

Welcome to our April 2020 Escrick Heritage newsletter!

What a difference a few weeks makes! It is difficult and uncertain times at the moment for all and we are missing our normal routines, get-togethers and events. Rest assured, we will get all our Heritage events back up and running just as soon as we are able. We can though of course all still try and keep in touch by phone and email and maybe we can look at different ways of doing things.



‘Virtual Open Gardens’ launched
Closing date 21st June 2020.

Gardening is a true heritage activity, it has been part of life since prehistoric times. Over the coming weeks many of us may find ourselves spending a little more time in our gardens, so our gardens and veg plots should look great by the summer. What better time therefore to launch our ‘Virtual’ Open gardens!

All you need to do is take a photo of your garden, allotment/veg plot and send it to escrickchurch@gmail.com. This can be taken at any time... take it now if your garden looks best in spring, or feel free to leave it until June. We will then upload all the photo's to the www.escrickheritage.org website where they can be viewed.

- * There will be 2 categories ‘My garden’ and ‘My Allotment/veg plot’.
- * Closing date midnight on 21st June 2020 - mid-summers day.
- * Maximum of 2 photo's per category, per household.
- * Submitting a photo means you are happy for the photo to be put on the website.
- * Photos can be whole or part of gardens/plot or just specimen plants
- * No names or addressees will be shown on the website
- * No people in the photo's please.

We will arrange for an independent judge to select their favourite photo from each category, and there will be a ‘very small’ prize awarded to the winner in each category. No restriction as to where you live.... Just be aware that the small prize may be local to Escrick!

We look forward to seeing your photographs. Happy digging and pruning, and start taking some photos now and get them sent in!



Knitted Poppies – Remembrance Display

Thanks to the very kind donation from 2 Royal Signals at Imphal barracks, we now have a large camouflage net which we can cut in to strips to drape from the porch roof.

With the aid of a ball of string and the roof alarm installers, we now know that the porch roof is 8 meters high. We will therefore need around 20 meters of ‘swathes’ in total. Roger worked out that we need around 75 poppies per square meter so we will let you do the calculations! Thank you to everyone who is knitting poppies.

At the last Heritage Hub, Sheila counted that we had 625, which is fantastic. There is of course a long way to go, so please do keep up the knitting and our display will look great in October/November. We know we can do it! If you haven't started knitting but would like a pattern, please let us know and we can send you one by email or post.

If knitting/crochet isn't your thing, don't despair..... in due course we would love people to get involved attaching the poppies to the net which will be a big job in its self.

Memories.

If you find you have a little time over the next few weeks, why not consider jotting down your special memories of the Community. It would be great please and we can then start to build a section on the website. It doesn't have to be a long time ago. It would also be great to have a record of more recent happenings and events to save for the future.

Winners announced..... Photo Competition – Escrick Heritage and Escrick Parish Council

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition. There were some fantastic photographs and the judges had difficult decisions to make. Congratulations to:

Junior and overall winner, Joel Wilson - *Escrick Church in the evening sunlight (left)*

Open class, Stefan Thresh, *Hollicars – January Sunset (right)*



These beautiful photographs, together with 10 more selected by our judges, will create the Escrick Heritage 2021 calendar. Entries may also be used within the Neighbourhood Development Plan, Escrick Heritage website and Facebook.

We will share more information soon about pre-ordering copies of the calendar and the opportunity to sponsor a date.

Congratulations to the winners and everyone who's photographs have been selected for the calendar.

We will continue with our monthly newsletters and we look forward to keeping in touch.