

Ellerker NEWS

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A roundup of news from around the parish

Ellerker Wind Farm

On the 12th July 2014, men, women and children from all areas of East Yorkshire will march on the town of Beverley to demonstrate to the government that **"Enough is Enough"**

East Yorkshire is under siege and awash with Wind Turbines. Many parishes have been battling for over a decade to protect our landscape and heritage. **"Enough is Enough"**

As supporters of renewable energy, East Yorkshire has permitted more than their share, having now the second highest number of Wind Turbines in the whole of England. East Yorkshire is already bearing a disproportionate share of the national onshore wind burden, but yet they continue to come, adding more and more Turbines with their huge rotating blades, turning our county into an industrial wasteland. **"Enough is Enough"**.

The gentle views and peaceful pastures of the Yorkshire countryside with the Pennine Way, the beautiful Wolds and the landscape that now attracts events like the "Tour de France" and has World Heritage status, is being destroyed by these Turbines. They are too big, we have too many, they are too oppressive. **"Enough is Enough"**.

Many communities have been fighting endlessly from one application to another, rather than spending time preserving and investing into future growth of the land and its wildlife. All their energy and resources are being spent going from one battle to the next to stop this saturation of Turbines. They are all exhausted. **"Enough is Enough"**.

Give us back our County and close the door on anymore Wind Turbine applications. Leave what is left of East Yorkshire and its countryside for generations to come, who will learn of the sacrifices these campaigners have made to protect their heritage.

- SH

Parish Council

Ellerker Windfarm

ERYC has not yet received an application for planning permission for the wind turbines proposed by WED Renewables.

Allotments

The allotment land has been divided into 3 plots and been sprayed, ploughed and harrowed. There is a parking area on site so that the allotment tenants do not have to park their vehicles on the Hill Top highway or the grass verges.

New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council would like to welcome Owynn Baker, who was co-opted to fill the Parish Councillor vacancy at the last meeting.

Planning

Applications pending

268/14 Ellerker Manor – Fell 3 Leylandii trees

269/14 Burrills Farm, Brantingham- Construct vehicular access with gate and drive from main road into Brantingham

270/14 Coletta & Tyson, Common Road, South Cave – siting of 18 caravans for seasonal workers

Next Meeting: Thursday 14th August 2014

- MM

St Anne's

Mrs Diana Bushby was appointed Churchwarden as successor to Mr Frank Barratt who retired at the AGM on Sunday 16th March.

A Service of Appreciation was held in Mr Barratt's honour on Saturday 29th March when a packed Church heard the Bishop of Hull, The Right Reverend Richard Frith, pay tribute to Mr Barratt's service to the Parish and the Diocese.

We would like to thank all those who attended the

Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on 10th May which raised £537.

- JMT

Norman Hugh Christmas 1st Sept 1939 – 9th April 2014

Hugh and Tricia came to live in Ellerker in 1970 and almost immediately they became involved in village life, with Hugh getting involved in many ways during his 44 years in Ellerker.

He soon joined the playing field committee helping at the annual barn dance at Bradley's White House farm. He also gave support to Lyke Wake walkers raising money for the playing fields. He was instrumental in getting the 'toadstool' climbing frame for the small playing field. In the mid-70s he joined a band of village volunteers attempting to stop the spread of Dutch Elm disease, unfortunately despite our best efforts we lost our magnificent trees.

In 1973 when the A63 'bypass' was being planned he arranged a public meeting in the village hall to influence County Hall in Beverley to provide the Willow Flats relief road, thus taking away much of the South Cave traffic from the centre of our village.

Hugh helped get the village hall extension built to accommodate indoor toilets, making sure that the inscribed bricks, indicating earlier donations, were not covered by plaster.

He played his part in the village by committing 12 years as a member of the Parish Council, part of that time as unpaid Clerk. He was also a member of St Anne's Parochial Church Council.

He was a member of Ellerker's Neighbourhood Watch organisation and also played a part in setting up the sound system for the annual Ellerker Show. He and Tricia ran the fortnightly film shows in the village for many years.

Hugh was born in Murrow, a village not far from Wisbech in Cambridgeshire where his parents had a smallholding. He lived there with his parents and sister Janet and went to the village school until the age of eleven when he passed his eleven-plus to Wisbech Grammar School.

In 1957 he won a scholarship to Hull University to read Chemistry and it was whilst studying there that he met Tricia who was training to be a teacher at Hull Training College. They met at a dance when Hugh asked Tricia to partner him in the "Gay Gordons" and she says that she knew then that he was the one she was to marry.

Hugh's first job was at the British Sugar Corporation in Bardney, Lincolnshire where he was a shift chemist. Normally such jobs are temporary as they depend on the sugar beet crop but Hugh was kept on full time to assist with maintenance of the plant. Whilst at Bardney he travelled frequently to Hull by ferry and motorbike to see Tricia. They married in 1963.

Shortly before his marriage Hugh moved to Smith and Nephew in Hull where he worked as a chemist for six years before moving to Reckitt and Colman in 1969 working on pharmaceutical packaging technology. He stayed at Reckitt's for twenty four years before retiring in 1993. He then set up a tablet making and blister packaging plant providing services to a health food factory at Brough Haven.



Hugh was a founder member of the South Cave and Wolds Rotary club and will always be remembered as a keen member who was always helpful and could be relied on to be there

whenever a job needed doing.

Hugh and Tricia have two daughters, Kathrine and Gillian, and five grandsons

Hugh was a keen photographer and had a large collection of slides and prints chronicling village life in Ellerker over the years and often gave illustrated talks in the Village Hall. His other main interests were classic cars, stamp collecting and archaeology.

Hugh was a quiet, kind, gentle man who died before his time. We will always remember him.

Tricia would like to thank all those in the village who have given their generous support. Donations at Hugh's funeral were for mesothelioma research - £300 was raised.

- JMT & TJP

Yorkshire Country Women's Association

3rd July - Flower Arranging - Libby Bielby
6th August - Day Trip to Skipton
4th September - Visit to Sue Ryder, Holme Hall

- *PN*

Village Hall

We are looking into the possibility of installing uPVC fascias and soffits at the Hall and we presently await an estimate. This will not only improve the general appearance but substantially reduce future maintenance costs.

The Barn Dance at White House Farm on Friday, 13th June, despite the unlucky date, was a huge success making a profit of over £1,200. Roger's Ceilidh Band was very well received and they were delighted to perform in a real barn.

The Real Ale Bar "Yorkshire Hops Limited" was operated by Chris Bradley and the Hall family and this year the Brass Castle Ales were first class and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Newport Butchers supplied the Pie and Peas and the Puddings were made by generous Ellerker ladies - God bless em!

The venue for the event is perfect and we are so very grateful to the Bradley family for allowing us to use the facilities.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers, without whose help this event would not have taken place.

- *M&SP*

Women's Institute

In April we held an open meeting when Nicola King from 'The Pampered Chef' came to give a cookery demonstration which included the use of some of the companies range of kitchen equipment. We also got to taste the cooked products.

In May Jenny Stanley gave a slide show about South Cave. It was a fascinating talk and a test of our observation skills.

Our June speaker was Nikki Henderson on 'The History of the Teddy Bear', complete with a selection of bears old and new.

- *MT*

Dove House Indian Himalayas Trek and Delhi Community Project April 26th - 6th May 2014

21 Trekkers raised over £110,000 to support the very valuable work of Dove House Hospice.

So finally after months of training and fund raising we have arrived at Delhi Airport. It is 8.00 a.m. and the temperature is heading towards 40 degrees, which is where it hovered for most of the trip.

Delhi is unbelievably busy, loud and vibrant; the population of 22 million all seem to be on the move at the same time in or on every imaginable form of transport. Having offloaded our surplus luggage and organised our trek bag we have a breakneck speed rickshaw tour of a mosque and a spice market before heading for Delhi railway station and the overnight train to Pathankot.

The heat, the pace and the overnight flight from Heathrow means we are exhausted which is just as well because you need to be semi-comatose to even lie down on the bunk beds never mind sleep!!

Next morning we are met at dusty Pathankot station by a fleet of taxis that take us to a nearby hotel where we sit in the garden and have a much appreciated breakfast. The two hour drive from there to Dharamshala has moments of sheer terror; the driving defies any logic, but also absolute beauty. The mountains begin to show themselves in the far distance and the lush fields and clear air as we travel through Himachal Pradesh encourage our excitement and anticipation for the trek ahead of us.

Dharamshala is best known as the home of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government in exile. We spend the rest of the day exploring the town and preparing for the trek next day. The Triund ridge that is our ultimate destination is visible from the hotel and looks a very long way away and very, very high. Tension is mounting.

The next morning we set off, loaded with our day packs, 3 litres of water and a fair degree of anticipation. We meet up with the guides and the horses that are laden with tents and provisions. The very first hurdle is an Indiana Jones type bridge that sways alarmingly the further along you travel - we all make it and then we start to climb and climb and climb.

The terrain varies from boulders to clamber, gravel paths, red rhododendron bushes everywhere

draped with streams of Buddhist prayer flags and hugely welcome areas of woodland. We spot the odd lethargic monkey, a scorpion and a tiny snake, the only birds we see are vultures and the very exotic Indian Magpie. Despite the altitude it is still extremely hot, but the views of diminishing Dharamshala, the clean air and the tantalising glimpses of the mountain range spur us on. Morale is high, the group incredibly supportive and we are all so pleased to be finally doing what we have talked about and worked towards for such a long time.

Around 4p.m. we spot the first campsite in a valley by a mountain stream, beautiful, but about a further hour to walk downhill, which means we have to climb back out of it tomorrow! When we

arrive, the horses are happily grazing, the tents erected and what joy, the toilet tents 100% improvement on the train facilities. The guides cook a delicious supper which we eat in the mess tent and exhausted we fall gratefully into our sleeping bags.



The second day we are greeted by tea and coffee brought to our tents, what luxury! The trek is similar terrain with the addition of some glacial areas in the shaded valleys. The air is becoming thinner, but it is still very hot. We are soaking our hats with precious water to keep our heads cool. In the afternoon we join a shorter trail up to the Triund summit and we start to meet other trekkers, selfishly it feels a bit intrusive after the isolation of the first day. We press on, climbing higher and higher, I am so pleased I did all that walking before I came.

Suddenly, Susheel, our Tibetan guide says, 'nearly there' and as we come over a ridge, there it is, the Dhauladhar Mountain Range and in particular the White Mountain which towers a further 8,500ft above the 10,000 ft we have climbed to. It is absolutely breathtaking and many of us are reduced to tears. It was such a privilege to watch the sun go down that evening and rise the next morning on this beautiful mountain range. We all

found it very hard to leave after breakfast, to say goodbye to the amazing guides and porters who had looked after us so well and make our way back down to Dharamshala, and even harder to board the overnight train back to Delhi.

The community project in Delhi was a different sort of challenge altogether. We were tasked to redecorate an entire building, both inside and out in two days. The day centre was specifically for terminally ill babies and young children and was in a very sorry state of repair. On the first day we managed to repaint all the walls, gates and windows despite many of the team being laid very low with Delhi Belly. On the second day we were planning to add murals but sadly by this time the whole team was so ill we had to abandon the project.

Despite the intense heat, broken fans and the bamboo ladders we did manage to make a big difference to the hospice, but we were very disappointed not to complete the task.

The whole trip was an incredible experience that we will never forget. Thank you again for all the support we have been given.

- Marti Hall

ELLERKER EVENT DIARY JULY - SEPTEMBER

July

- 2 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 3 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 12 Wind Turbine March in Beverley

August

- 6 YCA, Day Trip to Skipton
- 6 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 14 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

September

- 3 WI, Village Hall, 7.30 pm
- 4 YCA, Visit to Sue Ryder, Holme Hall