

Ellerker NEWS



A roundup of news from around the parish - Issue 73 - Winter 2015

Playing Field

We've had a quiet few months, but we have at least finally managed to get the play surfaces mended in the park, and on a more exciting note, we have decided to buy a lovely new piece of play equipment with some of the funds raised from this year's Fayre and Scarecrow festival ...so keep an eye out for a new addition in the park in the coming months.

The festive season is now rapidly approaching and we've been planning the annual Children's Christmas Party. This is due to take place on Saturday, 9th of January, 4pm until 6pm. Children and grandchildren from the village (including, we hope, the imminent Baby Wood, if he/she is on time!) are most welcome to attend - invitations will follow shortly (if they haven't already been delivered by one of Santa's little helpers). Expect the usual - party food and games galore, and if we can persuade him to pop back from his well-earned post-Christmas holiday, Santa Claus himself. We look forward to seeing you there.

- Sophie Rosinke

Village Website

We have taken a fresh look at our village website and now have a new one: www.ellerkerparish.uk

It is more dynamic than the old one, has a blog containing the latest village news and, in the course of time, aims we hope to be a 'one stop shop' for all important information about the village.



- Tim Pickles

St Anne's

Our church bell was returned on the 4th November after restoration in London. The bell is now in excellent condition despite being over four hundred years old. It was made in Nottingham in 1601 so was over two hundred years old when installed at St Anne's. Its

clear tone can be heard ringing out over the village every Thursday and Sunday morning.

We had a very successful Quiz Night in the Family Centre in South Cave which raised £400 for church funds, many thanks to all concerned.

Our thanks also go to our supporters who helped us to raise £657.70 from our Christmas Coffee Morning held in the Village Hall on Saturday 5th December.

Services at St Anne' over the Christmas period are as follows:

**Sunday, 20th December, 6pm
Carol Service and Nativity Play**

Please note that there will be no morning service on Sunday 20th

**Thursday, 24th December
11.30pm
Midnight Service**

**Friday, 25th December at
9.30am
Short Service**

Carol singers will be touring the village on Tuesday 22nd December. We will be starting at Ellerker Lodge Garden Centre at 6.00pm and welcome anyone who would like to sing with us – join us at any time.

We wish all residents a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

- John Timperley



Yorkshire Country Women's Association

Our November meeting was very well attended and we had a demonstration of Christmas style flower arrangements by our good friend Libby Bielby. This filled us with enthusiasm to come home and start our Christmas preparations! After the demonstration we had our customary tea and refreshments and the opportunity to have a chat with fellow members.

For our December meeting members gathered for a Christmas Lunch at the Loftsome Bridge Coaching House. We enjoyed a festive meal followed by a free bumper raffle. This was a lovely start to the festive season.

Our next meeting is Thursday February 4th at 7.30pm.

We send our best wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

- Elizabeth Gelder

Logo Comp

We decided that the winners of the Sports Day competition for a "Picture which best represents Ellerker" would be used as the Ellerker News Logo (top RH corner of page 1) for the first three issues in 2016. So look forward to seeing the artwork from some of our best local young artists. Be sure to order your copy of the next issue!

- The Editor

Women's Institute

Our October meeting was a visit from John Bailey - a volunteer from the North York Moors Railway. He gave an illustrated talk about the history from its foundation, to the present day, and also an insight into future plans. A really enjoyable evening.

For November we had three members of the Police Fire Arms Squad who explained their role within the current police structure, and the reasons why not all officers are armed. We had no idea that the special clothing weighed so much!

At our December meeting we had plenty of food and made simple Christmas decorations.

- Maggie Tomlinson

Ellerker Action Group

The final draw for the *Ellerker 50 Club* took place on 12th December, with Mike Parker winning the £100 and Will Habbergham (Bill's nephew) the £50 prizes. Congratulations to them both and a big thank you to Sufie Habbergham for setting up and administering the '50 Club' so diligently.

The EAG remains vigilant and in communication with the ERYC Case Manager for the potential reapplication for the Mires Beck Wind Turbine. It is understood that the applicant is now working with his third agent and that supporting reports are/have been submitted. In the event that the application goes before the Planning Committee, everyone who has objected will be notified of the date and time of the hearing.

We would like to thank the community for its wonderful support and generosity over the past 18 months. We are not out of the woods yet but we are confident that Ellerker and surrounding villages will rise up again to protect their environment if necessary.

*- Claire Wood
Secretary*

Village Hall

The AGM took place on Friday, 20th November. It was followed by an excellent slide show of 'Ellerker Past and Present' presented by Tim Pickles.

Jessie Puckering has decided that after countless years as Bookings Officer for the village hall the time has come to pass on the diary to someone else. She has done a fantastic job in charge of taking bookings for the hall and making sure it was open and warm for hirers, for which the Committee are all very grateful.

At a subsequent meeting held on 2nd December the following officers were appointed:

Chairman – Tricia Christmas
Vice Chairman – David Wood
Treasurer – Mike Parker
Secretary – Sue Parker
Bookings Officer – Linda Wilson

Other Committee members are: Ann Barker, Lilian Cole, John Pearson, Lynn Waddingham, Tony Hurley, Paul Thomas and Jessie Puckering.

- Mike & Sue Parker

A New Chair

As the new Chair of the Parish Council, the Editor has invited me to write a few words to introduce myself.

My career in the NHS brought me to the East Riding in 1987 from London via Birmingham. Although I have worked in big cities, I am a country girl at heart, having been born and spending much of my childhood in the Highlands of Scotland.

I came to realise that Ellerker was a special place when I used to attend the monthly evening service at St. Anne's. In the summer, the church door was often left open during the service and the tranquillity was heavenly. It seemed the right place for our marriage to be blessed in 1991 and David and I were lucky enough to move from South Cave to the village in 1995.

I joined the Parish Council some 4 years ago and took over as Chair from Damian Johns in June of this year. The Parish Council aims to represent the interests of parishioners by protecting what is good and improving what is not. Your support

and involvement will help to make it successful.

All are welcome at our bi-monthly meetings and you can keep up-to-date with what is happening in the village either by reading the minutes on the notice boards or the Ellerker Parish website, or by approaching any of the Councillors.

- Claire Wood

Dog Fouling

Whilst most dog owners in Ellerker are responsible and do bag and bin their dog's faeces, there is evidence that some do not. We know that Ellerker is a good circular walk for dog walkers from other villages and it might be that visitors are less careful. Walking out of the village down Sands Lane, Ings Lane and Cave Lane appear to be the 'hot spots' for careless dog owners, with some even bagging the faeces and then flinging it into the hedgerow.

There are disposal bins at the following points in the village:

- On the railings outside the Village Hall
- Beside the bench close to the children's activity area
- At the corner of the large playing field on the bend of Sands Lane, close to the large horse chestnut tree and the footbridge over the beck
- At the opposite corner of the large playing field at the junction of Main Street and Ings Lane
- At the corner of Mill Hill and Howden Croft Hill
- On Cave Lane, directly opposite Cavegate Nursery
- Outside the Garden Centre

Apart from getting dog faeces on boots and shoes and making an area look unsightly, dog faeces carry harmful infections, the most widely known being toxocariasis. Eye disorders are the most commonly reported complaint, although other symptoms include

vague aches, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits. Toxocariasis is more dangerous to children, and unfortunately children are more likely to catch it because they often fall over when playing and can rub dirty hands in eyes or mouths.

If residents observe a dog owner not cleaning up after their dog then they can report the incident directly to the ERYC Dog Warden. Either a warning letter or a Fixed Penalty Notice of £5 will be issued. If the owner is not known by name but is known to be a regular offender, then the Dog Warden may undertake a patrol of the area.

The Dog Warden can be contacted on animal.wardens@eastriding.gov.uk or **01482 396301**

- Claire Wood

Ellerker Show

Everyone is invited to the Eighteenth Ellerker Show, in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 28th, 29th and 30th January, 2016.

Come and join in the laughter and see some of our locals behaving as you have perhaps never imagined possible and/or wise. Doors will open at around 6.45 (in the evening).

Tickets including refreshments are £7 for adults and £4 for under-12's are available from:

Mike Parker (01430-421132)
Diana Bushby(01430-422757)
David Wood (01430-424474)

- David Wood

Parish Council

Ellerker Parish Council held meetings on Thursday 15th October 2015, and Thursday 10th December 2015, and amongst the items discussed were:

East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) Invoice has been received and paid, for EPC portion of the cost for work completed on the Verge next to the post box on Ring Beck.

Clerk and Claire Wood attended Dog Pooh Control training in September, and reported back the procedures for reporting and issuing tickets to people who do not pick up after their dogs. Information leaflets placed on both noticeboards, and article written for Ellerker News.

Defibrillator: Damian Johns attended the Village Hall Committee meeting in September, and gave a presentation, and answered questions regarding a possible location for and training of the defibrillator. A letter of reply from Village Hall Committee Meeting was read and discussed. The grant application can now be progressed.

A door to door leaflet drop has been completed to advertise both the Parish Councillor Vacancy and the Allotment vacancy from April 2016. Unfortunately a councillor fell and broke an arm delivering the leaflets. We received expression of interest for both vacancies. At the December meeting Ruth Haycock was selected and co-opted onto the parish council; and a resignation was received from Miss Bean, who was thanked for her work for the council especially with the recruitment of the new clerk. The procedure will now be actioned to fill this vacancy.

Mr Wood has stepped down as EPC internal Auditor, and letter of appointment has been sent to a new internal auditor.

ERYC are holding a Libraries consultation, and questionnaire forms were distributed to all EPC councillors for completion. Anyone wishing to take part can obtain a questionnaire form from any library before December 21st.

Clerk attended an ERYC Transport consultation meeting and reported back to EPC meeting.

Photographs have been taken for the new Parish website, and a meeting held with secretaries of Parish organ-

isations to view and discuss the website.

The Precept for 2016-2017 was reviewed, and discussed, and the amount set.

Beck responsibilities of home owners, and information available for new owners were discussed.

All correspondence was read, discussed and actioned, including a letter regarding verge erosion, email regarding traffic on Mill Hill corner, Street light survey, Invite to Battle of Agincourt 600th Anniversary service at Beverley Minister, invite to Neighbourhood Watch Quiz (where a lovely evening was had by all), ERYC have produced a winter advice booklet (copies available from ERYC), and Morrison Utility Services who will be installing a new water pipe in Ellerker for Yorkshire Water Services commencing 30/11/15 for 9 weeks, which requires road closures to through traffic to Sands Lane and Todds Lane (not at the same time) between 14 and 23rd December. Access will be maintained for residents and emergency vehicles. We also received a request for Awards nominations – information will be put onto the parish website soon with details of how to make a nomination.

Various planning applications were received, reviewed, discussed, and commented on. (Everyone can view planning applications and decisions via the Public Access section of ERYC Planning website).

The new ERYC planning website and Consultee Access system were reviewed, and a discussion followed on how EPC process planning applications now, and how it could work once ERYC stop sending us paper plans in June 2016.

The 2 EPC Noticeboards require refurbishment as they are letting in water. The prison workshop have agreed to do the work required free of charge, if EPC provide the materials required. They are also willing to do the same for

the millennium bench. A discussion followed. A new noticeboard will be put up in the bus shelter (next to the existing EPC noticeboard) for villagers to display their posters, and the 2 EPC noticeboards along with the millennium bench will be taken to the prison for refurbishment work to be carried out.

Ellerker Parish Council's next meetings will be held at Ellerker Village Hall, at 7.30pm, on Thursday 25th February 2016, Thursday 21st April 2016, Thursday 16th June 2016, and Thursday 11th August 2016, and are open to all parishioners.

You can contact me by post to Mrs Sarah Watson, Clerk to Ellerker Parish Council, 16 Nunnery Walk, South Cave, Near Brough, East Yorkshire, HU15 2JA, or telephone 01430-424301, or email to sarahwatson999@btinternet.com

- Sarah Watson

The Green

Hello, My name is Emma Jackson and I am the new registered manager at The Green Residential Home and Home Care Agency in Ellerker. *[Formerly known as Fern Villa – Ed.]*

It has recently come to my attention that not many people know who we are, what we do or that we are in Ellerker, therefore I would like to take time to introduce myself and The Green to you all.

We are a 23 bed Residential home based at the foot of The Green, you may have recently noticed a new sign on the front of the building.

We cater for all types of clients depending on their individual circumstances. We are currently in the process of refurbishing the home and becoming 'dementia friendly'. We like to think we are not the normal run of the mill residential home, we are a bou-

tique high class home in lovely village surroundings.

Many of the staff at The Green have worked with us for several years, we are a family at The Green and therefore treat every resident we care for as an extension of The Green Family. All the care staff are experienced and trained using the most modern methods which are refreshed regularly throughout the year. As well as the residential home we also provide Home care within the community. We have a small team of experienced mature care staff who work in the community seeing to all your care needs in the peace and mind of your own home.

Maybe you need some assistance to go shopping, some company for a chat and a coffee or some general cleaning around the house we can happily help you with this.

I have worked within the care industry for the last 8 years and have vast experience working in different settings. I have previously managed very large residential homes in and around Hull and East Riding but have never felt so welcomed into a new environment until I began to manage the Green.

We would like to invite you to an open day we are holding on the 30th January 2015 to come and see the lower ground refurbishment, rooms we have to offer and to come and meet and greet the staff and clients. A glass of wine and buffet will be available on the day. If you are unable to attend the open day you are more than welcome to call me at The Green on 01430 422262 or drop by to have a look around and a chat. Do not feel you are under any obligation to use the service we provide, I am also here for friendly advice and guidance if you have any concerns about your loved ones or friends.

I look forward to hearing from you.

- Emma Jackson

DIARY DATES

January

9 Children's Christmas Party, in the Village Hall,
from 4pm to 6pm

28, 29 and 30, Ellerker Show, in the Village Hall, 7.30
pm (doors open at 6.45pm)

30 The Green Residential Home Open Day

February

4 YCA, Village Hall, 7.30pm

25 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Women's Institute meetings are normally held on
the 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the
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EN - Past Issues

If you want to read earlier issues of Ellerker News
please follow this link:

<http://tinyurl.com/q5yvwvtu>

Or use this QR code:



Fast Broadband

Everyone in the village should now be able to have access to fast (optical fibre-based) broadband services. This means that typical data download speeds of 3-4 Mbits per second are a thing of the past and speeds of 36-40 Mbits per second are possible.



The Bell at St Anne's, Ellerker

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BEFORE and AFTER

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