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St. Anne's Church: Festivals over the years

By Mrs Margaret Green

I have many fond memories of festival times at the church over the years. When we came to Ellerker in 1961, I went down to St. Anne's church at Harvest time to see if there was anything I could do to help. Upon getting there I was greeted with the sight of Mrs Needler (Kay's mother) up a ladder hanging Virginia creeper, which had been got from Mrs Train's house, on the archway. The two Miss Hyde sisters were stood there watching her. They had attached Virginia creeper to the pulpit with drawing pins, which would most certainly be frowned on these days! I can still see them all as clear as day, even now after all these years. Maisie (Frank Barratt's sister) stood there holding a big sheaf of corn – cut by a binder before combine harvesters were around! Mr Fred Dennis had brought it in for her so she could cut it up into pieces and put it on the end of each pew.

I remember asking them all if there was anything I could do to help them decorate the church and Miss Hyde looked at me – the newcomer! "Yes", they said, "if you could do something to the windows that would be very nice!" I then set about decorating the windows as best as I could but, as you can imagine, the sloping windows made it a difficult task to keep everything on. I had to tie everything down. Needless to say, my husband was later brought in to make some wooden shelves. After some time, I got some joiner-made ones, which we still have to this day.

Jessie and I remember waiting on the Friday at Harvest festival time for people to bring in the bags of potatoes, jars of chutney, jars of jam, the spiced bread from Mrs Jorna, homemade bread for the altar, bunches of Dahlias and Mr Freer's carrots – the longest carrots around! I remember Mr Freer always saying to us: "and did you think I wasn't coming?" Jessie and I always used to smile and say: "oh no, we knew you would be coming! All of this made for the most beautiful display and with not a tin in sight for many years.

The next festival after Harvest was Armistice's Sunday – with the bright red poppies, laurels and the beautiful service with the bugles playing, all arranged by Mr Frank Barratt. Christmas soon followed with the Holly and the Ivy and the Chrysanthemums. As usual, all of the windows and the font looked splendid thanks to everyone's help. The

church then began its new calendar with Lent and Easter. At Easter the church was adorned with Lilies on the altar and the spring flowers of all kinds graced the windows – a truly beautiful sight.

For a great number of years I decorated the windows at festival times on my own, but in time I persuaded others to help out with a window each. One person in particular used to say, "I know what you're ringing up for and I'll think about it!" We always had a good laugh. This person was Mrs Bradley, and she always did say yes!

Over the forty plus years of helping to decorate the church I have had great pleasure in meeting friends at festival times and having a good laugh. People like very much to help decorate the church and also to put flowers on the altar in memory of their loved ones. Thank you to all of those that have helped in any way over the good many years.

'I thank thee, God, that I have lived in this great world

and known its many joys;
The song of birds, the strong sweet scent of hay,
And cooling breezes in the secret dusk;
The flaming sunsets at the close of day
The love of kin and fellowship of friends,
And all that makes life dear and beautiful'

– Poem by Elizabeth Craven

Yorkshire Countrywomen

October

We had a very interesting talk by Mr. Tom Burrett, a local gentleman, about his "Holidays in Egypt". We all envied him the sunshine, especially in view of the weather we have experienced recently.

November

This month we had a talk and demonstration on making "Wreaths for Christmas" by Mr. Reg Chalk, which was very good. In the period leading up to Christmas Mr. Chalk makes and sells about 400 wreaths.

December

Due to the weather our Christmas Dinner has been postponed and our monthly meeting was also cancelled. Hoping the weather will be much improved by then our Dinner will be held on the 6th. of January 2011.



Views expressed are not necessarily those of the Editor

Future Meetings

January	Dinner
February	Hearing Dogs for the Deaf.
March	The Samaritans

Our Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year go to all readers from the Ellerker Branch of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association.

- PN

Eileen May Wood 1939—2010

[Copied verbatim from Sarah Wood's tribute address]

Mother-in-laws are often the butt of cruel jokes. Some deserve it, but most do not. Eileen was the best mother-in-law that I have ever had, of course she was the only one I've ever had! However, she was the best one I could ever have wished for.

Born in Inchgarvie Nursing Home, Hull in 1939 to Ernie & Enid Jordan, Eileen May Jordan and her younger sister Pamela were brought up, first in Bernadette Avenue on Anlaby Common, then in a flat above a garage run by Ernie in Saner Street, near the Infirmary. By the time she was fifteen Eileen was doing the bookkeeping for the garage which stood her in good stead for later in life.

By the late fifties, early sixties Eileen and her friends would attend dances at the various dance halls in the area, where boys and girls would 'get hod of one another to dance, not stand at opposite ends of the room!'. It was at one of these dances, at Beverley Regal that she met a young country fella called Frank Wood.

They married in 1961 and Eileen came to live in Ellerker. The following year Martin was born and two years after that, my own personal favourite, Philip.

Life in the country wasn't easy and Eileen found herself raising pigs as well as sons whilst Frank worked hard driving a lorry for his father, Charlie.

Then in 1967, following a bit of a disagreement with his Dad, life changed gear and Frank and Eileen branched out on the own and FS & EM Wood, haulage contractors was born. Now, whilst Frank worked all hours driving his lorry and repairing it (sounds familiar!) eventually helped by 'the boys', Eileen stayed at home rasing those same boys, feeding the pigs and now keeping the books for their fledging company.

By the time Philip and I started courting in 1985 the business had been going nearly 20 years, proving that despite Charlie's predictions, Frank and Eileen did make a go of it!

Then another gear change. This time weddings happened and grandchildren started to arrive fast! In the space of six years, five new Woods had arrived to join

the one that I brought with me so that eventually there, in order or arrival, Samantha, Laura, Eleanor, Katy, Howard, and Bethany.

Through the years that followed, the good times and the bad, Eileen's whole focus in life contained just nine people – Frank, Martin, Philip and those six grandkids. She laughed with them, a lot, she cried with them and for them, she was always pleased to see them and she missed them when they weren't there.

When Laura was small she spent a lot of time with her grandma and Eileen taught her to sing 'You Are My Sunshine'. She was so proud of Laura and her sisters when they joined together at Eileen's bedside on the day she died to sing it for her, albeit falteringly one last time.

Eileen died as she would have wished to, peacefully with Frank holding her hand.

But she leaves so many people behind, a husband to whom his lass was the 'hub of his wheel' two fine sons who thought of her as their rock, six grandchildren who couldn't have loved her any more if they had tried really hard, a sister who loved and looked up to her, Angela and myself and Angela's children, Mark and Elaine, who thought the world of her and the many, many friends for whom her smile brought a little bit of sunshine to their lives.

Eileen was always up for a challenge, after all she was married to Frank for nearly 50 years! But this was just one challenge too many.

Thank you Eileen for being my Mother-in-law.

- SJW

Women's Institute

Ellerker WI have had two enjoyable meetings.

Our speaker in October was Tony Scaife, who gave us instruction on family history research.

November was self entertainment night with Geordie renditions about a committee meeting, a risqué fairy poem, and games of pictogram and dingbats. It was also our AGM and Jean Butler was re-elected as president.



- MT

Community in Action

We'd all been unable to leave Mill Hill cul-de-sac since Tuesday night, which meant we'd had difficulty getting to work (at times it had been impossible) had to cancel appointments and we've even been unable to get any groceries unless we could walk to the petrol station. On Sunday one of us started to shovel the snow and ice to one side and gradually more and more joined in until there was a team of 9 of us shifting the

stuff. I estimate our contributions added up to about 12 hours of digging to clear the road, which hopefully means we can now get to appointments such as doctors and get essential groceries.

The team included Edwin & Rosemary (no 11), Donna and Ashley (no 13), Ashley started the clearing by himself, Rory (no 14) Susie (no 8), Lynn Waddingham (no 9) and myself at no 12.

It was a good feeling to be working as a team to get ourselves out of this difficult situation.

- *Sharron Jenkins*

Playing Fields

The success of the Scarecrow Festival, past fundraising events and donations has meant that we now have enough in the bank to replace all of the safety surfaces in the park which have become worn, dangerous and very slippery. The cost of £7,000 plus our annual general maintenance costs of £2,000 will leave our coffers pretty low but we're confident that we can leap into action to raise more funds in the future!



As December dawns we turn our attention towards the festive season and our plans for the Children's Christmas party in the Village Hall on Saturday 8th January at 4pm. Invitations will be sent out in the run up to Christmas but if you have a child under the age of 12 then make a note in your diary and we'll look forward to seeing you there!

- *SW*

St Anne's

The condition of our Church received a top grade in the recent five-yearly inspection – a fitting tribute to all those who have worked and given over the years and continue to do.

However, if we want regular Church ministry, we must pay our share, or quota. This went up by fifteen percent last year and is going up a further ten percent next year.

We try to make our fund-raising both rewarding and enjoyable and we thank everyone for their wonderful support.

The next will be a Christmas coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday, 3rd December at 10am.

Future services are:

Sunday 19th December at 6.15pm - Carol Service and BBC Nativity

Monday 20th December - Carols around the village 6pm to 9pm

Friday 24th December - Midnight Communion 11.30pm

Saturday 25th December - Shortened Family Service 9.30am

- *AS*

Acknowledgement

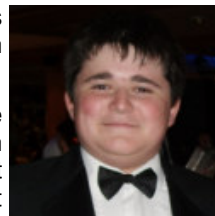
Many thanks to Morgan Lloyd Jones Partnership for their generous help in producing this publication.

- *Ed*

Roberto

Roberto Jenkins (also known as Bob) aged 16, moved to Spain in July this year from, 12 Mill Hill.

He is working on his family's olive groves, the harvesting of which starts now and goes on till about the end of January, so he won't return till February at the earliest.



- *SJ*

Parish Council

Parish Council Vacancies

There are currently vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining us and having a say in how your village is run, why not come along to our next meeting on 13th January?

Beck Maintenance

All properties fronting the beck have received correspondence regarding riparian responsibilities. The Parish Council has offered to arrange for maintenance of the beck on a without prejudice basis, for those owners who wish it.

Road gritting and salt bins

ERYC have rejected repeated requests for the gritting of Mill Hill.

If we require additional salt bins, the purchase and filling thereof has to be paid for by the Parish Council, which is funded by our residents. Please let us know if you think there is a need for more salt bins and where you think they should be sited.

Parking on verges

We have received the following from ERYC.

"As you may appreciate grass verges are not designed to cope with vehicles overrunning and parking on them. During the winter months the verges are often soft and soon become rutted muddy areas. Whereas in the summer months, apart from damaging the verge, parked vehicles prevent the grass from being mown and sections of the verge soon become overgrown and unsightly.

I would therefore like to bring to your attention to Section 131 of the Highway Act 1980 which makes it an offence for anyone to deposit anything whatsoever on a highway so as to damage the highway. The definition of highway includes roads, footpaths and verge. A person guilty of an offence under Section 131 is liable to a fine not exceeding £1000. Action may also be taken by the Police to enforce by-laws, or where vehicles are parked in a way likely to cause a danger to other motorists or pedestrians, request their immediate

removal.

In light of these concerns please can residents ensure that in the future their vehicles are not parked on the grass verges. If this practice should continue action may be taken to recover the cost of repairs from the responsible party."



Planning

- Overhill, Howden Croft Hill- (1) work to trees and (2) extension to side and rear – PC approved, ERYC (1) Pending (2) Approved
- Beckside Cottage, Main Street, extension to rear – PC approved, ERYC Approved
- The Beeches, Howden Croft Hill– Tree felling—ERYC approved

- MM

Diana Adelaide Tarleton 17 April 1920 - 31 August 2010

Diana moved to Ellerker in 2000, where she was joined by her daughter Jane. Her son and daughter in law, Digby and Hilary were already living nearby in Market Weighton. She was returning to her East Yorkshire roots as she had been born at Sutton on Hull and spent her childhood and early life until her marriage, at Wawne Lodge, Wawne.

Diana was the daughter of Lucy (nee Horsley) and Alexander Alec-Smith who was a director and chairman of the family business, Horsley Smith and Company of Hull, timber importers. Her brother Rupert Alec-Smith was a founder member of the East Yorkshire Georgian Society and had been Lord Mayor and Sheriff of Kingston upon Hull and High Sheriff and Lord Lieutenant of Humberside.

Diana married Patrick Neville Tarleton in 1943. He was an electrical engineer and at that time a Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. Before her marriage Diana had qualified as an Army driver and had driven a Church Army Van round the Anti-Aircraft emplacements in Hull serving refreshments to the troops. She always said their tea was much better than hers!

In 1945, after the war, Pat and Diana moved to Buenos Aires, in Argentina where Pat was working on the new metro system. On their return to England they set up home in Buckinghamshire where they lived until Digby and Jane were grown up, they then moved to Gloucestershire, next to Lancashire and then back to Gloucestershire.

Diana was an excellent gardener; she loved all animals, especially dogs but her greatest love was for her family and friends and for the East Riding of Yorkshire. Living in Ellerker meant she could pick up again with old friends she had known as a young woman as well as making many new ones. She was a great supporter of St. Anne's Church and a member of the The Yorkshire Countrywoman's Association as well as being a Village Hall committee member.

- JS

Grant

On the 18th of November myself, Grant and my Dad went to the Royal Hotel to an award ceremony that was organised by Hull College. Grant attends the college doing a mechanics course on a Friday through South Hunsley School and he was recommended for the outstanding student award and on the night he was awarded a cup, which he keeps for the year, a certificate and a 260piece tool box. The night was very good and I am so proud of him and his achievements.

- Tracy McFayden

Ellerker Cinema

25 February 2011 — **GANDHI** — starring Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, Edward Fox, John Gielgud, Trevor Howard, Martin Sheen

25 March 2011 — **CRAZY HEART** — starring Jeff Bridges, in an Oscar winning performance as an ageing country music star

Village Hall

The AGM took place on 10th November 2010. Invitations to the meeting (followed by a social evening with wine and refreshments) were delivered to every household in the village, but no one attended apart from committee members.

The existing committee were willing to be re-elected as follows:

Chairman – Tricia Christmas
Vice chairman - David Wood
Secretary - Sue Parker
Treasurer - Mike Parker
Bookings Officer - Jessie Puckering

- S&MP

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JANUARY—MARCH

January

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 6 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 8 Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4pm
- 13 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27-29 Ellerker Show , Village Hall

February

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 25 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm
— GANDHI

March

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 25 Ellerker Cinema, Village Hall, 7pm
— CRAZY HEART