

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Yorkshire Countrywomen

The January meeting was a very enjoyable Entertainment Evening, with a quiz and other games, and included a supper of jacket potatoes with lots of varied fillings, prepared by Jenny Winn.

The Speaker for the February meeting was Linda Worsnop, of Calf Close Studios, who stood in for the scheduled speaker, jeweller Diana Kendall-Higgins, at very short notice. She gave a very interesting and informative talk on "Silver Stamping" and showed the members examples of greeting cards which could be made by this method. The members expressed their gratitude for her being able to attend at such short notice. Hopefully, Diana will be able to speak to us at some future time.



"If it's legal and moral I'll do it!" was the startling title of Rene Strawston's talk at the March meeting. She has worked in large houses in London and other areas, and also on Cruise Ships, giving advice to staff and on occasions undertaking care of children in emergency situations. This was one of our best and very entertaining evenings.

Next month, April 6th, sees our AGM, as usual at Ellerker Village Hall. Members are reminded of the urgent need for some new Committee Members. The Association cannot continue without someone at the reins, and it is not a Derby winner, nearer a horse and buggy, so don't be afraid to step forwards. You may enjoy it !!

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Parish Council

Road Closure

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council have given notice that Todds Lane will be closed to traffic between 10 April and 8 May to enable a new electric main and services to be installed.



Street Lighting

We have to decide what action to take to replace the street lighting with the limited funds available. Even with a grant from ERYC we will not have sufficient funds to replace all 13 lights at once. This may mean some lights will be out of use on a temporary or even permanent basis. If you have any views or ideas, please let the Parish Council know.

Ellerker Beck

Last year the Parish Council funded the cleaning of the beck in some areas of the village (on a without prejudice basis). This year the funds are not available to do this. The owners of land fronting the beck have legal responsibilities for beck maintenance, known as riparian responsibilities. In previous years the village has pulled together to help the beck front properties with the clearing, but support for this has dwindled.

Planning

5 Mill Hill Ellerker East Riding Of Yorkshire HU15 2DG - Pending

Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear and construction of 2 bay windows to front

Ellerker Village Green Ings Lane Ellerker East Riding Of Yorkshire - Pending
ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA - Fell Pine tree causing damage to Garth Farm boundary wall

Orchard House 17 Sands Lane Ellerker East Riding Of Yorkshire HU15 2DR – No objections

ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA - Reduce size of a number of conifer trees

Wellington Lodge Ings Lane Ellerker East Riding Of Yorkshire HU15 2DW - Approved Erection of a wind turbine (18.3 metres to hub, 24.8 metres to tip)

10 Mill Hill Ellerker East Riding Of Yorkshire HU15 2DG – No objections

ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA - Fell and remove semi-mature Cherry tree in front garden

Next meeting Thursday 15 March 7.30 Village Hall

- MM

Beth Gray

For her gap year Beth Gray has been selected by Project Trust to go to Cambodia, to work in an orphanage. Starting in August she will go to an orphanage in Takhmau, just outside Phnom Penh

Beth will be helping to take care of children with HIV, getting them up in the morning, assisting at breakfast time and then getting those that go to school ready. In the daytime she will be teaching some elementary English classes, playing with the younger children or meeting staff to discuss the children's health and welfare. The orphanage is run by small international NGOs who will provide her with training and advice.

Project Trust is a registered charity based on the Isle of Coll off the Scottish coast and has been sending 17-19 year olds overseas since 1967. They run long term projects of either 8 or 12 months in Asia, Africa or South America with the idea that volunteers should experience life and become a valued member of that community.

Beth has to raise £5,100 to go towards her training, wages (at local rates), accommodation, return flights and the Project Trust infrastructure. She currently has around £4,000. To raise the rest she is organising a Ceilidh at North Ferriby Village Hall on May 5th. Details and tickets are available by phoning 421929. She is also baking cakes and selling them at April's Farmers Market

in South Cave and the Brownies are helping her pack bags at Morrison's Supermarket on 22nd April. Beth has received many generous donations from friends, relations and neighbours as well as sponsorship from local organisations such as the South Cave Rotary Club. She would be grateful for any offers of help or donations towards her target.

- CG

Bob Jenkins

Bob (Roberto) Jenkins went to Peru in early February for 2 to 6 months. He went with his uncle who's married to a Peruvian lady, Rocio, they have 7 month old child, Michael. He's staying with Rocio's family in the mountains in Huancayo, a place so high up people suffer altitude sickness getting there and have to adjust to the lack of oxygen. There he'll help in the family business, making bowler hats.

Another part of his stay will be in the rain-forest, with another family, in a tiny remote village of wooden huts and 16 people called Mentuchari. There they grow coffee and bananas and he'll help with this.

It'll be an experience! There's a blog of his stay if interested

<http://michaeljenkinsphotoaday.blogspot.com/>

- SJ

Women's Institute

In January we started the year with a wonderful meal at The Black Horse — a warm friendly atmosphere, good company and excellent food.

In February Anna and Justin from South Cave Gardening Club stood in at the last minute with a talk about their tree planting in Bull Pasture, and the regeneration of the beck outside of the school grounds. The talk was followed by a colourful slide show.

Our March meeting was in Hull's Old Town with Paul Schofield.



- MT

Playing Fields

The AGM this year will be on 25th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall – please come along, air your views, listen to what has happened during the last 12 months and hear what is planned.

The Children's Christmas party was a success.

The slide mound has been repaired and a new set of steps has been installed parallel to the slide



The Scarecrow Weekend is on 7th and 8th July this year.

- PCW

Ellerker Show 2012

The relief that the fourteenth Ellerker Show is behind us all is probably no less than the relief felt in Mafeking 112 years ago. Yet, like the great historical event so many years ago, the Show proved rewarding for all concerned.

It was enjoyed once again by three appreciative 'full houses' who gave their all in their appreciation of the forty-odd amazing volunteers, of whom many were achieving their dream of a lifetime. (*Or should that read 'Forty odd volunteers'? – Ed.*)

The members of the Show Committee owe a very big 'thank you' to all those generous volunteers who have given freely of their time and expertise, both sides of the curtain. Thank you all.

- DRW

St Anne's

Paul Dykes has completed the upgrade of the Church electrics with trip fuses and improved earthing and the Council are currently wading through the remaining appropriate health and safety requirements.

We are once again greatly indebted to Mr John May for his skilled practical help.

There has never been lead on the Church roof, nonetheless the insurance premium has risen appreciably. Despite that and other increases, thanks to everyone's efforts and support, we have paid the Diocesan

quota in full.

Though a small village, we continue to maintain the Church fabric and keep a living witness for future generations. We shall review the year at our Annual meeting after morning service on Sunday 15th April - please come to it.

Good Friday is on 6th April, Easter Day 8th April.

The annual plant sale will be held on Saturday 5th May from 10am until noon.

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Village Hall

It is with great regret that the Committee have accepted the resignation of Mrs Mary Dennis after many years of distinguished service, both as a Committee member and Chairperson.

The curtains on the stage have now been cleaned, repaired and re-lined thanks to the efforts of Claire Wood and we are most grateful for her hard work.

Ellerker Cinema showed *Carousel* in February, but there were only 24 in the audience which was disappointing. The final screening for this session will be 23rd March, *Some Like It Hot* with Marilyn Monroe, Jack Lemmon and Tony Curtis. This is an excellent film and it is hoped that there will be a better response from villagers.

In an effort to reduce heating bills we are looking at the possibility of installing cavity wall insulation.

Early arrangements are being made for a Jubilee picnic in the Village Hall and Playing Field on Monday, 4th June. All villagers are very welcome, more details to follow nearer the time.

- M&SP

WI in years past

Kate Field Till lived at Ellerker Hall for many years and founded Ellerker WI sometime before 1929, being its President until her retirement to Scarborough. She was succeeded in the WI by Mrs E A Dennis of Rosemount. She will be remembered for her upright posture and garden parties which she gave in summer time.

Alice Blenkinsop grew up at Sunnyside. Orphaned at an early age, she looked after four older brothers until they married. Fair and bonny, she was always cheerful but sadly died in middle age, having married and had a family of her own.

-MD

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL—JUNE

April

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 25 PF AGM, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

May

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 Plant Sale, Village Hall, 10am

June

- 4 Jubilee Picnic, Village Hall and Playing Field
- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

STICKING in ELLERKER

Back in the late 50's and the 60's and to some extent later years 'sticking' was a weekly occurrence from my village. You would see, possibly on a Saturday morning a 'caravan' of different transports, a column of pushchairs and old prams, being pushed in the main by housewives from the village and they would have kids in tow, they were going sticking.

Sticking is the job of collecting sticks, these to eek out the coal that had to be bought and paid for. Most if not all the houses at that time had open fires, no central heating in an ordinary house.

Even the village hall had open fires, two of them. A caretaker was employed by the village hall committee to light these fires when they were needed. A lady by the name of Mrs Drury I believe did this job for a long while. Now an oil burner and radiators heat it in 2012.

Sticking, the ladies would be heading to Woo Dale and the nearby woodland. The sticks that were on the ground would be gathered, and loaded on to the prams etc. The selected sticks would be quite dead and internally dry, ready to burn on the fire. They were about 1" to 2" in diameter and perhaps 3 to 6ft in length. The ladies would break the dry wood to the length required; this act proved the sticks could be used at once.

It seemed to be a joint effort, with maybe four or five families taking part. A jovial trip out, pushing the prams, getting and giving the local gossip. A bystander like myself would hear them coming down the road, laughing and chattering as they passed by.

There was one chap who would join in or perhaps go by himself. He was called Dave Gardam and he used a four-wheeled pram. Dave had only one arm, he had lost the other, I don't know how. He would get a good pram load and perhaps sticks a bit thicker as well. Having one arm did not deter him from most activities as I mentioned in another story he kept an excellent vegetable garden. He also owned a talking jackdaw.

As the years moved on, less people went sticking, perhaps they were better off money wise. However a couple of brothers, bachelors, they lived together at Mill Hill in the village. Their names were George and Eddie Stubbs and Eddie was the last person to go sticking in the woods as far as I know. This I think must have been as late as the eighties. He went with George and then by himself. He took a hand saw, something I think others never took. This he would use to saw much thicker branches for his fire, they lasted much longer than thinner sticks. Eddie took a wheelbarrow to carry his sticks and logs home. As far as I know the owner of the wood never stopped any of the 'stickers' collecting their bounty.

While I remember, back in the early fifties villagers who travelled to work on buses, from a stop at the cross roads at Ring Beck. This being a cross roads it had and still has four bus stops. On what is now the old A63, one stop went to South Cave another to Brough and on to Hull, another to Brantingham with one back into Ellerker. As you can see with a bus stop on each arm of the crossroads it was and is possible to travel easily from Ring Beck.

The house at Ring Beck at that time had two open cart sheds near the gate. The cyclists from the village would leave their bikes undercover in these sheds, then catch the bus onwards to their place of work or shopping. Six or more bikes would be left there, as the years passed they became fewer, possible because some bought cars or retired from work. None have been left for years now, the cart sheds now have doors fitted.

Why was Ring Beck called by that name? A bit more difficult to see why in 2012, but by a careful examination of the crossroads it will shed light on the answer. Beck is another name for a stream, and ring means a circle. So by careful study of the stream you can see that it circles under all the roads, and nearly makes a complete ring. That is how the name came about.

One stream comes from Woo Dale alongside the road to Brantingham, it is piped nowadays and is in the arable fields to the north of that road. Then Travels across/under Brantingham road to join a larger stream that comes from Brantingham Dale, flowing past their pond and onto Ring Beck via field edges. Both streams joined together now, flows west under the old A63 and very close to the house called Ellerker Grange, then heads across/under the village road, thus making very nearly a full ring. (For the foolhardy and adventurous it is possible to crawl through the tunnel!) The beck then goes gurgling on across fields and to the village. Has anyone seen the waterfall at Mill Hill? As a kid I used to climb it, thinking of Lorna Doon.

- DG