

# Ellerker NEWS

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## The pinnacle of my 60 year motorcycling career!

Yes, having done many things in my long life, I think that to act as a motorcycle escort to Her Majesty the Queen and her entourage, has got to be something that I will never probably repeat or forget. The icing on the cake was to actually meet Her Majesty.

I was ordered by a member of the Ellerker Diamond Jubilee Committee, Yes! I don't think that ordered is too strong a word. That I was to present myself at 1:45pm on Monday 4th June 2012, at Jim Bradley's barn. I was to be suitably dressed for the occasion and my motorcycle dressed up to match.

I arrived at the barn to be stopped by the official photographer, Hugh Christmas, for a photo call. Entering the barn I was dazzled by the sight of this magnificent royal carriage in a brilliant gold lustre.

The Royal family milling around getting ready to take their places in the coach. The village children in fancy dress looking magnificent. Many hours must have been spent by their parents in designing and making their outfits. The Queen looked as she always looks, resplendent in her fineries. Kate!!! What can one say about this Kate, "outrageous, over the top." I could go on. Give him a sack of clothes and she or is it he, is only too happy to climb into them.

The greatest honour that I was to receive, was for our radiant Queen to come over and speak to me. I told her Majesty that the 1926 Ariel that I was riding, was manufactured in the year

that she was born. The beam on her face showed how impressed she was.

The golden coach looked remarkably like a trailer from a little Ferguson tractor, but it couldn't have been, as it was such a professional job. The mare pulling it, "Little Grey Fergie," looked well, considering that she is now about 59 years old. She was under the control of her master, Martin Scott. The weather on the day was the best of this Diamond Jubilee Bank

Holiday weekend, sunshine with occasional showers. We left the barn to travel to the large playing field, stopping frequently for the many villagers and friends to take photographs. The motorcycle escort was followed by the coach, with three classic cars and Paul Evison with his pony and trap following up at the rear.

After a lap of the large field the convoy parked up and a photograph of a large group of villagers was taken. Throughout the afternoon and into

the early evening, activities such as Skittles, Tug of War and a Cricket match took place. Many families settling in with their tables, chairs and gazebos for the afternoon, to enjoy their picnics and barbeques.

Going into the Village Hall to see the vast collection of photographs, both past and present on display was very popular. Mavis and I, with 24 years of being privileged to live in this fine village, could see many photographs that brought back memories to us. Before leaving the Village Hall one could not miss seeing the table full of Diamond Jubilee decorated cakes.

The children of the village were presented with a village commemorative mug, compliments of Mr Frank Barratt. Frank and Kay were kept busy on the day selling mugs. So popular were



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they, that Frank had to re-order a further batch I think that I speak for the many people that enjoyed the occasion, when I say. A BIG THANK YOU, to all of the committee that made it happen.

- JDC

## Yorkshire Countrywomen

Ellerker YCA celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in their smart outfits, at a traditional tea party in the Village Hall, which had been decked out in Union Flags. Many cameras were in evidence. The caterers brought lacy or embroidered tablecloths, fine vintage china and a selection of dainties, sandwiches, savouries and favourite cakes. The (Bucks Fizz) toast to Her Majesty was proposed by the Chairman, Elizabeth Gelder and a celebration fruitcake was made and iced by Helen Malcolmson, to be served at the next meeting.



5<sup>th</sup> July

All Occasions Flowers – Angela Sharp  
Comp: A corsage of flowers

2<sup>nd</sup> August

Bingo Night (bring a friend) – Betty Pybus

6<sup>th</sup> September

Summer Dinner – at Loftsome Bridge Coaching House

- MD/PN

## Parish Council

### Chairman

At the Parish Council AGM and Village Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> May, Damian Johns was elected Chairman. We also have a new Parish Councillor, Brenda Stubbins. The other Parish Councillors are Keith Brooker, Maxine Moses, Jessie Puckering and Claire Wood. There is one vacancy remaining.

### Lighting

Due to mercury content of the lamps, the footway (street) lighting cannot be used beyond 2015. The Parish Council has obtained a grant of £3,000 from the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, to be used towards their replacement. A questionnaire will be issued to all households shortly, seeking views on our street lighting requirements. Please complete the questionnaire so that the Parish Council can take your views into consideration. Although we have the grant, a much larger sum will be



required to complete the works.

### Speeding

Some residents have expressed concern about cars speeding through the village. The colour, make and registration of vehicles being driven dangerously can be reported to the police to take forward.

### Sewage

Should you see water bubbling from around sewer manhole covers in the street, it is important that Yorkshire Water is informed. Their phone number for leaks is: 0880 57 3553.

### Planning:

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

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

Croft Hill Cottage Howden Croft Hill Ellerker East Riding Of Yorkshire HU15 2DE - Approved

Erection of two storey extension to side and single storey to rear following demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a detached garage and store with study over following demolition of existing garage.

Next meeting: Thurs, 19July 7.30 Village Hall

- MM

## Women's Institute

For our April meeting Margaret and Maggie organised a fun quiz which everyone enjoyed, and we tucked into fish and chips from the mobile van.



In May Ann Marie Holmes from Hook demonstrated the use of supermarket flowers in a talk entitled "Seasonal Flowers for Busy Women" She did wonders with a very garish selection.

We have also had our group rally at South Cave WI hall entitled "A Tea Party for the Queen's Jubilee". We were up against North Cave, South Cave and Sandholme and Hive and we swept the board. We won most categories out right and shared the craft cup with North Cave.

Next week we host the WI Quiz semi-final.

- MT

## Playing Fields

Playing fields are now in full gear for the scarecrow weekend, this year we are having a car boot sale on the Saturday only 10am to 4pm no

trade stalls, anyone interested contact Philip Wood.



Please make sure everyone has a scarecrow on display, last year we had grumbles that there were not enough scarecrows, this event is our main source of fund raising please get involved if you cannot make a scarecrow donate a prize to the tombola stall.

Once again we are desperate for new members, and a big thank you to Nicky Baker who will be leaving us for a new life in America.

- PT

## A RIGHT ROYAL BASH

This correspondent for the EN had the unenviable task of creating in words the verbal 'pictures' of our very own Village Jubilee Event on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> of June, 2012.

The morning dawned mixed and promised showers – correct – and progressed with the erection party doing their 'Krypton Factor' act with the many (and differently designed) gazeboes; the flags and bunting had been put in place the previous day. Balloons were blown up – and burst – with ever-decreasing enthusiasm, knotted together and flown from anything that would carry them. Everyone then left, after delays from the weather, at about 1, to return towards two o'clock for the arrival of the historic float.

From that moment on, everyone at this unique event had the chance to view and remember the magic instant when the two most important parties of people met.

- (a) those who had worked hard on the event and
- (b) those who had come along to enjoy the day and all it had to offer

Well done to you all!

For those of you not there, this correspondent could not hope to do justice to the outfits, the games, the picnics, the parties and that wonderful exhibition of photographic memories in the Village Hall. Suffice to say and perhaps to satisfy those who were present but unable, for whatever

reason, to drag themselves from their drinks, this correspondent gives a brief resume of what 'One' spotted on 'One's' tour round the Palace Gardens. Who will or can forget, (or perhaps not even remember, due to the alcohol flow in the area) any of the following incidents – no names, no pack drill):

The lone trumpeter solemnly accompanying us all to the National Anthem, with Grandma as a proud music stand.

The Tug-of-War between 'The Old Rockers' and 'The Young Studs'

'The Bunfight at the OK Corral' in the Village Hall as budding Nigella Lawsons 'green'-eyed each other's Jubilee cakes, all apparently from the same recipe in 'Hello' Magazine

The cricket match between the 'Ladies' and the 'Gentlemen', eleven-a-side and won by the 'Gentlemen' by 14 wickets, despite the unswerving bias towards the 'Ladies' from the referees (*sic*). The 'Ladies' who batted first for 22 overs to reach 36 for 17 wickets (highest scorer Mrs Wide in double figures). The 'Ladies' who then came on to field boasting three 'overarm' bowlers (!!!) or, in the case of one of the team, who was rescued/dragged from the



'Pimms Tent' and was subsequently berated by the Ladies' (former ex-Kent County) Captain for concentrating on daisy chain manufacture as the ball 'sped' very slowly towards her and the batsmen were running eleven runs, subsequently disallowed as yet another new rule was invented.

The lady who, for a reason unknown, went back to the wrong house

.....and some were still there at after nine, or perhaps ten....

And so One could go on....

But One won't. (No, One won't....Ed)

- D of E

## St Anne's

A big thank you to the collectors and all those who contributed towards the work of Christian Aid. The sum of £201 was raised, plus the tax rebate on £112 of that total which was Gift Aided.

A well-attended Jubilee Songs of Praise was held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, ably conducted by Churchwarden Frank.

Rev Peter Faulkner, who has ministered to the joint Parishes since 1998, has announced his retirement in January next year. He will be missed.

- AS

## Village Hall

The next project to be undertaken is to insulate the Hall as effectively as possible to keep the cost of heating to a minimum. The ceiling in the main hall was done a few years ago and our next stage is to provide loft insulation above the kitchen and undertake cavity wall insulation on all the outside walls. Grants to help with the cost have been applied for and if these are successful it will mean that hire charges can remain unchanged for a while longer.

There is some doubt that the Ellerker Cinema will continue, as unfortunately the cost of hiring the equipment is to double, with effect from September this year. Attendances are such that this increased cost cannot be absorbed and obviously any shortfall cannot be covered from Village Hall finances.

The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on 4<sup>th</sup> June were a huge success and the excellent Village Hall facilities were put to good use and proved the focal point for all activities. Congratulations to everyone who helped to make it such a wonderful day.

- M&SP

## BHF

To help The British Heart Foundation and with 100% of proceeds helping to fight heart disease there is now a Bank for clothes, hand bags, books, CDs, DVDs and accessories at Greens Garden Centre. Note: Available in business hours only.

- DG

## Caring for Older People

Green Care Homes is providing care at client's own home, and at the care home (formerly Fern Villa—Ed.) in Ellerker. We are also offering meals on wheels service, and fitness/entertainment classes to local community.

The latter was outsourced by us from Oomph, award winning Yorkshire born business. Their classes, which offer exercise, dance and arts and craft therapies, are aimed at older people, people recovering from a stroke or cancer, and those with mental illness.

First class will be run shortly in Ellerker village hall, and the admission is free, but places are limited. Please contact us on 01430422262 or on mobile 07866583764 or email us at: enquiries@greencarehomes.co.uk to book your place.

If you want to learn about various matters concerning older people, and need some help and advice, you will find it at [www.elixia.org](http://www.elixia.org)

- Tanya

## Jubilee Booklet

The members of the Jubilee Committee are preparing a commemorative full-colour brochure of the day's events which will be available shortly for a small fee, at cost. Some orders have already been taken.

Please look out for a notice in one of the Village notice-boards, either outside the Village Hall or by the Bus Stop at the top of Mill Hill, as to availability. Please telephone 421132 or 424474 if you need further information.

- DRW

## Bricks

Continuing the story of named bricks in the Village Hall toilets.

A (Arthur) Hutchinson was son of the Vicar of Brantingham and Ellerker, Rev. Charles Wesley Hutchinson. He had 2 sons and a daughter, both sons received medals for gallantry in WWII and their son-in-law (Hazel Spedding's husband) received a DFC.

- MD

## ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY—SEPTEMBER

### July

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7-8 Scarecrow weekend

### August

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

### September

- 5 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 6 YCA, Summer Dinner (see report)