



Happy Yorkshire Day!

Pleased to say that our Heritage activities and events continue throughout August.....



Escrick Heritage Group Meeting
Wednesday 3rd August at 7.30 in Escrick Church
'Tellin't tale' by Rod & Pam Dimbleby

To celebrate Yorkshire Day earlier in the week, come along for an evening of Yorkshire Dialect! It promises to be a very interesting evening. As usual, Escrick Heritage members free, guests £3 to include refreshments.

Heritage Hub
Monday 8th August. 1pm to 4pm.

Church will be manned so please call in for tea, biscuits and a chat. The scanner will also be available if you wish to bring any photographs to share for the Community Archive.

Hoots Café
Tuesday 16th August. 9.30am to 12 noon

Absolutely everyone very welcome to come along for tea/coffee and cakes. Adults £3, children 50p. (Free refills). Come along for Tea/coffee, cake and a chat in lovely, relaxed, airy surroundings. We look forward to seeing you. Our theme will be 'Seaside and holidays'.

Escrick Heritage Group

Escrick Heritage group September meeting will be on 7th September, when we will be sharing 'Memories of village sport and recreation'. Do you have any photos of village football, tennis or cricket matches please? Also memories you would like to share from years gone by? If so please do get in touch at escrickchurch@gmail.com Thank you.

Escrick Heritage Annual membership

Our new membership year starts on 1st September. Just £12 for the year to 31st August 2023 to include entry to all our meetings. This can be paid by cash, cheque or the card machine in Church. Thank you.

Can you help please? Pte T H Ellar 3983.

We are really pleased to have been given for our community archive the WW1 medals of Private Tom Hodgson Ellar. Thank you very much to Mr Ken Saynor.



From the Churchyard records we know that the Ellar family had connections with Escrick from the late 1880's to at least the 1930's and also that the family contributed to the cost of the war memorial in the Churchyard.

Tom's parents, Robert and Lenora died in the 1930's and are buried in Escrick Churchyard. Tom was one of at least 10 children, 8 boys and 2 girls. The 1911 census shows Tom was 17, single and a helper in the stables.

Tom and five of his brothers fought in the First World War and the information we have about them is :

ARTHUR HILL ELLAR (1892-1972) Private, Kings Royal Rifle Corps.

BENJAMIN ELLAR (1881-1939) Corporal, Royal Garrison Artillery. He was awarded the British and Victory medals.

RAYMOND ELLAR (1894-1977) Corporal, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment. Raymond first served in the Balkans. In 1915 he was reported missing and his papers indicate he was a prisoner of war with the rank of Lance Sergeant, in hospital at Righa, Turkey where he remained until December 1918. Raymond received the Silver War Badge and the Victory, British and Star medals.

ROBERT ELLAR Private, Army Service Corps.

Robert was just 20 when he enlisted in 1914 and he received the 1915 Star medal.

TOM HODGSON ELLAR Private, Prince of Wales's Own (West Yorkshire) Regiment.

Tom received the British and Victory medals. From photographs shared in our community archive it looks as though the Ellar family enjoyed sport. Ray Ellar was in the football team in 1922, could this be the Raymond Ellar who was prisoner of war?



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Escrick Park Cricket Club 1929

Back: Goodall, Reg Rochester, Eddie Reader, Bill Yeoman, Cecil Dennison, Mervin Pritchard
Middle: Ray Ellar, Harry Hodgson, George Streetley, Dick Pratt
Front: Vic Hale, Tommy Ellar (scorer), Denny Thompson



In 1929 Tommy Ellar was the cricket scorer. Could this be our Tom Ellar who's medals we now hold? It would be lovely to find out more about the family and especially Tom. If you have any information about the Ellar family we would love to hear about it so we can share. Thank you.

**Date for your diary. Sunday 11th September.
Heritage Open afternoon. 12 noon until 5pm.**

The overall theme is Inventions and we will be celebrating the Pipe organ. Come along to see how the Church organ works, maybe 'have a go' under supervision and hear it being played. Do put the date in your diary and if you are available to help out, it would be great to hear from you.

**Annual Poppy Display
12th October until 16th November.**

This year we would like to add to the display, so if you have a little red wool left and are able to knit a few more poppies it would be very much appreciated please. Thank you. We would also be delighted if you would share your ideas as to what else we can include to keep the display fresh each year.

We look forward to seeing everyone soon.