



Kirk Ella & West Ella PARISH COUNCIL

Tribute to Councillors Stan and Margaret Raymond – over 20 years' service to the Parish Council



The year 2022 saw the retirement of husband and wife, Stan and Margaret Raymond, from the Parish Council after giving over 20 years' service to the Council and their local area. Long standing residents in the area since the early 1960s, both Stan and Margaret had been on Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council since its new inception in the year 2000. Margaret, a former Beverley Borough Councillor in

the 1990s, took over the chairmanship of the Parish Council in 2011 and kept the organisation on track with her efficiency and enthusiasm right through to 2022. Amongst her many achievements, Margaret was particularly proud of the creation and development of the Local Heritage Trail in the early 2000s and the accompanying booklet, which she authored herself. Subsequent sales of the book, running to many hundred, helped to fund over 20 blue plaques now to be seen across buildings and places of interest in the area, nearly all of which were fixed in place by Stan. We thank them both for their service to the area and wish them both a continued long and happy retirement.



IN MEMORIAM Councillor Doreen Kaye

Very sadly, we announce that Cllr. Doreen Kaye, a member of the Council for nearly 20 years, passed away in early January of 2023. Doreen was much admired by us all for her humour, energy and commitment to the local area. Originally from Edinburgh, Scotland and possessed of a Scottish accent which she never lost despite her many decades living in East Yorkshire, Doreen took much of the responsibility for organising our Christmas events in association with

St Andrew's Church and was joint editor of our annual report (we can only hope to maintain future reports to the standard which she set). Doreen was also a past member of Kirk Ella Preservation Society and was passionate about conserving the appearance and heritage of the community at the heart of which she lived. She was in particular renowned for her forthright comments on local planning applications which she saw as transgressing the high standards she expected to be maintained for our area. ***Doreen Kaye – a wonderful lady who will be much missed by us all.***



NEW NOTICE AND HERITAGE BOARD

– West Hill, Kirk Ella –

Over the years we have been pleased to erect a number of notice and heritage information boards around Kirk Ella and West Ella. The latest of these were put in place near the entrance of the new 'West Hill' development in June of 2022. Our thanks in particular go to Cllr. David Robinson, who once again was at the forefront of gathering the information and creating the design of the new heritage information board. Information includes detail on the long since disappeared railway station and shops and businesses that operated nearby. Well done David!



Cllrs. Shaun Horton, David Robinson and John Bailey

Notice Boards are located:

Chapel Lane – West Ella, West Hill, Beverley Road (outside St Andrew's Church Memorial Hall), Packman Lane (outside St Andrew's Church), Mill Lane, South Ella Way.

Information Boards are located:

Mill Lane (opposite South Ella Way), West Hill Estate entrance, Outside St Andrew's Church, Beverley Road (Church Lane entrance), Willerby Square (entrance to car park), Hogg Lane.

Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee



*Cllr. Margaret Raymond
in resplendent red, white and
blue at the Golf Club event
on 4th June 2022*

Amidst yet another year of ongoing gloomy international and domestic news, the opportunity to celebrate our now late Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee was a brief time for local people to lift the mood and pay honour to our monarch's long and successful reign over the last 70 years.

In co-operation with Hull Golf Club the Parish Council held a joint celebratory event on the evening of Saturday, 4th June, which included food, music and a challenging 'Jubilee Quiz' put together by Cllr. Stan Raymond. A beacon, part of many thousand across the nation, was lit on Thursday, 2nd June and on the evening of Saturday, 4th June.

The Parish Council is investigating the idea of creating a local memorial to Queen Elizabeth II and would welcome any suggestions and ideas residents might care to put forward.



*Cllr. Gary McMaster
collecting the Beacon*



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. New Parish Council Chairman, Shaun Horton, attended a memorial event at the West Ella memorial on Friday, 11th November, and on Sunday, 13th several members of the Parish Council were present at a very well attended memorial service at St Andrew's Church conducted by Revd. Ash Carter.

At both events wreaths were laid on memorials on behalf of the Parish Council.

PCC JONATHAN EVISON ATTENDS OUR MEETING

We were delighted to welcome Police and Crime Commissioner Jonathan Evison to our December meeting. Councillors heard about Jonathan's plans for tackling crime in our area, as well as the state of the Humberside Police force more generally.

Jonathan took questions from Councillors on a range of topics, including how residents can best keep themselves and their properties safe, and how the force intend to address the increase in anti-social behaviour.

We are grateful to Jonathan for his time.



CHRISTMAS 2022



Once again the Parish Council held its annual Christmas Lights switch on, alongside St Andrew's Church, and The Wheatsheaf pub. The Parish Council purchased two trees this year, gifted to the Church and the Pub.

Visitors turned out in droves to witness the lights switch on carried out by Senior Students Daniella Deighton and James Adamson from Wolfreton School. The choir at St Andrew's School provided the perfect accompaniment.

The Parish Council is looking to build on the success of last year's lights switch on with a bigger and better celebration in 2023. Keep an eye on our notice boards and website for all the details.



A selection of images from our Christmas Celebrations 2022

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCILLORS CHRIS OXLEY and GARY McMASTER

Since the last edition, we have welcomed two new Councillors. Chris Oxley was co-opted by the Parish Council. Chris has been a local resident for 12 years and Chairman of a local company for 38 years and is now enjoying his retirement. Gary McMaster, who is also an East Riding of Yorkshire Ward Councillor for Willerby and Kirk Ella, was elected to the Parish Council after a by-election was called in September 2022. Both Councillors have enjoyed their first months on the Council, and have got involved with numerous projects.

We are pleased to have them on board.

Did you know we have a Website?

The Kirk Ella and West Ella Parish Council have a website with lots of helpful information. The website contains details of all the Parish Council meetings, information about your Parish Councillors, and other things that you may find helpful. You can access the website at www.kirkella-westella-pc.info



PLANS FOR A LITTLE FREE LIBRARY IN KIRK ELLA

Plans are underway for a "little free library" in Kirk Ella.

The concept, which has been incredibly successful in other areas across the East Riding, involves having a designated location for the community to leave and borrow books.

It is anticipated that, once constructed, the library will be sited on Church Lane, Kirk Ella, and we hope it will be a valuable resource. More information available at littlefreelibrary.org



**The Annual Parish Meeting is to held at St Andrew's Church Memorial Hall,
Beverley Road, Kirk Ella on Monday, 22nd May 2023 at 7.30 p.m.
Residents of Kirk Ella and West Ella are all welcome to attend.**



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 our area makes her our most valuable asset.

The Chairman continues to decline the Chairman's allowance and none of the Parish Councillors claim expenses as our Parish Councillors are all volunteers.

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