

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome to our January 2020 Escrick Heritage newsletter!

What a difference a year makes!



16th January 2019

This time last year the contractors were still hard at work and the Church was full of scaffolding. It's fantastic to be starting 2020 in our warm, beautifully clean and well-lit building, and thanks to all our volunteers and supporters, with a wonderful programme of established and new events to look forward to, build on and enjoy.

We have an exciting year ahead.

Over the coming months we would like to continue to encourage people to come along, get involved and learn about the fascinating history of our community. To help with this we have some information leaflets available to distribute to local venues telling people about the project. If you could take some leaflets out, please do let us know. We also hope our new information board, which you may have seen on the wall near Fat Abbot, will encourage people passing by to call in.

Would you like a little bit of Escrick Church history

Following a chance meeting at the Parsonage Christmas Fair with woodcarver Chris Mugridge from Sherburn in Elmet, we now have a limited number of beautiful heart shaped tea light holders made from the oak offcuts of our shortened pews. Chris has made these for us free of charge and we are selling them at £5 each for Church funds. If you would like a little memento, please email escrickchurch@gmail.com. It is first come, first served, but we hope that when we have sold the first batch, Chris may be able to make us a few more.



Knitted Poppy Display and exhibition

Following a suggestion from one of our volunteers, we would like to create a display of knitted poppies for Remembrance Sunday 2020. We also plan to tie this in with a temporary exhibition of the 'War Years' which we aim to launch at our October Escrick Heritage Group meeting and which will run in Church until after Remembrance Sunday.

We would welcome your ideas please for the exhibition and volunteers to set it up. Also, if you would be happy to knit some poppies, we'd love to hear from you, or do come along to the Heritage Hub in Church on Monday 13th January between 1pm and 4pm, where we can chat, share patterns or even do some knitting or crochet over a cup of tea! The patterns are straight forward, and if you haven't done any knitting or crochet before then don't let it stop you..... full training can be provided! Also if you have any spare red wool we would be delighted to have it please.

Digital Community Archive



Huge thank you to Eileen Tuthill who has shared with us some fantastic photographs for the archive. These will appear on the website Community Archive very soon, when they have been processed by our volunteers. Please continue to encourage family and friends to share their photographs so they can be preserved and made available for future generations. Our next 'Sharing Memories' open scanning session will be on Saturday 29th February in Church between 10am and 12 Noon.

Heritage Hub Monday 13th January. 1 pm to 4 pm

The second Monday of each month Church is manned by volunteers between 1pm and 4pm. The kettle will be on and volunteers will be available to chat to visitors, give short guided tours, show people how to access the audio tour and our website, and talk about our project and the village. Everyone also very welcome to a simple soup lunch served between 12 Noon and 1pm. No charge but a small donation towards the soup very welcome.

Memories Café Tuesday 21st January 10am to 12 Noon

Excellent tea, coffee, cake and company. All for £2. This month's theme is 'Art and Crafts'. Feel free to bring along things like knitting, crochet, 'clippy' rugs, embroidery, wood work from days gone by. Everyone welcome. Dementia friendly.

Escrick Heritage Group Meeting

Our next meeting is Wednesday 5th February. 7.30 pm in Escrick Church. Our theme will be **The Railway and Escrick station**. Come along to hear and share stories of the railways and the families who worked on them. Please feel free to bring along any photographs and memorabilia you may have. 7.30 pm in Escrick Church.

Calligraphy Workshop

Saturday 29th February, 1.30pm to 4.30pm
£25 to include all materials and dip pen and ink to take home. This is an introduction to modern Calligraphy. To book your place please contact escrickchurch@gmail.com or ring Caroline on **07774 461026**

Dates for Your Diary

Unless otherwise stated all events will take place at St Helen's church

13th January: Heritage Hub. 1pm to 4pm
21st January: Memories Café 10am to 12 Noon
5th February: Escrick Heritage Group Meeting 7.30pm
29th February: 10am to 12 Noon. 'Sharing memories'
29th February: 1.30 – 4.30pm Calligraphy Workshop. Booking essential.
19th September: Heritage Open Day