

We hope this finds everyone well

As the temperature has dropped, it seems that autumn is well and truly here. Unfortunately neither the National or local Covid situations seem to be improving. With this in mind we have reluctantly decided to postpone and reschedule some of our planned Heritage events.

Poetry Evening

We have taken the decision to postpone our planned Poetry evening until the New Year. It is disappointing, but it will be good to look forward to it at a future date.

Escrick Heritage Group

You won't be surprised to hear that we have also reluctantly decided to suspend our monthly Heritage Group meetings. Both Chris Cade who was coming to us in October, and Eric Jackson in November, have very kindly agreed to come to our respective October and November meetings in 2021, so again, something to look forward to.

Heritage Hub afternoons

Also instead of holding our monthly Heritage Hubs, we are offering, by arrangement, **Guided tours of Church and assistance with the Graveyard plan and Escrick Heritage website.**

These will of course be socially distanced and adhering to the Covid procedures and rule of 6. Please email:

escrickchurch@gmail.com

or contact Caroline on:

07774461026

to book a slot

We continue to work on both the archive and website so please do keep popping in to the website to see what has been added. As we are all spending more time at home, if you come across any photographs you are happy to share for the archive, please do let us know and maybe we can arrange to borrow them, scan and then return. We would also love to receive your memories and recollections of days gone by, so again please do 'jot' them down so we can share.

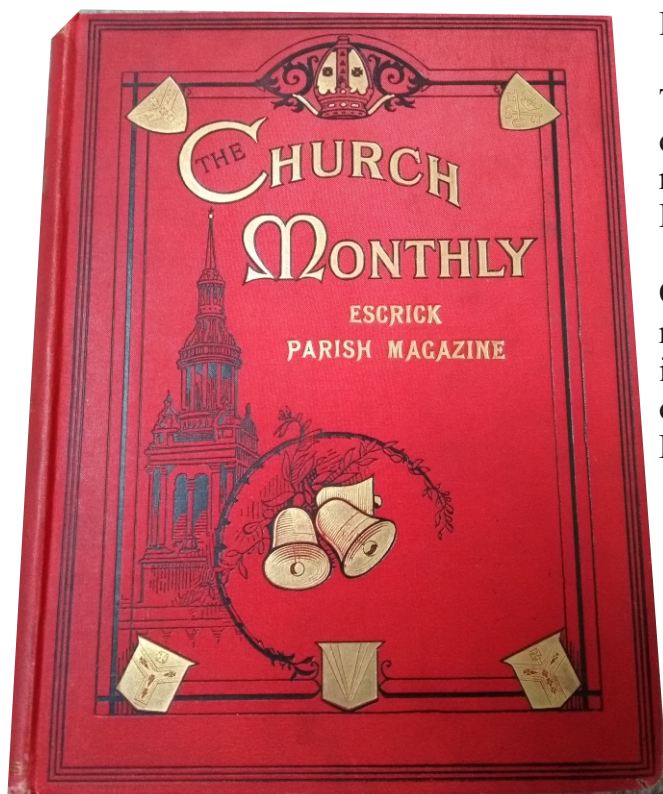
Knitted Poppy display



Thank you to everyone who has knitted and sewn poppies. They look great.

Due to the current covid situation, we have decided to make a few changes and to create our display inside Church this year, rather than outside. This way we can ensure the poppies will not get wet or dirty and we will be able to reuse them all next year, when hopefully more people will be able to come along and enjoy. **The poppies will therefore be on display in Church throughout the month of November, where people can see them if they call in to Church.**

Church remains open daily between 9am and 4pm. More information in our November newsletter.



Parish Magazines 1897

Thank you to Eileen Tutill who has very kindly donated to the project a bound book 'The Church monthly' which includes copies of the 1897 Escrick Church monthly magazine.

Over the next few months we will share each month with you. They include some really interesting articles. This month it is the new wing of York hospital, together with details of Baptisms, Burials and Marriages.

ESCRICK PARISH MAGAZINE.

OCTOBER, 1897.

YORK HOSPITAL.

As many of our readers are already aware, a new wing for children is being added to the York Hospital, an institution to which so many in this parish are deeply indebted for help in time of sickness. Some months ago H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge promised to lay the foundation stone and to receive purses for the new building fund, the date fixed being September 23rd. The ladies of York and neighbourhood, with their children, at once undertook to do what they could in the way of collecting money, which the children were to present to the Duke. In this parish Mrs. Walker and Miss Marjorie Walker most kindly promised to collect, and the appeal was so liberally responded to that a cheque for £11 17s. 6d. was placed in the little white satin bag which represented the "purse from Escrick," and was handed to H.R.H. by Miss Marjorie Walker. Full particulars have already appeared of the day's proceedings in the local papers, but Escrick's particular share in the undertaking requires some notice in our Magazine, and in the future, when some little one from amongst us derives benefit from a stay "under the new wing," we shall feel glad to have had an opportunity of adding our contribution towards providing this much-needed addition to our old and tried friend, the York Hospital.

In consequence of the School holidays, there is no list of regular attendances this month.

BAPTISMS.

- Aug. 29—Harold, son of William and Jane Laverack.
 „ 29—Elizabeth Sarah, daughter of Charles and Rebecca Smith.
 „ 29—Robert, son of John Henry and Rachel Ann Preston.
 „ 29—Bertie, son of George and Emma Allen.

BURIALS.

- Aug. 16—Thomas Hobson, aged 53 years.
 Sept. 2—William Leslie Scurr, aged 3 weeks.
 „ 15—George Nelson, aged 62 years.

MARRIAGE.

- Aug. 11—Henry Musgrave to Mary Elizabeth Goodall.

Thomas Green. Update.

Our volunteers continue to research Thomas and his family. Great that contact has been made with a distant relative of Thomas, and we hope we will find out more over the coming months. Thank you to Ruth who has been researching the family business and for sharing the following.....

Thomas Green & Sons, Smithfield Wire Works, Leeds

July's Newsletter had an item about the grave of Thomas Green, who, having been found "dying in the road in Deighton Township" was later identified by his parents, Thomas and Ann of the Smithfield Wire Works, Leeds. Here is some further information about the family and their business.

By the time of Thomas Jnr's death in 1864 his father had already built up a successful Wire Works business. Wire working was the making of fences, gates, railings and even bedsteads from iron. It was in high demand, the Victorians being fond of railings around houses and public spaces. In the 1843 York Directory, Thomas Green's showroom at 22, Stonegate, was one of 6 wire works in the city. Business must have been good as they could afford a 2-page advertisement listing the wide variety of items on offer. Customers could purchase anything from an egg whisk, to garden chairs, lanterns, and of course "fencing of every description". The 1855 York & East Riding Directory shows there was still a wire works at 22 Stonegate, but it was no longer owned by Green's. Today the premises is a gift shop, The Stonegate Living Company.

In the 1851 Census the Green family were living in North Street, Leeds, with elder son Willoughby, then aged 14 shown as a wireworker, while young Thomas, aged 11 was still at school. The 1850's was a time of great expansion for the business, with the workforce increasing from 26 in 1851, to 160 by 1859. A foundry had been constructed at the works and they had opened a branch in London, which Willoughby Green was running by 1860. By contrast the 1861 Census states that Thomas, then aged 21, was living at home and shown as having "no occupation".

During this period lawnmowers were included in the company's product range. In 1856 Green registered the first of many patents for "Improvements in mowing machinery". By 1861 the Smithfield works in Leeds was the largest manufacturer of lawnmowers in the UK. Mowers were the most successful of all Thomas Green & Son's products, gaining the Royal Seal of Approval in 1885, and winning many prizes and accolades. An advertisement in The Times in March 1930 proudly announced that over 1 million of Green's mowers had been sold.

The company's ability to continually diversify meant that they could capitalise on changing trends and weather the inevitable storms. Not only did they continue to manufacture fencing, railings, and mowers, but also produced pub tables, garden furniture, industrial washing machines, and brewing equipment. They also went on to produce tramway engines and railway locomotives. One of the locomotives, "Barber", made in 1907 for the Harrogate Gas Company has been restored and can be seen at the South Tynedale Railway near Alston.

While the business continued to thrive, in other ways the family were less fortunate. We know of the fate of Thomas jnr who is buried in Escrick Churchyard. His parents were already separated when Ann died just a year later in 1865. Thomas senior later remarried and there were no children. The elder brother Willoughby Green had been involved in the business but later fell out with his father. A newspaper report from 1869 says that an argument became so heated that Willoughby Green threatened to shoot his father. The business partnership was dissolved in 1869, and Willoughby Green died in 1870 of "disease of the brain". Thomas Green Senior continued to be involved in the company until his death in 1892 at the age of 82. By this stage the company employed 400 staff. While Thomas Green's obituary in the Yorkshire Post notes the late Mr Willoughby Green, there is no mention of his younger son Thomas.

The family remained involved in the business through Thomas's grandson, Thomas Willoughby Green, and his stepson, William Penrose Green. Thomas Willoughby Green joined the company in the drawing office and later joined the Board. However, his involvement at that level of the business was sporadic. He was removed from the Board more than once and he eventually offered his resignation together with his shares in 1905. He died in Bournemouth in 1940. William Penrose Green joined the company as an apprentice, became its Chairman in 1897 and died in 1941. The business closed suddenly in November 1975, with the successful mower and road roller divisions being sold respectively to, Reekie of Arbroath, and Atkinson's of Clitheroe. Two of Green's gang mowers were in production until 2007. The company title "Thomas Green & Son Ltd" was finally dissolved in 1994.

Further information about the family and the business can be found in; The History of Thomas Green & Son Ltd, by John Pease, Lightmoor Press. For information about the locomotive "Barber" see:

www.south-tynedale-railway.org.uk

Escrick Heritage 2021 Calendar

The wonderful calendars are now on sale at £6. They will make ideal gifts and all the profits go to Escrick Church and Heritage funds.

The calendar contains 12 stunning photographs, all taken by amateur photographers within our Church parish boundary. They were selected from the entries in the photographic competition run early in the year. Thank you to everyone who entered, judged or supported the competition, including Escrick Parish Council, The Wrapped Agency and The Parsonage Hotel.

To order your copy please contact:

escrickchurch@gmail.com



Escrick Heritage
2021 Calendar



We will continue to keep in touch with everyone through our monthly Heritage Newsletters. Feel free to contact us at:

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It would be lovely to hear from you. Stay safe.