

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to thank Keith Brooker for his years of service as a Parish Councillor. His resignation creates a vacancy on the Council.

AGM

The AGM was held on 13 June, with 2 residents attending. Damian Johns was re-elected as Chairman. He thanked Claire Wood for her work in bringing together all the Agencies with responsibility for drainage in the village and co-ordinating multi agency communication. This has led to the work that is currently underway in the village and which is scheduled to finish on 30th June. The true measure of the success of the work will be the next heavy downpour. It is important that the village continues to monitor the situation.

Street Lighting

Many residents have said how pleased they are with the new street lighting, which has now been completed. The new lighting is also cheaper to run than the old lights.

Potholes

You can report potholes online at www.gov.uk/report-pothole

This information goes directly to the relevant council. The form takes 3 minutes to complete. Once reported, the council has a responsibility to act.

Planning

1 Mill Hill Ellerker, Fell Fir tree due to size, proximity to outbuildings, excessive shade, browning and decaying branches and dropping of branches and debris into garden and garden of 2 Mill Hill. Status: Pending

Beckside House, Sands Lane, Erection of single storey extension to rear. Status: Application Approved

Willow Garth, Howden Croft Hill, Erection of an extension to rear following demolition of existing conservatory and flat roof extension. Status: Application Approved

Next Meetings

Next meetings will be held on 12th September and 21st November at 7.30 in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

- MM

Women's Institute

In April our book group produced a fun Book Quiz followed by a fish and chip supper.

Our May meeting was a visit from Hazel Armstrong to talk about our fund raising for Associated Country Women of the World and her visit to India to see how the women's self help groups were progressing.

June brought us a virtual tour of York Minster with Richard Shepherd the minster chamberlain showing us the restoration work in progress, and the many ways they fund raise for what is a never ending process.

We also had a successful rally where the exhibition title was 'A Children's Book'. North Cave won most of the cups, with Ellerker gaining the trophy for best craft entries, and South Cave winning best flower arrangement. Castaway Singers - a young disabled group from Goole provided the entertainment with songs from the musicals.

- MT

Parish Boundary Walk 2013

Since the last issue of Ellerker News there are some changes to the details of this event, which takes place on **Saturday, 5th October**.

There are now four good causes being supported:

Dove House, Hull Animal Welfare Trust, Ellerker Village Hall and Ellerker Playing Fields.

If you wish to take part you will need to register with either Claire Wood or Tim Pickles (contact details below).

We will be starting at 9am from the Village Hall (NOT 10am as previously stated), we intend to make it a fun day, where you might explore a part of the Parish which you haven't visited before, in addition it will help keep you fit and raise money for worthwhile causes.

The walk is about 16 miles, there will be opportunities to stop for breaks en-route and for those who don't want to walk the full distance, the chance to break from the walk at roughly the half way point. The pace will be easy and we expect to be back at the Village Hall by 4.30pm.

When you register you will be given a handout, explaining what will be happening on the day. You will also be given a sponsor form to help you get your sponsorship money. The entry fee is £5 for adults and £2.50 for those 16 years and under. Registration will close on 31st August, there will be a maximum of 50 walkers, so book early!

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- CW & TJP

Heart Research

Thank you to all who are using the Heart Research recycling bins at Green's Garden Centre - they are being well used.

- Ed.

St Anne's

We are making good progress in our search for a new vicar. Candidates will be interviewed shortly and we hope to have a new incumbent in the very near future.

- JMT

Playing Fields

No Report this Quarter

Hull Animal Welfare Trust

The Trust operates throughout Hull and East Yorkshire and works extensively in order to rescue and re-home animals that have been abandoned or abused.

The Trust receives no formal assistance and relies on donations, fundraising and practical help to carry out this vital work.

- Samuel Taylor

Planet Rabbit

Ellerker Village Hall was transformed into wartime Britain, in Mrs York's Shelter, the latest touring production by Planet Rabbit.

The newly constructed Andersen shelter was the pride and joy of Mrs York, played admirably by Jacky Naylor and suitably supported by her long-suffering husband played by Richard Hollick, complete with stirrup pump. The one act play gave an insight into not only the types of shelter available, but also the various merits in storage of bicycles, growing mushrooms or just being an occasional table that each one possessed. It was a tale of leaks, leeks, chickens and dogs. More than this, the play portrayed the bulldog, never say die spirit and camaraderie, shown by the people of Britain at that time, in the face of such adversity. It even showed the ability of putting up with an annoying neighbour, played by Pam Asling, in an effort to get through the worst of the air raids.

In the end, this original script by Claire Spratt is about life going on and was completed with a rousing wartime sing along that sent the audience home with their own spirits uplifted.

Planet Rabbit's next touring production comes to Ellerker Village Hall in early July and is another one act comedy called One Sunny Day. Set on the Yorkshire coast this time in the 70's in the time of power cuts, cine cameras, Green Shield Stamps, decimalisation, sideburns and flares alongside the perennial smell of fish and chips.

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Yorkshire Country Women's Association

The meeting on April 3rd, was our Annual General Meeting. As she had informed us earlier, due to Family and Business commitments our Chairperson, Elizabeth Gelder, was standing down and also our Secretary, Freda Wall, has moved away from the area.

As no volunteers had come forward to fill these important posts it was decided that different persons would open each meeting and introduce the speaker. This role fell to a past Chairperson, Hilary Ward, for the following meeting on May 2nd when members were well entertained by Mr. Norman Elliott's recount of receiving the M.B.E. from the Queen at Buckingham Palace and also partaking in the Maundy Money distribution at York Minster.

On June 6th. Liz Gelder introduced Liz Pearcy from "Knitwits", a group of ladies from East Hull who do knitting for charity causes, such as the Red knitted cover for a telephone box in Hull, recently featured in the local and television news. This too was a very funny and entertaining talk.

The next meeting, on July 4th, will be a Beetle Drive, and the competition entry "An Insect in any form".

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Village Hall

What a fantastic example of a community working together was the Barn Dance held in Bradley's barn on Friday, 7th June 2013.

It was a roaring success for the villagers who took part and for the Village Hall. We made £1,500 profit thanks to our sponsors and everyone who worked beforehand, on the day and after the event.

Thank you all for your contribution.

It was many years since the event last took place, but we have already been asked for next year's date - so watch this space!

During August, work will begin in the Village Hall on the installation of a new central heating system, which you will be able to enjoy whenever you book the Hall.

- PAC

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY - SEPTEMBER

July

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

August

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

September

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7 Sports Day, Playing Fields

A Letter from Beth in Colina, Chile

Nine months in Chile and winter is rapidly approaching here. We had our first rain since October last week so the snow has returned to the mountains and the fields are becoming green again. The trees are all almost bare and it is so cold in the morning you can see your breath - inside the house.

I'm really starting to love my new class. I found it so difficult at first because I felt I wasn't of benefit, as I wasn't able to do much. However when our assistant Tia went on sick leave and the whole school was under staffed I just had to get on with it and actually found I could do a lot to help. One of my biggest achievements was learning how to lift the bigger children properly without hurting myself. This has come in so useful. Each day still brings its challenges but I am often rewarded with a smile from one of children or thanks from the teacher.

One of the boys in my class, called Rodrigo, has severe mental disabilities; he can't speak and mostly cries. However I think I have built up a special relationship with him and he has now started to trust me. The other day when I came into the class he was smiling and starting making a clicking sound as a way of trying to communicate with me. I was so proud and think I am so much more rewarded in this class, worth all the hard work. The teacher, in my class, changed last week, which will take a bit of getting used to. She

seems lovely and really appreciates my help with the children. The routine has now changed with the new teacher and we go for a walk first thing in the morning. After that we put jelly or baby-cream on the table for them to put their hands in. A lot of them respond to touch and so this activity is about them exploring new textures. However Benjamin just ate all the jelly, at least it wasn't the baby-cream.

We still work every afternoon in the home. Now we play football with the adults and trainee physiotherapists twice a week at the local park. I have seen real improvement in the general fitness of some of the residents who come. This is especially noticeable in one resident called Peter who can not only keep up with the others walking now, he can also get fully involved in the game scoring lots of goals; whereas before he didn't often want to come as he would get so tired. We do make-up with the women every week which they really enjoy. I painted one woman's nails and she made sure that I did it properly, pointing out when I'd missed a bit. As soon as I'd finished, she wiped it off down her skirt and then wanted the nail polish remover as she loves the smell. We also take the residents to watch films on the big tv in the physio room. Harry potter is still their favourite. One of the adults thinks I'm off Harry potter because of my ginger hair.

We had Good Friday off work so two of the other Chile volunteers who are working in the south came up to stay for the long weekend. We showed them our project, town and residential home. I think they were a bit scared of the home. I forget

how far I have come since the beginning, now that I am so comfortable around the residents. That weekend we went to the circus with them. One of the circus people asked if we wanted to see a lion, we thought they were kidding but we went around the back and it was right there! It was huge and smelt horrible! That weekend I also had my purse stolen in the market which had my bank and ID cards in. I had to get a new ID card and my parents sent a new debit card over. They have real problems trying to get it through customs but luckily my partners have been so kind lending me money. It finally arrived this Monday (after over 4 weeks!!) and was so happy I bought cookies to celebrate. The best thing about it is that I have been able to budget really well this month.

Easter weekend is celebrated almost the same as it is in Britain, however the weekend after they have a celebration called Cuasimodo. It is amazing; thousands of men on horseback galloping through the streets giving out the communion to everywhere in the town. Traditionally it was to give communion to the sick and old who couldn't get to the church on Easter. Colina has the biggest Cuasimodo in Chile with over 4500 riders. We went to watch with our Chilean family as it went to the small alter near our house. It was the first time one of the grandsons was riding and I think it is quite an honour.

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I can't believe nine months have already gone. It has flown. I look forward to the excitement of the last three months. I wonder what adventures are to come.

Beth Gray
Project Trust Volunteer in Chile

