



# Kirk Ella & West Ella PARISH COUNCIL

## THANK YOU NHS

Thank you to the numerous residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella who, as key workers have toiled resolutely throughout the past year to get us through this pandemic. Your commitment and dedication to the care of us all has been exceptional and we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

2021



*The children at our local school have shown their way of saying thank you.*



# SUPPORT FROM the EAST RIDING

The E.R.Y.C. supports us in many ways and we in turn pay, from our Parish Precept, for their services such as footway lighting and playing field maintenance. We also order all our daffodil bulbs through E.R.Y.C. to enhance the area. They listened to the Parish Council this year when we requested an extension to the Riplingham Road footpath.



*The E.R.Y.C. grass cutter trimming our verges.*



*Councillors Elizabeth Robinson and John Bailey using the new footpath at Riplingham Road, West Ella.*

This year the E.R.Y.C. made an offer of up to £500 to Parish Councils to be used to celebrate 75 years since the end of WWII. Ideas such as a coffee morning or an exhibition were ruled out and we decided we would prefer something permanent that could be seen and used by all ages. We consulted our local British Legion and it was agreed to ask for a grant towards a seat to be placed below the War Memorial. The East Riding Grants Committee was so impressed with our suggestion that it allocated us the full £500.



*Left to right Steven Murray E.R.Y.C. Highways Department, supervising the installation of the new seat with Councillors Neil Oakes and David Robinson.*



*The plaque on the seat to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII in Europe. The seat is by the Church wall so as to be just below the War Memorial, as agreed with the British Legion.*



*Celebrating in our Parish - 75 years since VE Day.*



# KEEPING UP APPEARANCES

Thank you for the splendid effort made by several of our residents who have taken the initiative and planted flowerbeds at their own cost at the base of our street signs. These efforts to brighten up the area are very much appreciated. Our thanks also go to Councillor Elizabeth Robinson who is responsible for the annual distribution and planting of the villages' daffodil bulbs. She arranged for two sacks of bulbs to be sent to the Beal Development at West Hill so we can also look forward to a beautiful display in that area.



## HISTORY IN YOUR GARDEN

Common finds in our area: Clay pipe bowl, Spindle whorl, George III "Cartwheel" Penny, Watch winding key

At the time of going to press, due to the Covid-19 lockdown, we are unable to give an exact date for the Annual Parish Meeting.

It normally takes place at the beginning of May. Further information will be placed on our parish notice boards. All residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella will be welcome.

Our grateful thanks to Mandy, our most conscientious and dedicated Clerk, who is held in great esteem by the officers in County Hall, Beverley.



# FULFILLING A DUTY EXPECTED OF THE PARISH COUNCILLORS

Our Parish Councillors always commemorate Remembrance Day. We now have three memorials which are to honour those who gave their lives in the two world wars and subsequent conflicts. We order poppy wreaths for each and Councillor Stan Raymond, whose father fought in WWII, fixes these wreaths to the monuments.



*Councillor Stan Raymond securing the poppy wreath to the churchyard monument.*



*Councillors Nicola McMaster, Margaret Raymond, Stan Raymond and David Robinson.*



*Councillors David Robinson and Stan Raymond at the new memorial in West Ella.*



*Councillor Nicola McMaster holding the wreath at the oldest memorial in West Ella whilst Councillor Stan Raymond secures it.*

Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 lockdown we were unable to have our monthly meetings but routine work has continued by email and telephone. Many ideas have been discussed and a list of things to do to enhance our villages has been made. We also need to think about how to celebrate the 100th birthday of HRH Prince Philip in June. The Duke of Edinburgh is the longest living consort of any monarch on the British throne.



# THE END of a FRAUGHT YEAR

In spite of not being able to have the normal meetings, our Clerk had sufficient paperwork on file to be able to organise the usual village Christmas tree, and lights to decorate the village shops. Councillor Doreen Kaye negotiated with the new management of The Wheatsheaf Public House to allow us to have the customary position for the tree and they kindly allowed us to use their electricity. Unfortunately however, because of Covid and social distancing, we were unable to have the usual switching on ceremony with school pupils



*The arrival of the Christmas tree.*



*Councillor Shaun Horton checking its position with the lights on.*

Two new notice boards have been constructed and erected, one on Mill Lane and one near the South Ella shops. They are replacing the two that we inherited from the South Ella school site which were no longer suitable for our use. As these new boards had been ordered for some time, and taking up storage space at the manufacturers, Councillor David Robinson managed to get the supplier to erect them. We hope to purchase another board for the West Hill area soon.



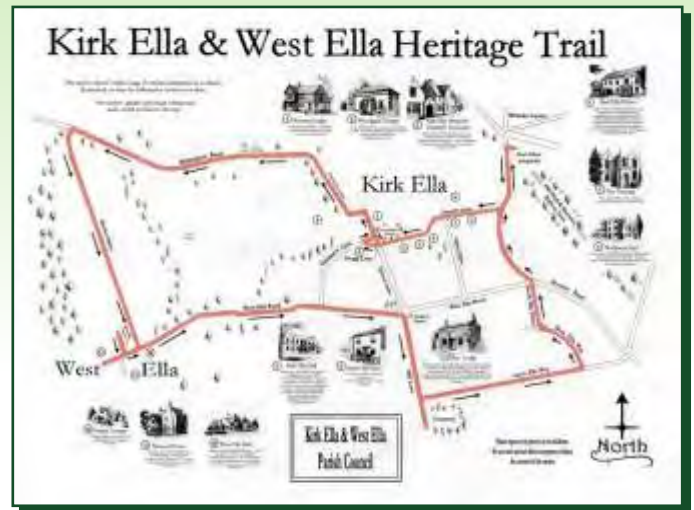
## Contacts

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# THOUGHTS FOR THE FUTURE - POSSIBLE NEW IDEAS

Our Heritage Trail is very popular and the book is still selling well especially after the publicity in THE JOURNAL glossy magazine. The historical information boards produced by Councillor David Robinson, are well read by walkers on the trail who never cease to be amazed at the amount of historical information he has researched.

He has it in his mind to possibly produce two more information boards for the new areas of West Hill and the South Ella Way development, on the old South Ella Hall site, where this beautiful ancient tree is growing. Calculations show that this tree was planted circa 1715 thus it has been growing through the reign of 11 monarchs. We look forward with anticipation to the new information boards.



*A typical information board.*



*The beautiful tree - over 300 years old.*

## **VERY GOOD NEWS FOR YOU**

There will be no increase to your Parish Council tax this year. In fact there could be a small decrease. It is because of the new properties that have been built in the area. Thus we have more houses in the parish to contribute to the total sum. This tax is shown in your E.R.Y.C. annual council tax bill and then remitted to the Parish Council.



Councillors  
Margaret  
Raymond  
(left)  
and  
Doreen Kaye  
(right)  
working by  
phone on the  
report during  
lockdown.

