

# Ellerker NEWS



A roundup of news from around the parish - Issue 75 - Summer 2016

## Playing Field

Since the last newsletter, you'll have noticed the lovely wooden train in the play area, which we've been able to purchase with cash raised from fundraising. The children have clearly enjoyed sitting and climbing on it, and using it as an extension of the assault course!

We've also been very busy organising our **Annual Village Fayre**, which is due to be held on Sat 2nd July from 10am, with the duck race at 4.30pm, carrying on into the evening with drinks and live music. All profits will go towards the upkeep of our two fabulous playing fields, which we're sure you agree help to make our village so picturesque. (And hopefully we'll make enough to buy another piece of equipment for the playground.)

**Tombola** – Once again, we need your help re. tombola prizes, which is always one of our biggest earners. Phillip Wood and Paul Thomas will go round the village collecting prizes on the evenings of Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June, so if you're able to contribute we'll be extremely grateful ...anything that would make a nice prize – even good quality second-hand items, inc. children's toys and books. Many thanks in advance.

**Cakes** – We'll be selling tea and cake from the village hall during the day, so if any of you are aspiring Mary Berrys, please drop your baked goods at the village hall from 9am on the Saturday. Thank you!

**Scarecrows** – We haven't advertised a scarecrow trail this year,

but if anyone wants to have a go at making one, or recycling one from last year, please feel free. It all helps with the atmosphere on the day, and helps to keep visitors



Lucy Puckering won the prize for fancy dress at the *Picnic for the Queen* event on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> June

in the village for longer (thus hopefully spending more money!).

**Help needed** – We're a small committee who work very hard organising, setting up and running

the fayre – you'd be shocked how many man hours go into this. So if anyone is able to help on the day for even just an hour or so, please let us know and we'll allocate you a time slot. Talk to one of the committee members (Phillip & Sarah Wood, Anne Walters, Paul Thomas, Nigel Pugh, Kay Everard, Linda Wilson or Sophie Rosinke), or call me on 07833 566654 or email

[sophierosinke.home@gmail.com](mailto:sophierosinke.home@gmail.com)

If you're unable to help, please come and support us on the day and bring your friends and families. Please also "Like" and share our Facebook page to spread the word even further – [www.facebook.com/EllerkerVillageFayre](http://www.facebook.com/EllerkerVillageFayre) We look forward to seeing you there

— Sophie Rosinke

## Logo

The EN logo (top right) for this issue was drawn by Olivia & Grace Hurley for the 2015 Sports Day competition, it represents Ellerker.

— The Editor

## Find Your House

Most of you will probably be familiar with Google maps. There is another (open source) online mapping application called Open Street Map. If you use the link:

<http://tinyurl.com/hglh9kv>

you should see Ellerker with names or numbers on all the houses. You may find this useful if you are trying to let someone know where you live in the village.

Enter your house name or number/street, followed by Ellerker, for example: Sebastopol Ellerker,

click on *Go* (or press return) a link will appear giving the property's full address. Click on the link and the property will be shown highlighted.

— *The Editor*

## **St Anne's**

On Sunday, 22nd May a party from our congregation attended York Minster for the ordination of Lyn Kenny, our Curate. It was an inspiring service conducted by the Archbishop of York and we are delighted that Lyn is now a fully qualified vicar able to conduct a full range of services in our church. To mark the occasion St. Anne's Church presented Lyn with a leather briefcase. The service coincided with the end of the Archbishop's pilgrimage of prayer, witness and blessing. There were 19 members of the Church of England ordained, and the Minster was packed for this very special joyous occasion.

Mike Parker and Diana Bushby have been elected as churchwardens of St. Anne's Church to serve for the next 12 months. There was a service at Beverley Minster on Wednesday 18th May attended by the Bishop of Hull, Alison White, when Mike and Diana were admitted to office.

The recent Plant Sale and Coffee Morning raised just over £500 and thanks are due to all those involved in the preparation and to all those who attended.

Mr and Mrs Philip Bean of Ellerker Manor opened their garden on 29 May for the National Garden Scheme and we were given the opportunity of providing cream teas from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gardens were beautiful which matched the weather and an extremely busy occasion generated a net profit of approximately £500 from the refreshments. Volunteers from the village gave their time and washing up expertise and donations have been made to the Village Hall Committee and Playing Fields Association, the remainder

to be used by St. Anne's Church. A very special "THANK YOU" to all the helpers involved.

An evening of Music and Melody with "Sax-It-Up", a quartet of saxophones, will be held on Friday 24th June at 7.30 p.m. in Church. Tickets are £7 each to include drinks and nibbles - available from Bernice Maitland, Tel: 421960.

On Sunday 7th August at 6 p.m. St. Anne's will host an evening of "HYMNS WITH PIMMS". All are most welcome so come and enjoy a few cracking hymns followed by several glasses of Pimms, Strawberries and Cream, Cake & Biscuits and/or Cup of tea or coffee. It would be fantastic to have the church full. Come and have a good time. No previous religious experience required!!!!!!

— *Mike & Sue Parker*

## **Yorkshire Country Women's Association**

Our May meeting was a talk on Healing hands by Vince Lewis which proved to be very thought provoking. The meeting was not very well attended as we were still trying to form committee. Unfortunately this did not come about so we have suspended our meetings for the summer months and plan to meet at the end of year in the hope that we can reform.

— *Elizabeth Gelder*

## **Women's Institute**

In April we entered the first round of the Federation quiz, followed by a fish and chips supper.

Our May speaker let us down, but Sarah Watson gave a very entertaining demonstration on flower arranging in a jam jar.

In June we visited the most amazing collection of doll's houses at Mill Farm in Beswick which included an afternoon tea. We also

joined South Cave, Triella, and Petuaria to take part in the second round of the WI Federation quiz.

— *Maggie Tomlinson*

## **Village Hall**

Work has started on re-pointing the exterior of the village hall and it is hoped this will be completed very soon.

We are in the process of updating the village hall web page to allow online booking of the hall.

— *Mike & Sue Parker*

## **Open Garden Volunteers**

A big thank you to all our volunteers (or conscripts!) who helped with the catering when Ellerker Manor opened its lovely garden for Yorkshire Gardens (part of the National Gardens Scheme).

The cream scone teas made about £500 from which we hope to give donations to the Playing Fields and Village Hall, in addition to raising money for St Anne's.

It was a very happy day which was blessed with perfect weather.

To Philip and Sally Bean we are most grateful for allowing us to share in such a happy occasion – from all at St Anne's.

— *Joan Scott*

## **Millennium Bench Makeover**

Residents at HMP Humber have refurbished the Millennium Bench and it now looks refreshed and different. Most importantly, it is safe to sit on!

The original specification was to sand down and re-season the Bench but when it was in their workshop, the softwood was found to be rotten in a number of places, due to weather and little doggies lifting their legs! After filling and replacing wood where needed, it was decided that a coat of paint was the best option to preserve the wood and smarten it up.

Because the bench is softwood it needs to be maintained annually. Unfortunately this has not happened over the years and the bench had suffered as a consequence.

— Claire Wood

## Ellerker Manor Open Garden

Having had our previous garden open for the National Garden Scheme for about 20 years, we decided to set ourselves the target of opening our garden in Ellerker for the same charity. Last summer we had to finally decide but the garden had to be judged good enough. Fortunately Louise Martin agreed it was – she might have had a problem saying 'no' as I was her predecessor as County Organiser!

I asked around for someone to organise teas, with the money going to an Ellerker village charity. I was told Joan Scott. She got together a group who sold delicious scones with cream and fruit. It all went extremely well.

Philip and I were very appreciative of all the support we were given. This includes Chris Bradley who let us use some of the field opposite for parking – a very necessary requirement. Mire's Beck also helped with a very good plant stall.

We were very fortunate with the weather. There was enough sun to give the garden a sparkle and to make it comfortable to walk around and to settle down for tea outside. Some people stayed quite a long time to chat.

We opened at 11 o'clock and there was a steady stream until after 4 o'clock. We had just over 400 people but the garden never seemed crowded and there was not too much of a queue for teas.

We know that some people came quite a distance but others were local, friends, acquaintances, former neighbours, keen gardeners or just the curious.

Even though we were exhausted afterwards, we both thoroughly enjoyed the day and we got the impression that our visitors did too. Some might even come back!

— Sally Bean

## Parish Council

The meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April started proceedings with a toast to HM Queen Elizabeth II on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Amongst the items discussed were

- Sewage leak
- Main Street drains
- Five episodes of fly tipping
- Return of the Millennium bench
- New noticeboard installed in the bus shelter for public use
- 'SLOW'signs painted onto the road on Mill Hill to calm traffic on the corner

Following the two meetings on Thursday June 16<sup>th</sup> the full minutes will be available to view on the Council notice boards, located at the Village Hall and Howden Croft Hill bus stop, and on the website:

<http://www.ellerkerparish.uk>

### Clean for the Queen

Well done and a BIG thank-you to everyone involved in the various Parish litter pick-up *Clean for the Queen* events. Each Parish Councillor was assigned an area of the village and, together with residents and a team from Everthorpe prison, 60 bags were filled with rubbish and recycling during the many events organised. These included a working party of Mill Hill residents cutting the hedges on Mill Hill, and meeting Brantingham Parish Council who litter-picked 23 bags between Ring Beck cross-roads to Woo Dale corner.

### Safe and Sound

ERYC *Safe and Sound* Grant has had a change to grant application criteria and anyone over 60 years

old can apply directly to ERYC for a grant and advice to make your home safer. Please see the posters on the village noticeboards for details.

### Emergency Plan

We are reviewing the Parish Emergency Plan, in case of an emergency please go the Village Hall.

### Street Scene

To progress the ongoing village issues a 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting/village walkabout took place with ERYC on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and we finished with a schedule of tasks to be actioned, and a request list. We look forward to seeing the ERYC street scene and task force teams in the village soon to resolve these. We were reminded that unfortunately ERYC have had to find large financial cost cuts so this will have an impact on future resources.

### Planning system - changes

As part of the cuts ERYC have saved £10k on the introduction of the new planning systems and the move to 'paperless' planning. From the end of June all planning will be dealt with electronically only, when ERYC stop producing planning paperwork. During the last 10 months we have been running a dual system and processing both the new electronic systems and the old manual system together.

You can view a planning application and all related documents including parish council comments via the ERYC planning 'public access' website at:

<http://tinyurl.com/z7rnt9z>

from your home computer or via an ERYC library computer. If you do not have internet access or are not familiar with the system we will be happy to help.

### Contact

If you have any compliments, complaints, or queries please contact The Clerk on 01430 424301 during office hours, email [sarahwatson999@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahwatson999@btinternet.com)

or write to:

Mrs Sarah Watson, Clerk to Ellerker Parish Council, 16 Nunnery Walk, South Cave, Near Brough, East Yorkshire, HU15 2JA.



## Meetings

The next meetings of the Parish Council, on Thursdays at 7.30pm:

11<sup>th</sup> August

13<sup>th</sup> October

8<sup>th</sup> December

— Sarah Watson

## Harvest in the 50s (part 1)

I started at Garth Farm in Ellerker in the summer of 1955, just as the corn harvest was beginning. Till then I had worked on market gardens from the age of 14, after leaving school in 1946.

I found farming was heavier work than market gardening, but much slower. At that time a market garden would grow almost the whole range of vegetables and salad crops – cabbage, cauliflower, savoy, carrots, lettuce, radish, french beans, sprouts, tomatoes, cucumbers – and ALL in one field, whereas farms would have a large crop of corn, sugar beet, potatoes etc. sometimes covering hundreds of acres.

On the market garden I preferred the preparing of the soil and the planting of the crops to the harvesting of them. Apart from manuring the soil and ploughing it in, we used only basic tools such as single harrow with a rope on, that two of us would pull up and down, rakes to finish it off and trowels for planting. We'd pull markers two ways at right-angles to get the plant spacing and the women would lay a plant on each cross marking. The men followed on, pick a plant up in one hand push the trowel in on the mark, drag the soil back to make a hole, place the plant in the hole and lift the trowel letting the soil back fall back round the plant and finally push your heel down close to the plant to firm it in, the whole of that little operation in one fluid movement.



The harvesting of the various crops seemed a never ending chore, bent almost double and taking a few that were ready to pick each time and knowing that you had to do the same the next week and so on, throughout the growing season.

When I started at Garth Farm they had cut an odd field of corn and after a couple of wet days harvesting really started, the binders going full stretch, cutting the corn and tying into bundles or sheaves (shavs as we called them) and throwing them sideways onto the stubble. We followed on, picking one up in each hand and placing them down straw end on the ground like tents, heads together and bottoms apart and about eight shavs together making a stook. They would all point in the same direction, approximately north south to make the best of the sun and wind, to condition the corn before it was lead up to the stack yard to be built into big stacks for storing, until needed for threshing.

When it had dried in the field sufficiently and the leading had started, I would spend most of the

time stacking in the stack yard with Harold Hunter, the foreman. Don Jackson on the load of shavs forked them to me, then I forked them to Harold for him to gather with his short fork and twist it round to be gathered under his feet, straw ends towards the outside of the stack higher so any moisture would run off. Harold was a marvel, I tried my best to throw the shavs to land the right way round and in the right area,

but for some of the stacks the trailer load was end on to the stack, so I was sometimes having to throw heavy shavs on the end of my pitch fork about 20 feet.

Until that time I'd never had a pitch fork in my hands, so after the first day my hands were full of blisters. Although I only lived round the corner from the farm I travelled there on an old bike, which I would climb on and for that night and through the rest of the harvest I used to just slide my rounded hands on the handle bars, I couldn't open them for the pain and blisters. I did about everything but knock Harold off the stacks we were building, but at the end of it all, when I apologised to him for my sad efforts, he said "I bet they're never had their corn stacked as quick and easy before" On thinking about it I was sure he was right and though Don Jackson and I did our best, it was due in the main to Harold, a man small in stature, but big in everything else.

The Nicholls family worked three farms in the area: Broomfleet Island, Crabley Creek and Garth Farm Ellerker. Old Mr Nicholls and daughter Rita lived at Garth Farm and although Rita was a school teacher I believe she did a lot of the book keeping and helped greatly in the running of the business. Denzil one of her brothers and his family, lived and worked Crabley Creek and Stewart the other brother and his wife, lived and worked Broomfleet Island Farm. Though each farm carried its own staff, in times of need we could be called on to help each other out. Threshing was one of the jobs needing the cross-over of staff, where with any luck, you could have eight or nine men involved.

— Harry Hotson

( ... to be continued)

**To come in the next issue ...  
Brick People**

## DIARY DATES

### June

24 at 7.30pm, Sax-It-Up, at St Anne's

28 - 29 Tombola Prize collection by Paul Thomas and Philip Wood

### July

2 starting at 10am, Summer Fayre & Beer Festival

2 at 4.30pm, Duck Race

### August

7 at 6pm, *HYMNS WITH PIMMS* at St Anne's

11 at 7.30pm, Parish Council, Village Hall

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