

Ellerker NEWS



A roundup of news from around the parish - Issue 82 - Spring 2018

Women's Institute

Our January meeting was held at The Black Horse Ellerker. The food and company were excellent.

In February Paul Schofield made a return visit with an illustrated talk about Hull City of Culture.

In March Barry Worsdale told us how he became a C of E vicar, and very funny he was too.

— Maggie Tomlinson

Big Conker Down

Sadly the Horse Chestnut tree which has lived on The Green for as long as anyone can remember - has been felled. Like all living things it had gone through its cycle of life and was regularly shedding limbs at unpredictable times. Every time of bough fell it opened up a wound which allowed the natural process of fungal decay to spread, so that eventually the heart of the tree was rotten.

The Green looks different now, but 15-20 years ago the Playing Field Committee of the time had the foresight to plant another Horse Chestnut tree which in time may grow into a similar magnificent specimen as the one that has just gone.

Some timber has been stored for later use - if you are interested in acquiring some please follow [this link](#) for contact details.

— The Editor



Playing Field

After proving more popular than ever the past couple of years, the new-look Village Fayre and Beer Fest will take place on Saturday, 7th July this year. As usual, we need your help with setting up, tombola prizes, and manning the bar and stalls - even half an hour would make a difference.

All funds go towards the upkeep of the playing fields. If you're keen to find out more, everyone is wel-

come to attend our AGM on **Thursday, 5th April** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Please also keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#), which will have details of the bands, entertainment, food, fun for the kids and stalls, as they're confirmed. We're really looking forward to some summer fun, and we hope as many villagers as possible can join in and help support this worthy cause.

— Sophie Rosinke

Poo Fighters

Some residents have noticed an increase in dog fouling around the village.

On a personal note I often wonder why it is that some dog owners pick up their dogs waste in a bag and then just dump it - or sometimes decorate the nearest hedge or tree with the smelly bag - what sort of deranged individual does this?

During litter picking at the weekend between Ringbeck crossroads and Woodale there were several 'doggy bags' which had to be picked up and the smell when decanting the pickings into a big black bag was stomach churning. I'm sure the vast majority of dog owners behave responsibly - so how do we get the renegade minority to conform?

— Tim Pickles

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St Anne's

Pleased to report that congregations were increased for Christmas services this year and the church was full on 17th December for our Nativity and Carol Service.

The 20th Ellerker Show played to packed houses every night, once again most successful and feedback indicates that it was very well received. Plans are already in place for the 21st Show in 2019.

A huge thank you to all who supported "On This Winter's Night" There were 105 in a lovely warm, candlelit church with burning braziers without. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed rousing hymns followed by mulled wine, soup and hot beef sandwiches in the Village Hall.

Services over the Easter period at St Anne's church are as follows:

Monday, 26th March 7pm - Taize Service (A reflective service drawing on the spirituality of the Taize Community)

Wednesday, 28th March 7pm - Celtic Communion (drawing on the traditions of Celtic spirituality)

Good Friday, 30th March 10.45am - Act of Worship followed by Walk of Witness to St. Mary's Broomfleet

Easter Sunday, 9.30am - Holy communion led by our Vicar, Mike Proctor.

Please come along, you will be most welcome.

Date for your Diary – **Saturday, 5th May 10am** - Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

— Mike & Sue Parker

New Editor Wanted

The present Editor of this Newsletter is ready to retire - having done the job for what will be 21 years at the end of this year. If you are interested in taking on the job please get in touch by email to: ellerkernews@gmail.com

It helps (but not essential) if you are familiar with desk top publishing software (I use Serif PagePlus) and you have a day or two to spare once every 3 months.

— The Editor

Village Hall

Re-decoration commences week commencing 12th March in the Main Hall. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to our hirers.

The Barn Dance is planned for **Friday, 29th June** at White House Farm by kind permission of the Bradley family. The White Horse Ceilidh Band will provide the music once again and as usual an excellent supper will be available and wine bar and real ale bar will be in operation.

— Mike & Sue Parker

On A Winter's Night



Inspired by the Lady Antebellum song 'On this Winters Night' we

hosted our fourth themed Songs of Praise at St Anne's Church Ellerker on Sunday, February 24th, 2018.

'This winters night the stars shone like silver bells'. Beacons guided the congregation of over a hundred people into the church, which was filled with candle light and the rustic smell of burning logs. For the first time our magnificent Ascension Window was lit by two spotlights. It looked stunning, a wonderful way to welcome everyone as they entered the building.

Bill Haberghan and Mike Parker introduced each hymn with detailed explanations of their background and history, Finlay Robson and Amy Butler played the glorious second movement of the Richard Strauss Horn Concerto effortlessly and after a final blessing by Revd Mike Proctor the congregation walked to the Village Hall, where they had a delicious supper of mulled wine, hot soup and beef sandwiches.

Many thanks to everybody who helped to make the service and supper such a success. I heard the comment afterwards that the wonderful singing was equal to anything broadcast by the BBC in their programme 'Songs of Praise'

— Diana Bushby

Yorkshire Country Women's Association

Until such time a new Chairman steps forward, meetings of the Ellerker branch of the organisation have been suspended.

— The Editor

Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 11th January for the Bi-Monthly Council Meeting. The Parish Council has also facilitated Public Meetings with resi-

dents in respect of parking on both Mill Hill and Ings Lane.

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents and local businesses who supported the installation of the Christmas Tree on the village playing field in December 2017. Planning for the installation and lighting event for the 2018 tree will start in September 2018.

Local residents are invited to join in with the Great British Spring Clean in Ellerker which will take place on **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th March**. Volunteers are invited to collect at the Village Hall at 10.00 and will be allocated a team and a zone in which to work. Picker-ups and bags will be provided along with high visibility jackets for those working along the busier roads. Please bring your own gloves. It is also advisable to bring a bucket in which to place the many bottles and cans as these can split the bags. Sewell's are kindly providing refreshments as well as equipment and additional helpers on the days, for which the Parish Council is most grateful. Please let Claire Wood know if you are able to join in on one of the days – chairman@ellerkerparish.uk or 07932 122057

The Parish Council continues to work on projects to improve the ambience of the village in the short and medium term. Residents will have noticed that the redundant and dilapidated telephone box has finally been removed. Please can any further suggestions be submitted to the clerk via the [contact form](#) available on the Ellerker Parish website or directly to any Parish Councillor. The Parish Council will be meeting with ERYC to discuss key projects and agree solutions during the Village Walk About with

representatives from the council on 27th April 2018.

Update provided by the ERYC Ward Councillors with regards to the draft budget and expenditure papers. For 2018/19 it is permissible for the ERYC budget to increase by up to 6% without the need for a referendum. Adult Social Care continues to be a growing area of expenditure.

ERYC provide a carer support service which provides a network of practical support for people caring for others. There is a drop-in centre in Wednesday Market Beverley. Tel 0800 9176844

The Parish Council are continuing discussion with the Little Weighton Farm Watch project who seek to reduce rural crime with regards to supporting the funding for the installation of some Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Cameras within the vicinity of the Parish.

Humber Nature Partnership will be making a presentation to Parish Councillors on the **15th March** on their work and how we can explore the ways we might work together as a local community bordering the Humber Estuary. Further details will be made available.

The Allotment Working Group is progressing the development of a wildflower meadow for part of the Stonepitts Field Allotment Gardens. The Working Group along with local residents completed a tidy up and pruning exercise on **Friday 23rd February**. Thanks to all who took part. Please contact the Clerk via the [contact form](#) on the website if you are interested in becoming an allotment tenant.

The Ellerker Parish website allows local businesses to promote their

business and sponsor the website at a cost of £10 per year. The new sponsorship year commenced on **1st October 2017**. The Parish Council would like to thank the existing sponsors for their support and offer the opportunity for further businesses to become a sponsor.

<http://www.ellerkerparish.uk/sponsors/>

Information with regards to planning applications submitted to the Parish Council for comment can be found on the ERYC planning portal or in the Parish Council meetings minutes. The following applications have been reviewed and commented on by the Parish Council:

17/03051/PLF Change of use of land from a Nurseries Processing Business to a Semi Retirement/Retirement Static Caravan Park (Westland Nurseries) Objected 14.11.17. ERYC – Refused 15.12.17.

17/03793/PLF Erection of conservatory to rear (Woodbine Cottage) EPC 29.11.17 & ERYC – 05.01.18 - Approved

17/03827/PLF Erection of office building for B1, B2 and light industry use following demolition of existing office space with associated car parking and access (Mount Airey Business Park) - Objected 14.12.17; ERYC – Approved 29.01.18

17/04136/TCA ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA: Poplar x2: fell. (Ellerker Manor) EPC 21.12.17 & ERYC 15.01.18 – Approved

18/00213/TCA ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA: Group of Poplars: pollard to 6m as illustrated to reduce risk of limb loss and maintain screening (Ings House) EPC 01.02.18 & ERYC 19.02.18 - Approved

17/03919/PLF Change of use of land from touring caravan and caravan storage site to the siting of 24 static caravans for holiday use (Sunnydene

Park) EPC Objected 04.02.18; ERYC – Pending

18/00473/TCA ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA: Black Italian Poplar x4: Fell due to over maturity, shedding branches and outgrown location. (Ebenezer House) EPC Approved 19.02.18. ERYC – 05.01.18 - Pending

Next Meeting: Thursday 15th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

— Alan Barker

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Margaret Green 1919 - 2018

Mrs Green came to live at Ellerker Grange in 1951. Before the El-loughton by-pass was built, the A63 westbound carriageway passed within a few feet of her kitchen window. Accidents at Ring Beck crossroads were not infrequent and Mrs Green looked after many shocked and shivering people until an ambulance or the police arrived. A hot cup of tea was provided and on one occasion all the passengers from a coach filled her kitchen.

She supported her husband Sydney in establishing Green's Nurseries and annually worked at budding roses. Roses were the first plant of choice for many gardeners then.

She brought up three sons, David, Paul and Mark at Ellerker Grange

and also cared for her stepson, Kenneth, until his untimely death as a young man.

Mrs Green had a deep personal faith and was a regular attender at St Anne's Church. She organised the flower rota for many years and marked the festivals appropriately with Lilies for Easter, Poppies for Remembrance Sunday and so on. Her friend Pat Jorna took pride in changing the beautiful altar frontals according to Advent, Easter time etc. and made sure that there was always a fair linen cloth, well laundered, on the alter itself.

Mrs Green was a member of Ellerker Women's Institute including time as President. She attended two courses at WI (Denman) College: one on public speaking and the other on preserving and cooking domestic pig. Before freezers were introduced and as meat was rationed until well after WWII ended, this bolstered the family food supply and was a useful skill. The traditional way of siding a pig is now redun-

dant and the flavour of brawn for example is forgotten.

When free of bringing up her family she liked to travel. On a trip to Iceland she was filmed on a TV travel show with presenter Judith Chalmers. At about the age of seventy she flew to China and was in Beijing's Tiananmen Square the day before the uprising and subsequent massacre there. She visited the Holy Land with a local pilgrimage group, but eventually age closed the door on her travels.

Mrs Jim Wood and Mrs Green were the first women on Ellerker Parish Council causing one or two long-established male members to resign in protest at this change in make up of local administration.

Margaret Green was of Norwegian heritage. Her Lincolnshire farmer cousin, Joseph Nickerson was knighted for his work in the development of cereal seeds. He was once accidentally peppered with shot by William Whitelaw, deputy Prime Minister, during a Pheasant shoot on his land. I remember Mrs Green saying "Willie Whitelaw's shot cousin Joe!"



She had a unique personality, which will be long remembered. She was not in the least concerned in acquiring the advertising world's latest "must have" possessions, but more with the welfare of those around her, whether family, friends or in the wider local community. She enjoyed life and sharing laughter and was affectionately regarded in turn.

— Mary Dennis

DIARY DATES

March

15 at 7.30pm, Parish Council, Village Hall

For Easter Services at St Anne's - look at page 2

April

05 at 7.30pm, Playing Field AGM, Village Hall

May

05 at 10am, Plant Sale and Coffee Morning, Village Hall

10 at 7.30pm, Parish Council & Annual Assembly, Village Hall

June

29 Barn Dance at White House Farm

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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