

Hello Everyone

Hope this finds you well and settling in to new routines. Great that things are starting to look a little more positive and restrictions are easing a little. Escrick Church does however remain closed, but as and when that changes we will let you know.

We continue to try and use our time wisely and gradually more and more photographs can be seen on the digital archive.

Breaking News.....

Celebrity Virtual Open Garden Judge announced



We are delighted that Martin Fish, Writer, Broadcaster and RHS judge has very kindly agreed to judge our competition. As well as being on Radio York, Martin posts weekly gardening videos on Facebook and YouTube under the name of 'Pots and Trowels.' They are free to watch and subscribe to the page. Each video shows tips and things to do in the garden.

So... keep up the weeding, pruning and nurturing and continue to send photos of your garden or veg plot to:

escrickchurch@gmail.com

You can see the entries already received at:

<https://www.escrickheritage.org/heritage/virtual-open-gardens-my-garden/>

and

<https://www.escrickheritage.org/heritage/virtual-open-gardens-my-allotment-veg-plot/>

Closing date for entries midnight on 21st June. Full rules below

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 photos 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*

Escrick Heritage 2021 Calendar



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With the help of The Wrapped Agency we are creating the Escrick Heritage 2021 calendar using the 12 winning photographs from our recent photographic competition.

Would you like to sponsor a date on the calendar? If so please email escrickchurch@gmail.com by Sunday 7th June. Cost just £6 and it includes a free copy of the calendar.

Dates are on a first come, first served basis and a maximum of 28 characters in total. Suggestions include:

Sponsored by...x. Happy Birthday .x.

Memories of...X. In memory of...X.

We expect the calendars will be on general sale from late summer. For printing purposes it would be great to have an idea of interest. If you would like to pre-order a copy, please do also get in touch.

All profits from the calendar will support Escrick Church and Heritage.

Escrick School 1950



This photo was shared by Sue Orchard. Are you able to help put any names to the faces please?

Poppies



Thank you to everyone making poppies. Please do continue as we need lots!

We are conscious that it will take quite a long time to fix the poppies to the netting, so we are going to start the task over the next few weeks.

If you have any finished poppies please do get in touch and we will arrange to collect them during daily strolls, or for you to drop them off if you are passing.

Jennifer and Vicky have offered to start on two of the swathes that will come down from the porch roof. Would anyone like to volunteer to start on the third one?

(We will get the netting and poppies to you and we would suggest it is a job to do in your garage as the netting has been used and is a little dusty.)

Escrick Football Team



Here a photo from the archive shared by Irene Burton.

People include.... Neil Hampshire, Desmond Hampshire, Donald Hampshire, Mr Brown, Hans, Billy Reader.

Can you help name the others please?

And finally for this month
A poem written by Audrey Harrison
and shared with us by Henry Farrar

*The world's a sombre place out there,
and will be for a while,
And yet through all our doubts and fears
There's lots to make us smile.*

*The kindness of people we've not met before
Bringing treats and saying 'How are you?',
Taking the time to knock on the door
And asking 'What can I do?'*

*The children having fun at home,
When schoolwork has been done,
Being taught by brand new teachers
In the form of dad or mum!*

*The book we've not had time to read
Can now be read at leisure,
Baking buns and making cakes
Giving us so much pleasure.*

*A letter from a forgotten friend
An email from another
A card made by a grandchild
With a bit of help from mother....
Who may not have always had the time
To sit and paint and glue,
But now is quite enjoying it
And finds it's fun to do!!*

*The gardens are full of colour
And there are rainbows everywhere,
Made by little children to show how much
they care.*

*There are people taking care of us,
danger always in their sight,
Tired and stressed and fearful
As they work throughout the night.
What would we do without them
Soldiering in this mess?
Our hearts go out to thank them
Our wonderful NHS
There are so many different people
Who deserve our thanks today
And when we clap on Thursday nights
It's for those we all must pray.*

*And for those who live alone, forlorn,
Who find days so long and sad,
We pray that they will ride the storm,
Until again we'll all feel glad.
There is a lot of help out there
We'll not leave you in the lurch,
And whether you believe or not
There's love and comfort in the church.
The Sunday services on Zoom
To meet lots of friends and pray...
In the comfort of our sitting room
Make the dark clouds roll away.
All this really will be gone
And there'll be parties and hugs and tears
And we'll remember the love and kindness
For years and years and years.*

*God DID send the sunshine,
It's shone most every day.
How much worse it would have been
Under skies of grey?
So let's give thanks for good things
We know it cannot last.
Things will soon be good again
Just a memory of the past.*

Our monthly newsletters will continue and we will resume our events and activities as soon as it is safe to do so.