

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Ellerker Wind Farm

An action group SEWF (Stop Ellerker Wind Farm), which is made up of both Ellerker and South Cave representatives, has been established after an overwhelming response to the survey that said **NO** to the Ellerker Wind Farm proposal. The SEWF's mission is to try and ensure that the Ellerker Wind Farm will not be imposed on the community and the surrounding beautiful landscape. The application is for 3 turbines 121 metres (400 feet) tall, to be located just outside the boundary of Ellerker, but within the boundary of South Cave Parish. Although the application has not yet been submitted, it is expected within the next few weeks. With this in mind SEWF have been working hard to establish a case to prevent the planning application succeeding.

A meeting took place at the village hall on the 13th March 2014 to formulate the items upon which to base their objections. A public meeting had also taken place on the 12th March 2014 at South Cave School, where more than 100 people attended. Representatives from Ellerker Parish Council (Damian Johns and Chris Bradley) spoke at the meeting to highlight facts and issues Ellerker representatives had already established.

Over the coming weeks there will be various events and actions which will need your support. This maybe donating for fund raising, writing to object to the ERYC planning office or completing a petition, any support you can give will be much appreciated.

The next meeting is planned for Thursday 20th March 2014 for 6:30pm at the Ellerker village hall.

Web sites you may find useful:
www.windbyte.co.uk/noise.html
www.wind-watch.org/

www.countryguardian.net/
<http://stopthewindfarm.wordpress.com/>
www.ellerkerwindfarm.co.uk
http://www.masenv.co.uk/listening_room#item153

To give an idea of the scale of the turbines - each turbine to the blade tip will be 2.6 times as high as the nearby high voltage electricity pylons or six and half times the height of the Conker tree on Ellerker Green.

For more information please contact Damian Johns, Claire Wood or Chris Bradley.

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Parish Council

Allotments

The allotments will soon be let to new tenants under new rules agreed by the Parish Council. We are expecting there will be three plots on the site and each will be allowed one shed (Maximum size 6ft x 6ft), to be painted green and to be next to a hedge to blend in. No livestock will be allowed (bees excepted) and tenants are to park on the site and not on the grass verge along the roadside. The allotments are to be well maintained so as not to detract from the village.

Grass Verges

The Parish Council and many villagers are concerned by the erosion of the grass verges in and around the village. We have written to the landlords and tenants of the paddocks on Ring Beck and asked them to park on hard standing and not on the grass. The verge around the Ring Beck postbox is very badly damaged and we would ask people pulling up to post letters not to pull up on the verge, but to remain on the highway.

Village Task Force

On 29 April the East Riding Council will be sending the TaskForce to look at what needs doing in the village. The Parish Council will be asking if they can help to repair damage to grass verges, amongst other tidying and maintenance tasks.

Planning

Ninegates Farm Todds Lane. Change of use of existing livery stables to mixed use livery stables and riding school and retention of existing walker, barn and flood lights and proposed new all weather manege. Status: Approved

15 Mill Hill. Fell two Silver Birch trees in rear garden. Status: No objection

Next Meeting

Next meetings are on Thursday, 24th April 2014 and Wednesday, 11th June 2014 at 7.30 in the Village Hall . All are welcome.

- MM

Recycling at Green's

The recycling to raise money for British Heart Foundation is going well. The collection containers are to the left as you pass through the gates into the garden centre. You can deposit unwanted books, music, and clothes - all proceeds go to BHF.

- Ed.

St Anne's

Mr Frank Barratt who has served on the Parochial Church Council for sixty six years, forty seven of them as Churchwarden, has announced his decision to retire. A Service of Appreciation will be held in Mr Barratt's honour at St Anne's on Saturday 29th



March at 11.30am when the preacher will be the Bishop of Hull, the Right Reverend Richard Frith. Also in attendance will be the three past vicars The Reverend Peter Faulkner, The Reverend David Bailey and The Reverend Robert Shimwell.

A new Churchwarden will be elected at the AGM on Sunday 16th March.

We will be holding a plant sale in the Village hall and this is provisionally set for Saturday May 10th.

- JMT

Editor's note: There will be more about Frank's life in a future issue of Ellerker News.

Playing Fields

No Report This Quarter

Yorkshire Country Women's Association

At our March meeting we had a very entertaining evening presented by " Reverend Amos ". This was a very amusing evening and we very much look forward to hearing him again at some future date.

As usual, the meeting on the 3rd. April will be our Annual General Meeting and we would like to remind all Readers and Members of the Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association how important this is.

The Committee is in urgent need of at least 2 new Committee Members as well as one or two ladies prepared to take on slightly more demanding roles. These jobs do not take up much of your time but are essential if you wish your Branch to continue. After all, you are YORKSHIRE Country Women.

- PN

Village Hall

Following a visit from the Fire Prevention Authorities, the Fire Officer complimented us on the equipment installed and the procedures in place in case of emergency. He said it was one of the best maintained village halls that he had inspected!

50 upholstered chairs have been donated by Jessie and William Puckering to replace some of the plastic ones. These are a big improvement and much appreciated.

It is planned to hold another BARN DANCE this year on Friday, 13th June at White House Farm by kind permission of the Bradley family.

- M&SP

Women's Institute

For our January meeting we had a very pleasant evening at 'The Black Horse', where the food was great and the ambiance excellent.

February brought more food in the form of fish and chips, and the entertainment was the first round of our Federation quiz.

In March a representative from the Humber Rescue team gave an interesting account of their voluntary work saving lives in the Humber estuary, the Ouse and the Trent. They are an independent organisation needing local support.

- MT

Joy's Coast to Coast or C2C4GGS

To those early risers amongst you, I am probably a familiar sight riding through the village in the early summer mornings, on my grey Highland pony, Alana. Last year we were aiming to get particularly fit, as we had a great challenge - riding the Coast to Coast from St Bees on the Cumbrian coast to Robin Hoods Bay!

It took me two years to research a route suitable for horse and rider, originating from the Wainwright walk, incorporating some of the Sustrans cycle route, and with a lot of deviation

from both along the way! But eventually in mid-August, accompanied by Tina Negri and extremely well-supported by our "better halves" Chris and Adrian, we set off on our great adventure.

I took us 12 days – 11 days riding approximately 20 miles per day, with one rest day in the middle. We stayed at farms along the way – either camping or Bed & breakfast, with Tina and Adrian sleeping in their horsebox. One night was so wet Chris refused to put the tent up, so we set up "camp" in an open-sided sheep shed, avoiding the nesting swallows overhead! We carried our own electric fencing with us to corral the horses each night – usually in a field or paddock, but there was one night that the farm where we had booked turned out not to be a working farm at all and the only grass was their lawn – so that was where we made our corral!

We were surprised at how slow our pace was – mainly due to the terrain, either steep or stoney, or both, so our days were longer than expected. To have a canter was a rare event, and we spent quite some time on foot leading the horses.

Planning the route posed quite a few problems – how to get through Keswick, then crossing the M6, the main railway line and a river all within about a mile of each other, and then later going through Richmond and crossing the A1. In the event, there were other challenges that hadn't been foreseen. There was recently felled forestry completely obliterating the bridleway with all the

trees and brash to scramble over. We opened many many gates of all descriptions – one to lift off its hinges, one to squeeze through without saddles. There were streams and rivers to cross, bogs to negotiate, and we spent a lot of time leading over very difficult



terrain – steep, stoney, deep mud or a combination.

The countryside and views were amazing! What a wonderful way to see some of the best parts of England – The Lake District, Howgill Fells, Yorkshire Dales, and ending up on the North Yorks Moors. We probably rode 50/50 on and off road, but the roads we were on were very minor roads, and it is quite heartening to find that it is possible to ride for over 200 miles from one side of the country to the other relatively traffic-free.

We arrived at Robins Hoods Bay mid-afternoon following the Bank Holiday – it was very busy! As we made our way down the steep hill between the bemused holiday-makers to the beach, there was a great feeling of both relief and immense satisfaction at completing our challenge, with a tinge of sadness that it was all over!

I raised just over £1,000 for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institute – the national farming charity that supports members of the farming community in a crisis.

A more leisurely summer this year is planned, but thinking about another challenge for 2015!

- JB

Dove House Himalayas Trek Fund Raising Event

A very big thank you to all the generous people of Ellerker and my friends and family who supported my fund raising event in the Village Hall on Saturday, February 8th.

We raised £445 on the day and a further £85 in donations. That tremendous result plus some promised donations will mean that I have exceeded my target and can now concentrate hard on the training! Thank you also for all the advice and encouragement for the fitness regime! I am visiting the gym regularly and walking as much as I can.

There are 21 of us going on the trek, so far we have raised in excess of £70,000 between us which goes towards the excellent work that Dove House provides for the people of Hull and East Riding.

Thank you very much for the part you have played in this tremendous effort.

- Marti Hall

16th ELLERKER SHOW

The sixteenth annual Ellerker Show took place in the last full week of January. Audiences left the auditorium each evening, leaving not a single programme in sight - always a good sign, unless you stop to ponder if they need a firelighter for the following morning.

There were smiles on everyone's faces, in some cases perhaps because most of the seats were comfier this year, or perhaps they were out before the clock struck eleven or perhaps a few may even have enjoyed themselves. The Hull Daily Mail critic in fact reported that it was the best show he had seen that Wednesday evening. No-one has dared tell him that it was the dress rehearsal.....though we understand it may have been the best performance!

Seriously though, the Members Of The Show Committee wish to thank everyone, on both sides of the curtain, for their wonderful support of, and contribution to, this event. DB, MP, JTh, JTi, JW, PW, DRW (MOTSC)

- DRW

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY APRIL - JUNE

April

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 24 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

May

- 1 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 7 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 10 St Anne's plant sale, Village Hall

June

- 4 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 5 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 11 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 13 Barn Dance, White House Farm