



May is here and the blossom is looking lovely. What a beautiful time of year.

This is our 5th Anniversary newsletter! Thank you Geoffrey for highlighting it. Our first newsletter was in May 2018 and was prepared by Michala, our Heritage Engagement officer. A copy is on our website and here is a link to it:

<https://www.escrickheritage.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Escrick-Heritage-Newsletter-1-May-2018-.pdf>

As you will see our volunteers were just starting their Archive training and research was being undertaken for the interpretation panels, both for the inside of Church and in local buildings.

We now have over 1200 photographs in the Community Archive which people can access through our website from wherever they are around the world. The interpretation panels in Church continue to be very well received, as are the ones in pride of place in the Village Hall, Surgery and Parsonage.

We also have some great oral histories on the website but unfortunately we got a little side tracked with the Covid restrictions. We have all the recording equipment and it would be great to start recording oral histories again. If you would be happy to get involved, either as an interviewer or interviewee, please do let us know. Full training will be provided!

Our little soft toy 'Hoot' continues to be enjoyed by the children who visit Church. When they find him they hide him somewhere else within the Church for others to find. It is amazing where he gets to!

Huge credit and thanks to all our volunteers for all the hard work they have put in over the last 5 years and continue to do so! All our Heritage literature and events continue to be very much enjoyed and appreciated by all who visit. Thank you all very much.

## The Tomlinson family sword

Thank you very much to Eileen for sharing a photograph and information about her donation of the sword belonging to Sefton Tomlinson to the Treasurer House in Beverley.

As you may remember the actual handover took place at one of our Escrick Heritage Group meetings. Here is the press release..... 17 Apr 2023:



### *Ceremonial Sword donated to East Riding Yeomanry Display in Beverley*

*To mark the opening of a new mini display at the Treasure House in Beverley featuring artefacts relating to the East Riding Yeomanry, a relative of one of the soldiers from the regiment took part in the official unveiling.*

*Eileen Tutill from York, the granddaughter of Quartermaster Sergeant Sefton Tomlinson (of Escrick), has donated her relative's ceremonial sword, which dates to the years before the First World War.*

*Said Dr. David Marchant, museums registrar with East Riding of Yorkshire Council:*

*"This donation originally came about as a result of a lecture I delivered at Escrick to the local history society. The village has a close connection with the East Riding Yeomanry, as this was where Lord Wenlock first raised the regiment in 1902, and there were many local men, like Sefton Tomlinson, who joined at that time."*

*It's a great addition to our collection of artefacts related to the East Riding Yeomanry. The sword has an interesting later history, being used at special family events – cutting wedding cakes, for instance!*

*'The sword is part of a recent acquisitions display, also featuring a WWI period photograph album and a WWII diary. The display will run until the end of August this year.*

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**Escrick Heritage Group Meeting  
Wednesday 3rd May. 7.30pm.**

**Come along to hear about the 'History of York Walls' by Graham Smith of 'Friends of York Walls'. As usual, all very welcome.**

**Members free. Visitors / Guests £3 and refreshments will be served.**



**Coronation concert' by Weighton Waytes  
Friday 12th May. 7.30pm  
in Escrick Church,**

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. We are guaranteed a wonderful evening, with something for everyone, from The White Cliffs to Zadok the Priest!

Free entry but donations welcome on the evening. No need to book, please just come along and bring your family and friends. Refreshments will be served.

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**Heritage Hub**

There is no Heritage Hub again in May due to the Bank holiday.

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**Hoots Café  
Tuesday 16th May  
9.30am to 12 noon.**

Absolutely everyone very welcome to come along for tea / coffee and cakes. Adults £3, children 50p. (Free refills). We look forward to seeing you. This month we will be raising funds for Christian Aid.

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**Forward Notice.... Escrick Heritage Group Meeting  
Wednesday 7th June. 7.30pm.**

Come along to hear about the '*History of York Racecourse by James Brennan, head of Marketing and Sponsorship*'.

As usual, all very welcome. Members free. Visitors/Guests £3 and refreshments will be served.

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**Poetry evening**

Thank you very much to Marion for organising our latest Poetry evening. The next one is planned for Monday 10th July at 7.30pm.

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**We hope everyone enjoys watching the Coronation  
and joining in with the local events.  
We look forward to seeing everyone very soon.**