

Autumn is certainly here as the nights have started to draw in
and the leaves are definitely 'turning'.
We have a very interesting and busy October ahead of us....

Heritage Group Meeting
Wednesday 5th October at 7.30pm
'The gun powder plot' by Eric Jackson.

*Remember remember the 5th of
November, gunpowder treason and plot",*
but what do we really know about the
events of 1605 that created our modern
bonfire night celebrations?
And did you know we have an Escrick
connection.....
All welcome to come along to
find out more!
Members free. Visitors/Guests £3
(Escrick Heritage Membership
is just £12 for the year to 31st August



Escrick Heritage Hub and presentation
Monday 10th October. 2.30pm
'A Golden Age of Film'
Thirty years working with film in the BBC
by Henry Farrar.

Come along from 1pm for refreshments and then
the presentation will start at 2.30pm. It should
be really interesting so please do come along.
Refreshment will be served throughout the
afternoon.
As usual, members free. Visitors £3.

National Poetry Day
Thursday 6th October. 6.30pm.

Celebrating National Poetry Day, this year's theme is 'The environment.' Come along
to hear and share poems loosely linked to the environment.

All very welcome. There is no charge, but donations welcome towards refreshments.
For more information please contact Christine on 07852 872332.

Poppy Display
Tuesday 18th October to 20th November



Thank you to everyone who has knitted poppies or sewn them on to the additional netting for this year's display. It is very much appreciated. If you are passing please do call in. We know they will look spectacular!

Hoots Café
Tuesday 18th October. 9.30am to 12 noon

Absolutely everyone very welcome to come along for tea/coffee and cakes and enjoy the poppy display. Adults £3, children 50p. (Free refills). Tea/coffee, cake and a chat in lovely, relaxed, airy surroundings! We look forward to seeing you.

Exciting News.....
National Churches Trust - Tourism Award



As some of you will have heard St Helen's is a finalist in the 2022 National Churches Trust: Tourism Awards. One of ten Churches across the United Kingdom (five in England, two in Wales and three in Scotland).

It is a huge credit to all our volunteers for all their hard work, energy and enthusiasm, both during the project and in sustaining and building on our achievements over the last few years.

Congratulations and thanks to all for your hard work and support.

We look forward to hearing more very soon, but regardless of the outcome, fantastic that St Helen's has made it in to the top ten over the United Kingdom and top five in England.

Date for your diary
Escrick Heritage Group Meeting
Wednesday 2nd November. 7.30pm.
'Memories of the Brickyards'

Please do come along to hear and share your memories.

Christmas Tree Festival.....
1st to 4th December.

Would you like to make a tree, either yourself or maybe representing Escrick Heritage? If so please do get in touch for more details.



Stillingfleet pumping station

Our September Visit to Stillingfleet pumping station

Huge thank you to Nathan and the Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board for a really interesting tour of the pumping station. It was fascinating and very reassuring to know that it is there to protect our local villages from flooding.

The current plumping station was opened by The Ministry of State of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 6th November 1991 and was funded substantially by British Coal. Thank you also to David Lewis for sharing a little more of the history with us...

Stillingfleet Clough as in the Victoria County History:

The low grounds have always been liable to flooding. Frequent floods, which hindered access to the parish church, were the reason for the grant of a private oratory to the lady of Kelfield manor c. 1300.

In 1345, failure to cleanse a dike, probably Stillingfleet Beck, and to maintain its banks was alleged to have caused flooding at Stillingfleet and elsewhere.

Three public drains were set out at the inclosure of Stillingfleet in 1756, and 6 acres were awarded in lieu of meadow called the common grass, the rent of which had long been used to repair the gates and rails over the outfall sluices or cloughs in the township. _

The principal clough at the outfall of the beck into the Ouse was rebuilt in brick by the township in 1815. It was repaired and improved in 1858, when it took water from eight neighbouring parishes, and again in the 20th century. Long stretches of the beck have been straightened. At the inclosure of Kelfield in 1812 one public drain was set out and it was ordered that an embankment beside the river should be maintained by the owners and occupiers of adjoining land. The land allotted at Stillingfleet in 1756 was known as the Bylawfield.



We look forward to seeing everyone soon.