani-



mals, butterflies and beautiful birds, linked with amusing comments, made a pleasant evening.

- BB

Village Hall

It's been a busy time for the Village Hall over the Winter with parties and celebrations for Christmas and rehearsals for another successful concert at the end of January which played to packed houses.

The film season comes to a close at the end of April — between now and then we have:

26 March - Casablanca (U) 1942 B&W Classic — Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman

23 April - Australia (12) Adventure — Nicole Kidman, Hugh Jackman,

Always the last Friday in the month at 7pm in the Village Hall – entrance fee £3.50/£1.50

The Bijou Theatre Company will be *Taking Theatre To People* in their three act performance –

- *Edna Tea Lady – OBE*
- *I Knew Em All You Know*
- *All In Good Fun*

Tickets: £6 (£4 concessions) — in the Village Hall at 7.30pm Friday, **21st May**.

- S&MP

Bubbling Sewers?

As some residents in Ellerker already know we are having problems with the sewer network.

During periods of heavy rain many of the sewer inspection hatches in the village, mainly those down Main Street and continuing down Ings Lane, “bubble up”. This escape of effluent from the sewer system is obviously undesirable.

The Parish Council and ERYC are actively pressing Yorkshire Water to rectify the problem. We have been informed that one way to help push Ellerker toward the top of the “repairs list” is for residents to telephone and tell Yorkshire Water every time this

problem is noticed. Writing and notifying them of the problem is also very important.

The more complaints they receive the higher up the list we go. Unfortunately their system is largely complaints driven and it's a case of those who shout the loudest.....!

The telephone number to report escaping effluent is: 0845 1242424. You will need to quote your postcode, and advise them there is “an outflow from the foul sewer”, also report any smells etc. The address for written complaints is: Yorkshire Water, PO Box 52, Bradford, BD3 7YD.

They can be contacted by email directly from the link on their website: www.yorkshirewater.com/contactus

- DJ

Parish Council

Parish Clerk

The contact details for the Parish Clerk are:-

Mrs Angela Mooring

1 Elm Avenue

Brough

HU15 1LE

Tel. 01482 668466

Drainage

Yorkshire Water has agreed that there are issues with the drains in the village such as the silting up of pipes and ground water entering the pipes and reducing capacity. Villagers should contact Yorkshire Water directly about any problems they suffer with regards to drainage, as the more complaints that are flagged up the more likely they are to take action.



Bus Stop

Both David Boden at the East Riding Council and Barry Marsden at East Yorkshire Motor Services have stated that the bus stop in Main Street will remain in its present form and that they are not prepared to discuss the matter any further with the Parish Council.

Playing Fields

The Playing Field Committee has been allocated the sum of £200.00, which will be paid through the Parish Precept.

Roads and verges

The roads in Ellerker have fared very badly over the winter and we have large number of new potholes. We will raise this with ERYC in the near future when they visit the village to record what maintenance the village requires. The grass verges have also suffered damage, mainly from motor vehicles. Along with other parishes, we have also suffered theft from the salt bins over the snowy period.

Planning

Stonebeck House, Main Street - Erection of 2-storey extension and rear new vehicular access - Approved

South Lodge, Ings Lane - Erection of single storey extension to side - Approved

Hunsdale Farm Industrial Estate, Brough Road - Erection of a building – Approved

The Old Barn, Ings Lane - Erection of single and two storey extension to rear – Approved

Wandahome Caravans, Brough Road - Erection of a caravan maintenance workshop - Pending

- MM

ELLERKER SHOW 2010

Months before (well, to be precise, 1.25 months before) Alice hit an unsuspecting public via Tim Burton's cinematographic 3-D Extravaganza, the Ellerker Playhouse (aka the Village Hall) was privileged (?) to proffer the terrestrial premiere of an updated 'Alice in Wonderland'.

Three 'full houses' in January were witness to an original 'work of art' (?) which tried to breathe life into those wonderful characters (from Lewis Carroll's unique trilogy) in Wonderland, Through the Looking Glass and finally 'Under Ground'. Just how successful the Production Committee was, we do not yet know. Nobody has come forward to comment, possibly as a result of a fear of reprisals. We have therefore to rely on a comment from the Daily T*l*gr*ph which suggests: "There is nothing else like the Ellerker Show.....thank heavens".

We understand that, despite the arrival of a few (and welcome) new faces, the Show plumbed new heights (and depths e.g. Piccadilly Circus station) and that everyone, as

usual, did their best to remember their words (but, often, not the right ones) and tried to get it over and done with before midnight. They managed all that...and more.

Seriously though, the original writing, zingy songs and the sheer variety and ingenuity of the artistes gave the audience what they, hopefully, keep coming back for. For this, the Production Committee would like, once more, to add their own thanks to all those taking part (either side of the curtain).

Usually, at this time, thoughts are turning desperately to the next Show....but that would be the thirteenth (not a good omen).

- DTASPW

Women's Institute

Ellerker WI have had three very enjoyable meetings this year. Our January visit to Kavanah's in Beverley had to be delayed due to adverse weather, but the meal was well worth the wait. In February we entered the federation quiz for the first time, and had fish and chips from the visiting van. In March we had a talk from Diane Kendall Higgins of North Ferriby about the inspiration behind her jewellery designs.



- MT

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL — JUNE

April

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 11 St Anne's AGM, St Anne's
- 15 Playing Field AGM, Village Hall, 7.45pm
- 23 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm

May

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 21 Bijou Theatre, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

June

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