

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

For many years Councillor Doreen Kaye has had the responsibility of organising the “switch on” of the village Christmas lights ably assisted by our Parish Clerk. As on previous occasions the Head Boy and Head Girl of Wolfreton School performed the official “switch on” whilst the Kirk Ella School choir drew the crowd.

Top right – crowds began to gather for the event.

Below left – Cllr. Doreen Kaye, organiser of the event with the school choir. Below right – Head Boy Harvey Gornell and Head Girl Tabarak Na'ama of Wolfreton.



SNIPPETS

1. If you need help, the local Police box number is 307213 or dial 101.
2. Many thanks go to Cllr. Elizabeth Robinson's team of litter pickers who help to keep our villages tidy.
3. Our grateful thanks also to Mr Church, Headmaster, who accommodates us in Kirk Ella School for our monthly meetings.
4. The Chairman continues to decline the Chairman's allowance and none of the Parish Councillors claim expenses, as our Parish Councillors are all volunteers.
5. We are indebted to Cllr. Marion Jackson who has stored two large notice boards given to the Council. These were obtained from Wolfreton School South Ella site and kept ready to be relocated.

We are indebted to Mandy Pickering, our most conscientious and loyal Parish Clerk for her continued dedication to her work.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at Kirk Ella St. Andrew's CP School, West Ella Road on Wednesday, 9th May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. All residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella will be welcome.

Annual Report written and compiled by Councillors Margaret Raymond and Doreen Kaye

~ OUR HERITAGE ~



For an added attraction at the fundraising coffee morning, Cllr. David Robinson provided an excellent informative display of historical maps and photos. These were mainly of the Hull and East Riding area creating great interest. Many people spotted connections with their younger days.

Photo above Parish Clerk Mandy Pickering and Cllr. David Robinson with his display.



Blue plaques continue to create interest. Above Cllr. Stan Raymond with the most recent one he helped to fix on Mole Hall.

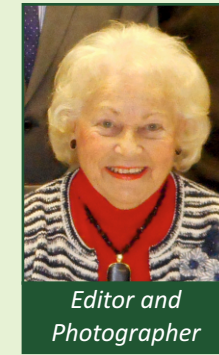


During recent renovations to one of the oldest buildings at the centre of the village, an interesting floorboard was discovered. It was shown to Cllr. Doreen Kaye who, on removing the dirt, found this name and information, “Relaid by Richard Nowell Jones April 30th 1870”. After further research by Cllr. David Robinson, he found him to have been a joiner who lived with his wife and parents at Beetonville, now an area of Anlaby Road.

BRIEF REMINDERS

- Residents can report potholes and street lights direct to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council on 393939 or via the website.
- Residents should also make sure that their hedges and shrubs do not overhang public footpaths.

— The Parish Website is: www.kirkella-westella-pc.info —



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WELCOME NEWS!

2018

West Ella to get its Memorial back

Some residents of the parish, especially in West Ella, are now aware that behind the scenes, considerable progress has been made regarding the restoration of the WWI War Memorial which was badly damaged many years ago. It had been agreed by Parish Councillors in 2016, and mentioned in our Annual Parish Report of that year, that we hoped to restore it. To complete the refurbishment in this centenary year of 2018 would be a significant act of remembrance.

Many delays caused by a lack of historical evidence which was required by the War Memorials Trust, caused the Parish Council to seek alternative funds held by West Ella Environmental Body who, in the past, had also planned refurbishment of the Memorial.

The Parish Council produced a design for a new spire which was issued to each of three stonemasons for quotations. Site meetings took place with Councillors John Bailey, Stan Raymond and David Robinson representing the Parish Council and Trevor Green who is Chairman of the West Ella Preservation Society. Eventually a choice based on best value and working practice was agreed by those involved and a date for completion in late summer was suggested.

Chairman Trevor Green and Secretary Jean Harne of the West Ella Environmental Body have worked tirelessly to contact the village residents who in return have given their overwhelming support including many donations. These donations, together with funds from the Landfill Credits already held by the West Ella Environmental Body, will fully finance the project.

By restoring the Memorial in 2018, just 100 years after the war ended, the project will demonstrate the local residents determination that those who lost their lives will never be forgotten and will herald the beginning of a new Century of Remembrance. It is also hoped that when the restoration is complete the monument will be an added interest to the Heritage Trail and also attract local schools who may wish to include it as a focal point of interest as part of a wider history project.



Left to right: Cllr. David Robinson, the Stonemason, Cllr. Stan Raymond, Trevor Green and Cllr. John Bailey.

~ ENVIRONMENT ~

Two years ago Councillor Shaun Horton helped with the clearing of all the weeds from the front of Kirk Ella Police Station. The area was then planted with bulbs by kind volunteers. The Lawson family of Beverley Road Kirk Ella took on the task. The picture on the right in springtime shows the great improvement to the area the following spring after their efforts.



Councillors Margaret and Stan Raymond planting bulbs in the grass verge last autumn.



Councillor Elizabeth Robinson continues to order spring bulbs and she will be delighted if residents volunteer to help with the planting by street names and in public areas.



Councillor Elizabeth Robinson as Chairman of the Haltemprice Flood Action Group, is still working hard monitoring the progress of the Flood Alleviation Schemes in our area. She maintains contact with several different authorities and is highly regarded in the community for all the work she does.

~ CIVIC DUTIES ~



From time to time the Parish Council is invited to send representatives to a special occasion. We were asked to send a Councillor to the official opening of the new building for Wolfreton School and Sixth Form College. As Councillor Robert Skinner's young family had attended Wolfreton School as students, he was our obvious choice.

Left: Cllr. Robert Skinner outside the new Wolfreton building.



The E.R.Y.C. held a special service to celebrate the Festival of St. John of Beverley at Beverley Minster in May. Last year the Chairman of Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council and Guest were invited. So Cllrs. Margaret Raymond and Elizabeth Robinson attended. St. John was Bishop of Hexham (687-706) then Archbishop of York (706-714). In retirement, tradition has it that he founded a monastery at Beverley. His holy life and miracles after death persuaded the Pope to canonize him in 1037. St John's bones are in a tomb between the nave choir stalls.

REMEMBERING THE FALLEN

Below Church and Police representatives, Cllrs. John Bailey, Margaret Raymond, Robert Skinner and David Robinson. At West Ella, Cllr. Stan Raymond attaching the Parish Council wreath to the memorial.



~ FUNDRAISING ~



Left – Cllr. Margaret Raymond with the trinket stall. Above right – Parish Clerk Mandy Pickering and Cllr. Shaun Horton seen by the W.I. cake stall. Below Cllr. John Bailey with his magnificent fundraising tombola.

From time to time the Parish Council organises a fundraising event to both supplement the parish precept and as a social gathering. We invite other organisations to participate. This we feel is an ideal opportunity for residents to meet with their local representatives.



E.R.Y.C. and Kirk Ella & West Ella Parish Councillor Shaun Horton appreciating the new facilities.



After months of negotiation with the Post Office Authorities by the owner of Wishes and Wendy Leighton Willerby Parish Clerk, supported by Shaun Horton East Riding Ward Councillor, a new Post Office at Willerby Square opened in February.

This will be well used by our residents.