

Escrick Heritage Virtual Open Gardens.

Thank you to everyone who entered. We had a wonderful response - 53 entries in 'My garden' category and 14 in 'My allotment/veg plot'.

The gardens, plants and plots looked fantastic and Martin had a very difficult job choosing. All the entries can be seen at:

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

We are delighted to announce the winners. Congratulations to all.

My Garden - Winner Christine's Garden (left)

Christine wins a beautiful hanging basket kindly donated by Vertigrow. Highly commended were Margaret's garden (bottom left) and Denise's garden (bottom centre).

Huge thanks to RHS judge and broadcaster Martin Fish, for undertaking the very difficult judging challenge, and to all the gardeners for their support.



(My Allotment/Veg plot Winner - Gillian's veg plot (above)

Gillian wins a £10 voucher kindly donated by Deans garden Centre. Highly commended was Kathleen's veg plot (bottom right).



Lockdown is lifting slightly

Great that lockdown is starting to lift. From this weekend we are allowed once again to hold services in Church, but they will seem a little different as we need to adhere to new COVID procedures.

We will be using our normal pattern of services namely Thursdays at 9.30am and Sunday mornings at either 8.30am on the first Sunday of the month or 10am on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sundays.

Our monthly children's service will be held by Zoom. Following the morning services on both Thursdays and Sundays, Church will be open for private prayer until 1pm. Everyone very welcome to call in.

Unfortunately we are still unable to hold meetings, so our Heritage activities and events in Church continue to be on hold. We will though resume as soon as it is safe to do so.



We continue to add more photos to the community archive so please do keep logging in to see what is new. Here is one of the photo's recently added to the websiteA lovely children's fancy dress party from 1948.....Anyone look familiar?

The grave of Thomas Green

If you have past the Churchyard recently you will have seen that the Churchyard volunteers have been doing a great job removing ivy from the bottom of most of the trees. This has exposed the grave of Thomas Green previously covered in ivy, which is close to the boundary with Sang Thai.

A bit more work has uncovered some ornate metal railings, and with the aid of some garden membrane and stone chippings, the grave is now looking very clean and tidy. Huge thank you to all involved.

The writing on the stone is very difficult to read, but referring to the book of monumental inscriptions it shows it was a sad story.

Here rests Thomas, son of Thomas and Ann. He was born in Leeds 1st February 1838 and died here suddenly 26th August 1864.

In the local press on 30th August 1864 it says.....

A stranger man unknown, found dying in the road in Deighton Township. Abode unknown. Supposed to be Leeds or Headingley. Age not known. 'Coroner's inquest – Died of a Coma.'

At the foot of the page it states.....

This stranger was on the 3rd September recognised by his father and mother by his clothes and keys. His name was Thomas Green, son of Thomas and Ann Green of Smithfield Wire Works, Leeds (formerly of Stonegate, York). He was 24 years of age, of drunken habits and living with the mother who was separated from her husband.

Would anyone like to undertake a little research on the Green family and the wire works please? It would be lovely to trace any distant nephews or nieces and find out more about Thomas and his family. If you are interested, please do get in touch and maybe we could work on an article for the website? Wouldn't it be great to find a photograph of young Thomas? Thank you.



**Please do keep in touch and keep sharing photos for the community archive.
Stay safe.**