

Ellerker NEWS



A roundup of news from around the parish - Issue 76 - Autumn 2016

Playing Field

What a fabulous day we had on 2nd July at the village fayre and beer fest, despite intervals of heavy rain (bloomin' British weather!). The new format seemed to go down really well - stalls and activities during the day, and live music and drinking (in moderation of course!) in the evening. We were dancing and singing until 11pm when, sadly, the festivities had to come to an end to allow the rest of the villagers to get some shut-eye. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, and all those who came to support us on the day. We raised a fantastic amount for the playing fields, and because it was so successful, we're hoping to follow the same format in 2017.

The rain also attempted to scupper the village sports day on 10th September, but thankfully it held off for a couple of hours in the afternoon to allow us to run the usual events. Abigail Parker and Lewis Walters dominated the children's races, with Abigail winning both the Ellerker dash and "round the green" events, and Lewis winning the "most points" trophy. Lauren Parker won the children's welly-throwing championship, with Mike Rushforth winning the men's, and yours truly winning the women's. In the indoor children's categories, Abigail Parker came first in the best Olympics picture, Scarlett Rushforth was top in the "recycled robot" category, and the cute pig cupcakes scooped first prize for "three decorated buns", although we don't know who made them! (Well done, whoever you are!). In the adults' categories, Andrea Holmes made the best fruit scones,

Philip Wood made the tastiest Quiche Lorraine, George Langrick won best three blooms, and Philip Wood won the single rose category.

No doubt the next few months will fly by, and Christmas will soon be upon us. The date for the children's Christmas party is 10th December - mums and dads, please make a note in your diaries (invites to follow nearer the time), and we look forward to seeing the children there.

— Sophie Rosinke



Summer Fayre & Duck race

All receipts and expenses for the annual village fete have now been settled and we finished with a profit of £3,934.92 on the day.

This was an excellent 'result' and the change in the format of the day meant we took more in one day than we normally take in two.

This was obviously our first venture with live music and a bar and much was learnt which hopefully will enhance next year's event which is already in the planning stage. The committee would like to say a big thank you to all the volunteers that helped to make the day a success and to the following local businesses who generously sponsored a barrel:

- JD Engineering
- Palatine Freight
- Roger Kay Ltd
- Solutions Delivery Ltd
- Winter Green

— Nige Pugh

Logo

The EN logo (top right) for this issue was drawn by Lauren Parker for the 2015 Sports Day competition, it represents Ellerker.

— The Editor

'The Show' 2017

This is advance notice of the 19th Ellerker Show to be held in the Village Hall at 7-30 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 26th, 27th and 28th January, 2017so.... Attention all young people aged 5-16 with a musical or stage talent, who believe that they would like others to see them as they have never been seen before!

If you would like to join in our fun, please telephone our Musical Director, Diana Bushby, on 01430-422757 or e-mail David Wood on clairewood18@btinternet.com.

— David Wood

St Anne's

The church was virtually full for our very successful "Hymns with Pimms" service at the end of August. How wonderful it was to see our little church so well attended and the rafters were raised with some wonderful hymns followed by Pimms and nibbles served outside in the churchyard enjoying a beautiful summers evening.

Thank you to Denis and Mavis Cooney for their generous gift of 22 pew bibles to mark their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Also a big thank you to Tricia Christmas for a superb new Lectern Bible which she has given in memory of Hugh.

Our grateful thanks also to John and Eileen Timperley who have generously covered the cost of the refurbishment of 4 brass wall plaques sited in church. This was no easy task as it took a lot of research finding someone able to take on the job and involved taking the plaques to Huddersfield for the work to be undertaken. The plaques now look like new.

We now turn our attention to the forthcoming harvest celebrations and our Harvest Festival service is on Friday, 14th October at 7pm followed by supper in the Village Hall. Following last years successful visit by the Saltmarsh Duo we are delighted that they will be with us once again on Saturday, 15th October when they will be presenting "Autumn Serenade" This will be in church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 to include drinks and nibbles and can be obtained from Mike Parker, Diana Bushby or any other member of the Parochial Church Council. The Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be in church on Sunday morning 16th October commencing at 9.30am.

Please come along and join in these celebrations.

We are all looking forward to the Sunday School outing to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park at Doncaster.

Please have a look at *Diary Dates* for a summary of events happening in October, November and December.

— *Mike & Sue Parker*

Yorkshire Country Women's Association

At the moment we are still looking for someone to take the Chair, hopefully we will find someone soon.

— *Elizabeth Gelder*

Women's Institute

In July Ellerker WI enjoyed an informal evening with Sarah Watson on hobbies, relaxation and keeping calm.

In September we held our annual produce and craft show. Yvonne Morris won 'best in show' with her felted rabbit, Maggie Tomlinson won the photography section, and Brenda Jackson won the cups for produce, baking and most points in show.

— *Maggie Tomlinson*

Village Hall

The final profit figure for the Barn Dance was approximately £1,000. This is down on the previous year as it was not so well supported. It was a very successful evening with the "White Horse Ceilidh Band back with us providing the music. Our small committee couldn't cope without the support of many villagers and we owe a big thank you to all who helped us.

The St. Anne's Church team won the annual Neighbourhood Watch Quiz last year and they will be hosting the 2016 Quiz on Friday, 21st October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Committee will be held

on Friday, 28th October at 7.30 pm this will be a short business meeting and you are cordially invited to come along. Refreshments with tea and coffee will be provided but if you would prefer anything of an alcoholic nature then please bring it along.

— *Mike & Sue Parker*

Parish Council

The summer months have been busy for the Parish Councillors with full meetings in June and August and two additional extraordinary meetings to address the specific issues of the resignation of the Clerk and the recruitment of her replacement (July); and the future IT and website requirements to enable the Council to function and communicate effectively (August). Before the June meeting, a short AGM was held when the Chairman presented the Annual Report. This has been placed on the website for all to read and covers a wide range of activities and achievements. There was a delay in the production and audit of the accounts and these were presented and signed off at the August meeting. Residents can view the annual accounts on the notice boards and on the website.

Sarah Watson steps down from the role of Parish Clerk in September after a busy 12 months. Councillors are grateful for her contribution particularly in the transition to becoming almost paperless in their way of working. Following a swift recruitment process, with 11 expressions of interest, [Mr Alan Barker](#) was appointed to the role of Clerk with effect from 29th August. We look forward to welcoming Alan to the team and to Ellerker.

The ERYC Street Scene team has been operating in the village during July and August, addressing the issues raised at the Village Walk About in June. If residents notice areas of concern, particularly around safety, please contact the Clerk or one of the Councillors, who will take it up with ERYC. Tree roots lifting footpaths is a common problem in the village and, where they can, the ERYC has made these safe. Sometimes the best

solution would be to fell the tree, so a fine balance has to be struck. Morrisons Utilities returned in July, as promised, to reseed the damaged grass verges after the disruptive winter laying new water pipes. The Parish Council has undertaken a leaflet drop to all residents to remind them that parking on verges and causing damage are in contravention of the Highways Act 1980 and that residents and visitors doing this may be liable for the costs of any repair work.

Councillors Johns and Ohikere have worked hard over the summer to prepare the resubmission for grant funding for the Defibrillator. It is hope that the Defibrillator will be in place before the end of the year.

Residents are welcome to pick fruit from the trees on the Ellerker allotment at the top of Howden Croft Hill. Before visiting please contact [one of the numbers](#) on the recently distributed leaflets, so that the allotment tenants can expect you.

Planning

Rosemount, Howden Croft Hill
Construction of 3 dormer windows to front and rear to create additional living accommodation.
Status: Pending Consideration

The Mill House, Mill Hill
Proposed alterations to ground floor window/door openings in rear elevation.
Status: Application Approved

Brooklyn House, Mill Hill
Amend angle of garage roof.
Status: Application Approved

Ebenezer House, Main Street
Alterations to reinstate Forsythia Cottage as a separate dwelling from Ebenezer House to include erection of single storey extensions to front and rear, and construction of new vehicular access.
Status: Pending Consideration

The Old Chapel, Main Street
Holly tree - fell and remove due to proximity of house, 4.8ft. The top of the tree is touching the roof and it is shedding leaves.
Status: Application Approved

Sandycroft, Todds Lane
Erection of conservatory to front.
Status: Application Approved

Fir Croft, Howden Croft Hill
Leylandii x3; fell due to potential damage to drive and stone wall.
Status: Application Approved

Next meeting: Thursday, 13th October. All residents are welcome.

— *Claire Wood*

Harvest in the 50s (Part 2 - continued from issue 75)

I think I was lucky on threshing days, I was either at the back of the machine carrying bags of corn onto a trailer, or up steps into the granary for drying and later grinding into meal for animal feed, or I was on the corn stack usually forking the shavs onto the machine to the feeder.

The feeder man would cut the strings and feed the corn into the drum of the machine. This was a swiftly revolving part just below his feet on the top of the machine that stripped the corn from the straw and started the process of sorting and riddling that separates the corn from the chaff (or cawf as we called it) and sent it all out through various apertures round the machine. The corn I knew about and the straw came shuffling out of the end to be pushed and beaten into the big heavy baler bound with wire or maybe chopped up small by a "hoppy cutter" for mixing with animal feed. There was also a tying mechanism for tying the straw into big bundles called bottles like shavs only bigger for "thatching" corn stacks and potato pies etc. Carrying corn was a heavy job, but if there were two of you and not too far to walk it was not too bad.

Barley would be weighed for sale into large hessian sacks, 16 stone (101 kg), Oats would be lighter at 12 stones (76 kg). But for carrying

up the steps into the Granary we just filled the bags as full as we could, 18 stones (114 kg) just holding the mouth of the bag shut with one hand which we released to shoot the corn onto the granary floor. The weight carried would vary from one and a half to two times my body weight.

We used a winding barrow for lifting the heavy sacks of corn up to shoulder height. This was a contraption like an oversized sack barrow made from steel and cast iron, made in two nearly identical pieces. Notches were cast in the back of the movable piece from top to bottom and these were meshed into a series of cogs geared down to a handle which you turned and due to the ratchet and dogs you could raise a sack and stop at any height required just by turning the handle.

Some of the other jobs that I never had to do, like carrying and stacking the big bales of straw was very hard, rough, dirty and uncomfortable. I only worked on the farm for 5 years and though at 23 years it was late in life, it did give me an insight into the different aspects of farming, the growing, tending, harvesting of the various crops, the feeding and tending the Bullocks and the using of scythes and slashers and shovels through the Winter in the maintenance of ditches and hedges.

— *Harry Hotson*

Ellerker Action Group

As agreed at its Annual General Meeting in April, the Ellerker Action Group would move to disband 6 months after the planning application for the Mires Beck Wind Turbine was rejected, in case of an appeal. No appeal has been lodged within this allowed timeframe.

In line with our constitution, the residual funds of £749.74 will be repaid to donors in proportion to their original donation. Beneficiaries for the reimbursement of the money will be those who donated money by cheque or banker' draft and not those who donated cash or sub-

scribed to the Ellerker 50 Club. Cheques will be issued during September. The EAG account will be closed on 31st October 2016 and any unclaimed money on that date will be donated to St Anne' Church.

To celebrate the tremendous effort and support given by residents, a celebratory event will take place on **Wednesday, 9th November at 19.00** in the Village Hall.

To facilitate planning for the event, please RSVP to 07932 122057 by 31st October if you are able to join us.

It seems a long time since the announcement on Bagletts Wind Farm. For those who were closely involved in the campaign, it will be remembered as a time when David met Goliath head on and overcame!

— *Claire Wood*

Brick People

In the Ladies and Gents toilets in Village Hall, there are bricks inscribed with the names of the people who contributed to the cost of building the extension to the Hall which was necessary to provide the 'conveniencies'. Here are some recollections of those people:

Mrs **Maude Langdale** kept a shop in what is now The Green nursing home sitting room. Her husband, Thornton H Langdale had a haulage business and is said to have transported every brick used in the construction of their house from Broomfleet Brickyard. Fern Villa was the house name for most of its existence. Mrs Langdale was organist at St Anne' for a record number of years and a plaque to her memory is placed above the organ. After years of widowhood she married Percy Mennell who kept the shop in Blacksmith's Cottage near the Village Hall. The shop businesses were amalgamated and it was then based at Fern Villa.

Robert Waudby, always known

as Bob, was brought up at Whinney Moor farm, which he later farmed. He and his family lived at Howdencroft House, where his son lived a short invalid life with a hole in the heart. Bob and his wife Doreen were survived by two daughters.

Alfred Harrison lived as a young boy at Manor Farm, where sadly his father and brother were killed in a fold yard accident, when the horse pulling the cart they were travelling in, reared up and the cart overturned. He farmed with his mother, brother and sister at West End, South Cave and now lives in retirement aged 93 (2015) near South Cave parish church.

William Puckering farmed from Elmsall House, Main Street, Ellerker and was a well known cattle dealer. He was chairman of Ellerker Parish Council and three of his grandchildren still live in Ellerker.

Harold Adamson lived at Hilltop and was killed in a car accident at Welton. His mother Minnie Adamson, a rear seat passenger, died from her injuries a week or two later.

Sam Downs of Wold View, Ings Lane, was a threshing machine proprietor, like his father. In the 1891 census he was shown as 17 years old, so was born c.1874. His traction engine helped pull down Ellerker windmill in 1913.

William Field Till. Owner of Ellerker Hall and donor of the land on which the Village Hall (Institute) stands and organised the opening ceremony in 1929. Electricity was new to the village and all the lights were switched on officially at the opening of the Village Hall, to everyone's delight and wonder. WFT was a retired army major and Justice of the Peace and spent his last years in Holbeck Road, Scarborough.

Kate Field Till was, we believe, a member of the Ferens family (Ferens Art gallery, Ferensway). She

founded the Ellerker branch of the WI and was president for many years. She had impeccable deportment and lived to be over 90. She was a one time ladies captain at Brough Golf Club and a founder member of Hull Luncheon Club.

Annie Pinder of Hilltop, Ellerker was the Field Till's later cook, unmarried but looked after George Freer in her cottage on Hilltop.

Alice Blenkinsop married George Beverley, she was fair, round-faced and bonny. She looked after her four brothers after her mother died in Alice's early teens. Sadly she also died in middle age.

William Vincent Miller, organist at St Anne's was killed in action in 1916. His fiancée, Miss Hyde never married.

Bombardier (Corporal) **George Thomas Rudd** was known as Tot and died of wounds received in action, in the WWII. He was awarded the Military Medal. Each Armistice Sunday the previous year's poppy wreath is taken from its place in the church to be laid on his family grave near the West end.

W (Bill) Hyde married the sister of Edith Wood (nee Lister) of Hazel House.

Rosa Goldberg was cook at Ellerker Hall in 1929, but later emigrated to Canada and corresponded regularly with Mrs Margaret (Peg) Needler.

Agnes Wilkinson lived at the Old Plough with her husband, but despite living in the same house they didn't communicate and lived separate existences. Agnes had two sons Roy and Albert.

Frank Donner was the son of Mrs Donner who lived in Church House, she was the school teacher at the school at the hill top end of Ring Beck lane.

— *Mary Dennis*

DIARY DATES

October

- 13 at 7.30pm, Parish Council, Village Hall
- 14 at 7pm, Harvest Festival, St Anne's - then supper in the Village Hall
- 15 at 7.30pm, Autumn Serenade Concert, St Anne's
- 16 at 9.30am, Harvest Festival Service, St Anne's
- 21 at 7.30pm, Neighbourhood Watch Quiz , Village Hall
- 28 at 7.30pm, Village Hall AGM, Village Hall

November

- 9 at 7pm, Wind Up meeting of Ellerker Action Group, Village Hall
- 13 Remembrance Day Service, St Anne's

December

- 3 at 10am, Christmas Coffee Morning, Village Hall
- 8 at 7.30pm, Parish Council, Village Hall
- 10 Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall
- 18 at 6.15pm, Carol Service and Nativity, St Anne's

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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