

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EVENT

Cllr. Doreen Kaye, who organises our Parish Council Christmas events for Kirk Ella, thanking Martin Cooke who was representing his daughter Victoria. As the licensee of the Wheatsheaf Public House she had invited us to have the Christmas tree beside the entrance when our usual place was no longer available. Our grateful thanks also go to Mrs. Markham and her choir from the Junior School for providing Christmas songs delighting the large gathering present. The official switch on of the festive lights was performed by Daniel James, head boy, and Alice Dixon, head girl, of Wolfreton who were each presented with a small gift to show our gratitude. The event was reported in the Hull Daily Mail for all to appreciate.



SNIPPETS

1. The Chairman continues to decline the Chairman’s allowance and none of the Parish Councillors claim expenses, as our Parish Councillors are all volunteers.
2. There are just a few copies of the Heritage Trail Book remaining. Copies can be obtained at Kirk Ella Newsagents near the church. All proceeds go towards funding our Parish projects.
3. Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council supports the local skatepark. However, unlike our two larger neighbouring Parish Councils who impose a charge for the skatepark on all their residents through the Council Tax bill, we give our residents a choice. If you wish to contribute towards the skatepark we will be delighted. Voluntary donations (labelled skatepark) can be sent to Councillor Trevor Green, Magnolia Cottage, 268 West Ella Road, West Ella, HU10 7SF (Tel: 655591).
4. At the beginning of each winter, Councillor Elizabeth Robinson checks all our salt bins for use on our roads and pavements, to ensure that we are prepared for any bad weather conditions.
5. We are hoping to purchase some more Christmas tree lights for next Christmas.
6. We wondered if residents and motorists would benefit from a village clock similar to the ones in both Anlaby and Willerby villages. A possible position might be somewhere in the vicinity of the Kirk Ella School so that both parents and schoolchildren could also benefit from it.
7. Our grateful thanks go to the Police who provide us with monthly crime figures for our area and attend most of our meetings to answer questions.
8. Our grateful thanks also go to Mr. McCready, the Head, for allowing the Parish Councillors to have their meetings in Wolfreton School each month.

YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Top Row from left to right: Cllrs. Shaun Horton, John Bailey, Vice-Chairman Trevor Green, Stan Raymond and David Robinson.

Bottom Row: Elizabeth Robinson, Marion Jackson, Chairman Margaret Raymond and Doreen Kaye.



RESIDENTS BORDERS IN BLOOM

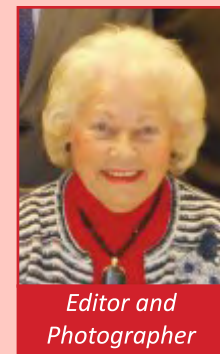


We are indebted to Mandy Pickering, our most conscientious and loyal Parish Clerk, for her continued dedication to her work.

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held in the Sixth Form Centre Conference Room at Wolfreton Upper School, South Ella Way, Kirk Ella on Tuesday, 24th May at 7.30 p.m. All residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella are welcome.

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

Kirk Ella & West Ella PARISH COUNCIL



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THE HARD WORK CONTINUES

Cllrs. Shaun Horton and Elizabeth Robinson removing weeds outside Kirk Ella Police Station. Shaun, who is our newest volunteer, is also an East Riding Councillor and therefore a valuable link with the ERYC. Having worked hard with Shaun clearing weeds and long grasses outside the boundary fencing of our local police station, Elizabeth requested that any vegetation inside the fencing be kept under control. She then attended a meeting with Christopher Hatfield, Buildings Manager Humberside Police, as part of the follow up regarding tidying the police station grounds. This is our first example of how Parish Councillors have enjoyed working to improve our villages.



OTHER IMPROVEMENTS



Cllr. David Robinson with Cllr. Stan Raymond assisting him in positioning the replacement map in Hogg Lane.

The information board at the centre of Kirk Ella, on the corner of Hogg Lane, was looking shabby. Cllr. David Robinson arranged for the construction of a new board and prepared a replacement map of historic Kirk Ella and the notable families of the area.

To complete the renewal, David headed it with gold lettering. Our next project was to continue and extend our display boards at Willerby car park. We replaced the wooden ones with the new metal stands which are much more robust.

To complete the installation, Cllr. Trevor Green shaped the paving stone at the foot of the boards. All this was accomplished with the help and consultation with the ERYC which has promised to maintain the ground.

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Below we see volunteer Councillors Stan Raymond and David Robinson busy on the job.



Coffee Morning, we enquired about the possibility of having two Parish Council tables with an eye to increasing our funds and the licensee readily gave his permission. This would also give us an opportunity to meet more members of the community which we welcomed. Cllr. Marion Jackson's jar table was a huge success. Councillors and friends were each given several empty jars, of various shapes and sizes, to fill with assorted objects, the contents being valued at least £1. Sweets, pens, soaps, teabags and chocolates all added to the variety of a prize every time. Always popular was our second table with a huge selection of "White Elephant" goods donated by friends and neighbours, for people to sort through to purchase a bargain.

Vice Chairman Cllr. Trevor Green who provided the paving stone with Cllr. David Robinson who is lowering it into position.

PROTECTING AN HISTORIC MILESTONE

It was feared that this timeworn Milestone dating back to the mid-18th century, on the site of the old Turnpike Road to South Cave, might become damaged during the maintenance of the grass verges. The close grass was replaced with a concrete base to protect it.



An offer of help from a resident was gladly accepted.

FUNDRAISING TO HELP WITH THE COSTS

Knowing that the Beech Tree Public House was having a Bank Holiday



Cllr. Marion Jackson (right) with her friendly helper looking after the jar stall.



Cllr. John Bailey and Cllr. Trevor Green's wife Verna in charge of the White Elephant stall.

DUTIES

We feel it is our duty to remember those who made the supreme sacrifice of giving their lives during the two World Wars. Seen here is the Chairman, Cllr. Margaret Raymond about to lay the poppy wreath at Kirk Ella war memorial.

Meanwhile, we are still striving to get the West Ella War Memorial restored to its original state. We are investigating the possibility of getting help from The War Memorials Trust. It is also our duty to listen to the concerns and worries of our residents and where possible advise or take action. Public pathways and pavements are often a big issue. Residents are responsible for cutting back hedges and shrubs to within the boundaries of their properties in order to keep the public footpaths clear.



Seen here is an example of the action of a responsible resident.



PLANNING

Planning is something else that we deal with on a regular basis. Each application is carefully considered giving special attention to those in our conservation areas. We must remind residents that we can only advise and have no powers of decision making. We consider applications purely on the basis of their impact on the village of Kirk Ella or West Ella as a whole. Should any comments be received from residents of neighbouring properties the Parish Council requests the ERYC to take these comments into account before making a final decision.

Although outside our Parish Boundary, residents do from time to time express concern about possible odours from Biowise. Parish Councillors Margaret Raymond and Shaun Horton (seen here second and third from left) joined with representatives of Willerby Parish Council to visit Biowise to see the new buildings which are sited further away from boundaries.



School on Thursday, 21st April. The Head, Mr. Church, is allocating the library for a display of memorabilia relating to H.M.'s long life.

The school P.T.A. is joining with us in the planning of this event where there will be a variety of items from the past. Old photographs of Kirk Ella and West Ella will also be on display. Each class will visit the displays in turn where Parish Councillors will be on hand to answer any questions. The Headteacher will be opening it to the public from the close of school until 5.00 p.m. when the adult community will have the opportunity to view the presentation.



Councillor Doreen Kaye, head of the Parish Council Planning Group, seen here about to study recent plans.

PLANNING FOR FUTURE EVENTS

H.M. Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday

The Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council is planning to mark the occasion with an exhibition to be held at St. Andrew's Community Primary