



REMEMBRANCE DAY

A Community Involvement

West Ella and Kirk Ella joined with the rest of the country to remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. Poppy wreaths were laid at both the old and the new memorials in West Ella by Cllrs. John Bailey and Stan Raymond. Chairman Cllr. Margaret Raymond laid a wreath at the Kirk Ella memorial after the service where she was accompanied by Cllrs. Elizabeth Robinson, John Bailey and David Robinson. The pupils of Kirk Ella Primary School displayed their own handmade poppies on the school boundary railings. Thus the young and old played their part in an act of remembrance.



Cllrs. Stan Raymond and John Bailey placing the poppy wreath at the old West Ella Memorial...



Cllr. Margaret Raymond at the Kirk Ella Memorial



...and at the new West Ella Memorial



The pupils' individual poppies outside St. Andrew's School Kirk Ella

BEHIND THE SCENES

Preparations for the Christmas festivities start straight after the summer break in September. As last year we had allocated money for extra lights for the tree, this time we proposed to purchase lights for the building near by. A site meeting was held with two councillors and a representative of the electrical contractor to explore this possibility. The annual check of all our Christmas lights also took place to ensure that Health and Safety Regulations were adhered to. The height of the tree was decided on and then ordered after the Wheatsheaf's management confirmed that the usual site would be available for us.



Cllrs. Neil Oakes and Stan Raymond meeting with the electrical contractor



We invited both Kirk Ella St. Andrew's C.P. School and Wolfreton Upper School to take part in the annual switch on. Kirk Ella School agreed to send a school choir and Wolfreton sent four of their Upper Sixth pupils for the actual switch on. Posters were produced and distributed to advertise the event that is usually arranged for the same weekend as the Anlaby switch on. The police were informed and cones borrowed for safety reasons. Many thanks to those of you who supported this event and made it worthwhile.



The four upper sixth form pupils representing Wolfreton Upper School



Cllrs. Doreen Kaye and Shaun Horton at the event

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



Kirk Ella & West Ella PARISH COUNCIL

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HERITAGE TRAIL SUCCESS

Pride in our Villages

Due to the amazing success of our historic trail running through Kirk Ella & West Ella, we have now added a further two new blue plaques giving us a total of twenty two. The first of the recent additions is on Elm Brae cottage in Church Lane which was originally an estate cottage built for employees of The Elms. When the Hull to Barnsley railway line was being built it became a hospital for casualties until the work was completed. Our latest addition in School Lane draws your attention to what used to be the Victorian Police House built in 1895. In those days people thought that there was a secret passage direct to the village lock up!



Photos above and top right show Cllr. Stan Raymond fixing two new plaques

The new Riplingham Road roundabout is now open. Cllr. John Bailey has followed the progress of this project from the beginning to its opening in December. He has listened to the concerns of residents, reported these at Parish Council meetings, and has agreed to monitor the traffic through Kirk Ella village. Cllrs. Elizabeth Robinson, Margaret Raymond and Neil Oakes met with the highways construction engineers.



The Heritage Trail Book is available at Kirk Ella Newsagents

SPRING DAFFODILS

To make our Villages more attractive in the Spring

For several years now, Cllr. Elizabeth Robinson has had the task of persuading more volunteers to assist with the planting of the numerous sacks of daffodils ordered by the Parish Council annually. Her constant efforts over the years are appreciated by us all when we see the carpet of colour in the springtime.



Cllr. Elizabeth Robinson, an enthusiast to improve our environment

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WEST HILL RESIDENTS

At the beginning of the building of this new development, the Parish Council was asked to submit suggestions for names for the various roads on West Hill. We provided a selection of names with a countryside flavour and now plan to provide a new Parish information board for you, to welcome you into Kirk Ella & West Ella Parish. Cllr. David Robinson is our expert on notice boards and information boards. He will be ordering one soon.

PARISH COUNCIL TAX

The good news is that the Precept, (the amount allocated to the Parish by ERYC) remains unchanged. In actual fact, because of the increase in the number of new properties in the Parish, individual bills will be slightly reduced! Cllr. Stan Raymond is the Chairman of the Finance Group.

PLANNING

Any resident who feels strongly about a planning application may contact us for advice but please put any objections down in writing to ERYC Planning Department, the place where the decisions are made. Cllr. Doreen Kaye is the Chairman of the Planning Group.

PAVEMENTS & GRASS VERGES

Your concerns often involve the condition of pavements and grass verges. These are the responsibility of the ERYC. There is a rolling programme of grass cutting throughout the growing season. Likewise pavement repairs are on a similar but less frequent rolling programme.



An ERYC worker grass cutting in our area



Cllr. Shaun Horton is our contact with the ERYC

FLY TIPPING

As a householder or business you have a legal obligation, called your Duty of Care, to take all reasonable measures to ensure that your waste is disposed of properly. Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations require all householders and businesses to make sure their waste is only removed from their premises by registered waste carriers. This means that unless you make the necessary checks you can be responsible for someone else fly-tipping your waste. So please ensure you obtain evidence that the person/company removing any waste from your property has a Waste Carriers Licence.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Police regularly provide up to date information, regarding incidents in our area, to Jean Harne and Phil Williamson who have run the West Ella Grapevine for 19 years. Tom Fry represents Kirk Ella on the web but more Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators are urgently required. We are most grateful to Jean, Phil and Tom for the excellent work they are continuing to do for our communities.

SCAMS

The local police advice is to continue to be vigilant of phone calls that mention your bank account or money being taken out. You are then asked for your bank details on the pretence that the caller is going to avoid any more being debited. Genuine callers would never ask you to disclose your bank details. The tricksters are becoming more inventive so if in doubt look at www.actionforpolice.uk or phone Action Fraud 0300 123 2040.

DOG FOULING

It has come to the attention of the Parish Council that there has been an increase in dog fouling in the Parish, which is an offence under the Public Spaces Protection Order 2016. This can lead to a fine of £75 or summary proceedings, which may result in a fine of up to £1000. Dog fouling can also lead to diseases such as Toxocara Canis. If you witness any dog fouling, please contact the Dog Warden on 01482 393939, or via email dog.warden@eastriding.gov.uk Cllr. Nicky McMaster is our Councillor who has attended the seminar at County Hall on this problem.



Cllr. Nicola McMaster with her dog and poop scoop at the ready if needed

SOUTHELLA SCHOOL SITE

Many of you are interested to know what is to become of the Wolfreton Upper School site in South Ella Way. The land has been sold by the ERYC to Lovell Partnership Ltd. An application was received by the ERYC Planning Department from them on 14th February, for the erection of 240 dwellings on the site. At the time of going to the printers we have no further information.

We wish to acknowledge the great contribution that Mandy, our Parish Clerk makes to the smooth running of the Council. Her awareness of the different departments and officials at County Hall and various independent organisations in the area make her a most valuable asset.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held at Kirk Ella St. Andrew's CP School, West Ella Road on Tuesday, 26th May 2020 at 7.30 p.m. Residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella are all welcome.

The Parish Website www.kirkella-westella-pc.info is now well established with a variety of web pages