

# Ellerker NEWS



A roundup of news from around the parish - Issue 74 - Spring 2016

## Playing Field

The children in the village enjoyed a belated Christmas party on 9 January, with plenty of games, party food and gifts hand-delivered by Father Christmas himself. The new play equipment has now been ordered, so keep a look out in the playground for a new and exciting attraction for the children to enjoy as the nicer weather approaches (we hope!).

As spring and summer beckon, we have now started planning in earnest the annual Summer Fayre fundraiser. This is set to be a one-day spectacular on Saturday, 2nd July. We're hoping to try something new this year by continuing the celebrations later into the evening. We're still planning on the usual stalls, refreshments, duck race and fun activities, but from 5pm we're planning to open a beer tent and enjoy some live music. Planning is still in the early stages, so watch this space for further details. In the meantime, please spread the word to friends, family, acquaintances and colleagues about saving the date.

A considerable amount of time and effort goes into planning this annual event, and all proceeds go towards looking after Ellerker's two beautiful playing fields. Please, please let us know if you are able to help in any way – even just for an hour or two on the day. Our manpower is always stretched very thin at this event!

Please contact one of the committee members if you are able to help we are:

Kay Everard, Nigel Pugh, Sophie Rosinke, Paul Thomas, Anne Walters, Linda Wilson, and Phillip and Sarah Wood. A huge thank you in advance.

— Sophie Rosinke

## Logo

The EN logo (top right) for Issue 74 was drawn by Charlotte Marsden for the 2015 Sports Day competition, to represent Ellerker.

— The Editor

## St Anne's

We were delighted to welcome the Archbishop of York to the church on Thursday, 18th February as part of his Diocesan Pilgrimage of Prayer, Witness and Blessing. The Archbishop conducted a short service in the church before sharing refreshments in the village hall. He then continued his pilgrimage together with members of the congregation.



Many thanks to the residents who supported our carol singing which raised £415.50 and also to those who attended the Annual Variety Show which raised £1,864.

The bell has been successfully restored and replaced in the church bell-cote. At the same time a considerable amount of re-pointing

has been carried out together with repairs to the stonework. The sound system in the church has been improved and a loop system installed for hearing-aid wearers.

In addition to the Sunday services we now have a short prayer meeting on Thursdays at 12 noon which everyone is welcome to attend.

Services for Easter Week at St Anne's are as follows:-

### Sunday, 20th March

Palm Sunday Service at 9.30am

### Monday, 21st March

Taize Service at 7pm

### Wednesday, 23rd March

Celtic Communion at 7pm

### Friday, 25th March

Good Friday Act of Worship at 10.45am combined with a service and walk from All Saints, South Cave to Broomfleet starting at 9.30 am in South Cave

### Sunday, 27th March

Easter Sunday Service at 9.30am

Future dates: Our annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday, 14th May at 10.00am in the Village Hall.

— John Timperley

## Yorkshire Country Women's Association

February was our first meeting of the 2016. It was good to see so many of our members attending for a Social Evening.

We commenced with a Beetle Drive which created lots of laughter especially when the winners and losers

were asked to move tables. Total chaos !!! Our winner was Hilary and Janet received the booby prize, managing to score a zero in the first game. Afterwards members had a chance to catch up with news from each other while enjoying tea and refreshments served by our hostesses.

Our March meeting was very well attended and after the usual business we were given a very informative talk by Mr Paul Schofield on Historic Beverley. This proved to be of great interest to us as we all thought we knew a lot about the market town but Paul was able to tell us so much more. There followed a lively question time after which we enjoyed a lovely supper provided by our hostesses.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm which will be our Annual General meeting. This will be followed by a quiz on Antiques given by Mr Derek Clarke.

It would be good if as many members as possible could attend.

— Elizabeth Gelder

## Women's Institute

For our January meeting we celebrated the New year with a delicious meal at the Black Horse, Ellerker.

In February we were searching the skies when Tony Scaife brought his film about the solar system, and his telescope to view it for ourselves. We were lucky that it was a clear night.

At our March meeting Janet Smart very kindly stepped in at the last minute because our listed speaker had a car accident. Janet gave a heart rending tale about her visit to Lesotho, the deprivation in the orphanage, and her efforts to raise money for them.

— Maggie Tomlinson

## Ellerker Action Group AGM

The Annual General Meeting for the Ellerker Action Group will take place on:

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016  
at  
7.30 in the Village Hall**

Everyone is welcome

— Claire Wood  
Secretary

## Village Hall

Jessie Puckering has been a valued member of the Village Hall Committee for many, many years and has done a marvellous job as Bookings Secretary and taken on the responsibility of ensuring the hall was opened and ready for hirers and securing the premises after they left.



She has now retired and we are really grateful for all her work for Ellerker and the Village Hall over the years. To mark her retirement and to say a big "THANK YOU" the Committee presented Jessie with a bird table and a bouquet of flowers.

Anyone wishing to book the Hall should contact Mrs Linda Wilson on 07762 955207 or use the booking form on the parish website: <http://www.ellerkerparish.uk/village-hall-booking-request/>

This year's Barn Dance at White House farm will be on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June, music and caller by the White Horse Ceilidh Band!

— Mike & Sue Parker

## Parish Council

Ellerker Parish Council held a meeting on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, which was well attended by villagers, who were warmly welcomed. Amongst the items discussed were:

Since our December meeting a resignation was received from Mr Baker, and the two Parish Councillor vacancies were advertised. Following this and our earlier door-to-door leaflet drop to advertise the vacancy, we received two expressions of interest. Both applicants were invited to, and attended this meeting and read a statement about themselves. George Ohikere and Sufie Habbergham were co-opted onto the parish council. In his absence, Mr Baker was thanked for his time and work for the council, and a thank-you card and gift were sent from the Clerk and Councillors.

Mr Williamson has accepted the role as parish council internal auditor, and we look forward to working with him.

Now we have a full team of councillors, it was agreed to work in smaller action groups for the parish 'Clean for the Queen' litter pick-up (5<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March), and for various on-going projects such as the Defibrillator grant application, and village issues.

In response to various correspondence received from villagers; EPC contacted village representatives to ask for their views and in January EPC invited ERYC Highways, ERYC Councillor, and village representatives to a village walk-about site visit to look at, discuss, and action various issues which include verge erosion opposite the village Hall caused by large vehicles difficulty in passing parked cars, traffic speed on Mill Hill corner, parking on verges, condition and maintenance of footpaths (moss, leaves, potholes, and raised footpaths due to rising tree roots), and recent falls in the village. Various

possible solutions were discussed by all, and work is in progress to resolve these issues. ERYC reminded us that parking on verges is illegal and they do issue fixed penalty notices. Residents and visitors are asked to park on the road side and not the verges – this will also act as speed calming for traffic.

The 2 Parish Council noticeboards have been re-installed following refurbishment by HMP Humber Prison workshop. They have done a great job, and a thank-you was sent to the prison and workshop team. They are still working on the refurbishment of the millennium bench; the bench is made of soft wood which has not worn well over the years but we look forward to seeing it back in place soon.

ERYC planning decisions were reported on, including the rejection of a Wind Turbine application. EPC reviewed, discussed, and commented on 3 new planning applications.

Ellerker Parish Council's next meetings will be held at Ellerker Village Hall, at 7.30pm, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016, and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2016, and all villagers are welcome to attend.

Well done and a BIG thank-you to everyone involved in the Parish litter pick-up a great number of bags have been filled with rubbish and recycling.

The Parish website contains lots of information, including approved parish council meeting minutes in full:

<http://ellerkerparish.uk>

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](mailto:sarahwatson999@btinternet.com)

— Sarah Watson

## **New Water Main (a message from YW)**

Yorkshire Water have been working since November 2015 on a project to replace 1.7 kilometres of water pipes in Ellerker.

Engineering specialists, Morrison Utility Services (MUS), are carrying out the work on Yorkshire Water's behalf and have so far laid all the new pipes, with just final connections remaining to do.

The work is essential as the previous ageing cast iron water pipes were prone to bursting which would cause disruption to local residents including temporary loss of water supply.

The new pipes are more robust plastic pipe and the project is expected to be completed by March 2016.

MUS will reinstate all the areas they have been working on and will monitor the verges after the works have been completed. They will return when the weather gets warmer to top soil and seed if that is necessary.

Yorkshire Water and Morrison Utility Services would like to thank local residents for their continued patience throughout this essential work and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

If residents have any questions about this work, they can call Yorkshire Water's Customer Service Team on 0344 848 1099, (Monday to Thursday 8.00 – 17.30 and Friday 8.00 – 17.00).

Kind Regards

Daniella Munton  
Community Communications  
Advisor  
Public Affairs Team  
Yorkshire Water  
Tel: 01274 692038

## **Eighteenth Ellerker Show 'Coming of Age'**

The members of the Production Team would like to thank everyone involved in this year's Ellerker Show, whether in it, at it, for it, against it, past it etcetera. Three full houses and not-too-late a finish resulted in, we hope, three enjoyable evenings, each one, as usual, different from the other. Whether we actually 'came of age' remains a moot point; the arguments on that subject would make a good sketch for 2017!

New faces were welcomed this year, as always so we look forward perhaps to some of you readers joining us all next year!

- David Wood

## **Ellerker (Ings Lane) Allotments**

On the right hand side as you go down Ings Lane there is a large sand-land field of about 52 acres, stretching from Ings Lane to Norfolk Bank Lane. This, I believe, until about 1996 was owned by Bladons and probably back as far as WWII was tendered out to the Parish Council to be let out to individuals in acres and eventually, as tenants decreased in numbers, to local small farmers in multiple acres.

Some time about the early 1970s, the parish councillors of the day decided some small allotments were needed and so, at the Ellerker end and about midway between Ings Lane and Norfolk Bank Lane, they measured off about six tenths of an acre and made it into six allotments about 22 yards by 22 yards each. About 1978 one of the plots became vacant and we took it on and kept it until about 1996 when Bladons needed to turn the land into cash and sold the whole field by auction to a local farmer.

We had good years and some not so good, but one thing for sure we always had plenty of vegetables of

one sort or another. We liked to grow all our vegetables as organically as possible and so learned a bit about crop rotation and pests and diseases. We put wire netting around the outside and dug it into the soil about 1 ft deep against rabbits, they would scrat down a bit at ground level but soon gave up and seldom got in. Carrot fly was a problem, but we didn't sow our Autumn King while the middle of May the first lot of carrot fly had their eggs elsewhere, supposedly in grass verges where Cow Parsley and such attracted them. So our carrots would grow on relatively clean at least until late August when a second lot of fly would appear. We divided the plot into four and had a four year crop rotation - spuds, greens, roots and legumes. We also used a no dig system that meant only the potato section was dug every year, all the rest was only surface worked with hoe, shim or light drag and rake. This method allows nature to play its part with beneficial bugs and insects worms, beetles etc.

We had a few difficult years with potatoes but George Freer who had one of the bigger allotments for years was always worth listening to. Because of the timing of frosts I had got later and later setting spuds and consequently the crops were getting smaller and smaller. When I told George he said "the best taities we ever grew we put em in straight from the bag" By this he meant they (his step-father and he many years ago) had planted them early without first chitting them up, which is the usual way - laying them in trays to sprout. For ever more after that I did the same, plant them as soon as the ground was warm enough. When our spuds had black marks and lumps in them George said "It's Spraing" That was the local name for Tobacco Rattle Virus, which I think is carried over in the Potato Eel Worm and George didn't get it because he'd always had a 10 or 12 year rotation. There may be more varieties, but the only potato

to resist Spraing that I know is Arran Pilot and it does so for sure, so if you're having trouble try them.

George Freer must have been connected with the allotments as long as anybody and he was there to the end. He didn't suffer fools gladly and he would soon tell me what he thought of me if I ever said anything to him that didn't quite make sense, but he was honest and straight and I liked him and got on well with him. As a young man he would ride his bike in any local show that had a bike race and he liked a pint of beer. I shed a few tears when he sadly, tragically and ironically knocked from his bike and killed by a beer delivery lorry in Brough.

— *Harry Hotson*

## Fly Tipping

There have been 2 incidents of fly tipping recently on the periphery of Ellerker, one in Crabley Lane and the other in Brantingham Road. Both consisted of external and internal builders' rubble. Similar tips have been reported in Broomfleet. The culprits, being particularly public spirited, off loaded their debris on the council verges at points where farm vehicles need entry to fields. Other similarities are that both tips arrived during the hours of darkness and attempts had been made to burn the rubbish.

You can report fly tipping on public land if the waste is on the public highway or other land owned by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council, very easily by using their website.

The Council will usually arrange for this waste to be removed within 48 working hours, although it may take longer should the waste consist of [asbestos](#), clinical or other hazardous waste, as special arrangements may need to be made. It would be helpful if you could also report any fly tipping to

the Clerk to the Parish Council so that it can monitor the situation.

Where waste contains evidence, which helps identify the offender and/or where there are witness statements, the Council will seek to prosecute the offender. The maximum penalty for the offence of illegally tipping waste is currently £50,000 and/or a term of imprisonment.

— *Claire Wood*

## Clean for the Queen

Get involved and join the Ellerker village spring clean in honour of the Queen's 90th Birthday. Communities all over the country will be coming together to clean villages and towns in readiness for the celebrations.

The Ellerker spring clean is taking place in March and early April. You may have already seen residents out and about cleaning Willow Flats, Stonepit Lane, Cave Lane, Sands Lane and Todds Lane.

You can join in by contacting one of the Parish Councillors, each of whom is responsible for an area of the village:

### **Claire Wood**

Hunsdale Farm to Whinney Moor Lane

### **Diana Bushby**

Mill Hill and Main Street

### **Tony Barratt**

Ings Lane from Ellerker Hall Small and Large Playing Fields

### **George Ohikere**

Ring Beck and Howden Croft Hill

**Picker Uppers and Bags are provided.**

**Let's do it for Her Majesty and Ourselves!**

— *Ruth Haycock*

## DIARY DATES

### April

7 YCA AGM & Antiques Quiz, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
21 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
26 Ellerker Action Group AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm

### May

14 St Anne's Plant Sale, Village Hall, 10am

### June

16 Parish Council, Village Hall, 7.30pm  
17 Barn Dance, White House Farm

**St Anne's** - please refer to page 1 for dates and times of Easter services.

**Women's Institute** meetings are normally held on the 1st Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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## PLAYING FIELD ORIGINS

This document was passed to me by Mary Dennis (née Scott) - it provides a fascinating insight into the origin of the village playing fields **70 years ago this year** — Editor.

Minutes of Public Meeting. Ellerker 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1946

### Village Fund

A Public Meeting was held in the Institute, Ellerker on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1946 at 8pm.

The Chair was taken by Major Field Till who explained that various efforts had been made to raise money for a village fund, the total of this had now reached £235.12.6 and it was felt that the time had come to close the fund and allocate the money for the benefit of the Village. He invited suggestions for its disposal.

Several suggestions were put forward but after discussion it was decided to adjourn the present meeting to Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> inst at 8pm to give time for all proposals to be formulated when they would be considered and voted upon.

### Chairman

Minutes of Public Meeting. Ellerker May 14<sup>th</sup> 1946

### Village Fund

An adjourned Public Meeting was held in the Institute Ellerker on Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

The Chair was taken by Major Field Till.

Proposals were received for the disposal of the Village Fund and each was discussed and voted on. The following were carried by a majority vote.

- (1) It was proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously, that the sum of £10 (ten pounds) be earmarked to provide a plaque to be placed in the church in memory of Tom Rudd who died of wounds received in the 1939/45 war.
- (2) Proposed by Mr Walter Scott & seconded by Mr F. Carter that the sum of £10 (ten pounds) be allocated towards the purchase of a bier for use at village funerals. Carried.
- (3) Proposed by Mr P. May & seconded by Mr J. Wood that the sum of £15 (Fifteen pounds) be allocated each to the Church and the Methodist Chapel Funds. Carried
- (4) Proposed by Miss Anderson & seconded by the Chairman that £10 (ten pounds) be granted towards the cost of seats to be placed in suitable sites in the Village. Carried.
- (5) Proposed by Mrs George Needler and seconded by Mr W. Frankish that funds be put aside to provide a Playing Field in the Village. This proposal was carried. It was proposed by Mrs Field Till and seconded by Mrs George Needler that the balance of £175.12.6 be divided equally between the Village Hall and the proposed Playing Fields Fund. Carried.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for the first Committee of the Playing Fields Fund and the following were elected

Messrs W. Frankish, A. Stabler, P. May, G. Needler, Mrs Wilson and Miss Mary Scott

It was the wish of the Meeting that these payments from the Village Fund be made at an early date.

W Field Till

Chairman

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