

Ellerker NEWS

Issue No. 54
Spring 2011



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

Yorkshire Countrywomen

After having to postpone our Christmas Dinner in December, due to the bad weather, we finally enjoyed it on January the 6th. The hall was still decorated, although without the Tree, and looked very nice. We had a lovely meal prepared by Jenny Winn, one of our members. Every one brought and received a gift. The event included a quiz, won by Freda Wall and Connie Morton, and a very good evening was had by all.

In February we had David Thompson and his wonderful dog Gilda talking about "Hearing Dogs for the Deaf". Dave showed how Gilda worked and helped people. All agreed it was one of the best talks we had heard and no one wanted him to finish. We are planning a visit to the Dog Training Centre at Bielby to see the dogs working and being trained.

In March, we had a very interesting talk by Alan Bowden from the Samaritans. They have offices all over the country but the local office is in Hull. Most people do not realize how many calls they receive in a year and they are always looking for volunteers.



Anyone volunteering would receive full training and support before taking an active part in their very important work.

Venues for the Annual Outing will be discussed at the April meeting so if anyone has any suggestions please raise them then. The Annual General Meeting, to be held in May, will be in Gilberdyke School instead of our usual meeting place, due to the Local Elections.

- PN

Frederick Charles Dennis 1926-2011

Fred Dennis was brought up at Rosemount, Ellerker and moved to Broomfleet on his marriage to Mary Scott in November 1951. He began his business at Providence Farm at the age of twenty-four and died suddenly there nearly sixty years later, pitchfork in hand, after gathering thorns.

He kept his Ellerker connection with St Anne's Church, where he attended regularly until he was prevented by infirmity. He served on the Church Council for many years, including several years as treasurer.

At Broomfleet he worked as the village representative on the Howden Rural District Council for ten years.

He and his wife had two sons, both graduates in agriculture and both partners in the farm business, which has now incorporated Pigeon Cote Farm in Broomfleet.

He was the proud grandfather of three granddaughters and two grandsons, all now settling into their chosen careers.

He and his wife moved back to Ellerker in 1984, when his son Richard and his new family took over the farmhouse as the next generation.

- MD

St Anne's

Congratulations to the hardy band of carol singers who braved the harsh weather to carry on regardless and raise a very tidy sum for charity. Well done!

The Church thespians are currently resting after their show performances in front of three very supportive audiences.

David Wood and Claire, who with helpers set up the Busy Bible Club (BBC) about twenty years ago are retiring. The great debt which we owe them was marked in Church by an after service presentation from former members and parents and the Church Council. It is wonderful to report that a new team will be carrying on their work.

The 2010 APCM will be held in Church after the 9.30 service on Palm Sunday, 17th April.

This is a reminder that the Mothering Sunday service is at 9.30 on 3rd April, while the Easter Day service is at 9.30 on 24th April.

- AS

Acknowledgement

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

- Ed

Parish Council

Extreme weather conditions in December caused considerable difficulties for the village. The Parish Council heard some excellent examples of people in the village working together and helping others in need of assistance. Clearing paths and shopping for housebound neighbours are just two examples of how people supported each other and made a real difference. The PC supports Tim Pickles idea to create a list of volunteers willing to help those in difficulty, should we be faced with adverse conditions in the future. If you are able to offer help and willing to have your contact details published in Ellerker News, please contact Tim on 422585 or by email: tim.pickles@yahoo.co.uk



At the height of the bad weather ERYC made funds available for parish councils to pay for snow clearing. We had to source our own contractors and materials. Fortunately Tony Barratt was on hand with the necessary equipment and set to work clearing the main roads through the village. Thanks to Tony for his prompt response and thorough clearing of the roads.

Parish council elections will be held in May. Anyone wishing to stand as a Councillor will need to lodge the paperwork shortly. Nomination Packs can be obtained from the Parish Council Clerk, by downloading from the East Riding website or by calling the ERYC Electoral Services Office 01482 393312/13.

We are expecting representatives from the proposed developers of a site on Stonepit Road to

attend our next meeting on 17th March. They have withdrawn their planning application for 70 industrial units on the site and want to inform us of their revised proposal. Please come along at 7.30 if you would like to hear what those proposals are.

To view earlier issues of Ellerker News and Parish Council Minutes look on the Parish Council web site: www.ellerkerparish.org.uk

- MM

Your Village Hall Needs You!

This year we have 3 aims

The first and foremost is to repair the outside fabric of the Hall

The second is to bring an electric cable from the fuse box by the stage to the entrance hall, so that the cloakrooms can eventually be brought up to date with hot water and hand dryers.

The third is to smarten up the internal decoration. This is where you could help YOUR Village Hall. If you want to join in the fun and can wield a paint brush or make a cup of tea I would like to hear from you.

Phone Tricia Christmas 01430 422104 and add your name to the list.

- PAC

Ellerker Cinema

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

Women's Institute

No report this quarter

- Ed.

Playing Fields

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 5th April

- Ed.

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL—JUNE

April

- 5 Playing Field AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

May

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

June

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