Carol Service at War Memorial
AT 6 pm  2nd December  when the
TREE OF LOVE AND
REMEMBRANCE  lights will be lit. The
funds raised this year to sponsor our beautiful
Village Christmas tree and its lights are to go to
Villagers for Exton Church Fund

Jo Downton

LADIES CIRCLE –November meeting
Sue Sewell from Rutland Flower Club gave an excellent demonstration of flower arrangements for the Christmas Season, ranging from formal displays to a fun cracker filled with greenery and flowers for the table. We went home inspired and impatient to start decorating our homes for Christmas. The five arrangements were raffled, the winners being Pat Castle, Meryl Hart, Margaret Oliver, Sharon Mathers and Sheila Flawn. With only one entry in the competition, the winner was Ann Bell, with her arrangement of dried flowers in a jam jar.
The December meeting will be a members Christmas dinner on Thursday, December 8th. at The Jackson Stops, Stretton. Arrive at 7p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
There is no meeting in January, but **the February 2nd, 2017 meeting at 7.30 p.m. in Exton Village Hall**, will be a fun quiz compiled by Annette Oliver.

Photo below is demonstrator Sue Sewell at the November meeting with the lovely displays.

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**EXTON INDOOR BOWLS** ...Once again the sport of bowls proved what a lot of fun can be had when Exton hosted their annual match against Langham in Exton Village Hall on Wednesday 16th November. There was the usual good sportsmanship and banter throughout the evening and the general consensus was that a good time had been had by all.

Two rinks, 18 ends played, and the scores were a nail biting finish on one with a draw of 15 shots each - the last two from Exton on the last end and victory for Exton on the other rink with 27 shots beating 9. The super raffle prizes were shared more evenly however and after tea and biscuits bowlers went home happy and looking forward to the return match......**Annette**
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£90. ONO ...............Patricia Hagger 813118
ST PETER & ST PAUL Parish Church, Exton

Water – Sanitation – Our Church

At last we’re making it into the 21st century. Lord Campden has allowed us to T-off a water supply from the through feed in the field and clear the scrub and derelict estate wall on his land behind the hut on the north side of the churchyard. Paul Dalby and a digger, with input from his father and father in law, has laboured for a week to dig the trench, lay the piping and clear the land. Stephen Ware, Mick Mills, Bryan Lowe and Bobby Smith formed the squad that loaded the spare stone on pallets for removal. David Healey has also provided a beautiful Christmas tree for the church. A communal effort; thank you everyone.

We now have architect’s drawings; official permission in principle; estimates are in: only money is a bit short ............ enter hopefully VFEC........

Annie Lea, Assistant Churchwarden
Pics courtesy Stephen Ware
OPEN MEETING
7.30 pm Wednesday 1st February 2017

Please come and have your say regarding distribution of funds

It has been reported to the Clerk, Jo Downton, that a medium to large dog is regularly soiling the green, the ‘old school yard’ green and Blacksmiths Lane. This is not only unacceptable it is against the law not to ‘pick up after your dog. It would seem this pet may be out on its own?

Whatever the circumstances every pet walker is asked to ensure they follow the code of good practice thus not giving those who are not fond of dogs anyway something to complain about but also to protect our beautiful village.
christmas bingo on the 17th december 2016 at exton village hall doors open at 7:00 eyes down at 7:30. All money raised goes to sue ryders hospice thorpe hall. Any donations for the bingo prizes would be greatful. Children are welcome hope you can make it will be a fun night. We also have a raffle for a christmas hamper £1 a strip it will be drawn on the night thank you hope to see you there. Any enquiries please contact gary on 07502681402.
Services in December
11th  11.15 am Matins
18th  3pm  Carol Service
25th  11.15am Christmas Day Holy Communion

Services in January
8th   11.15am Matins
22nd  11.15am Holy Communion

Morning Prayer will be said every Wednesday at **9.15am in the church** but in January and February it will take place in Malting Barn (my house) where it is considerably warmer.

**The Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in the church** was very well attended and seemed to satisfy a need for those people who wanted to remember their loved ones by the lighting of candles. We hope to repeat it next year.

**The service of remembrance at the village War Memorial** was also well attended. Wreaths were laid by the village and the school children, who also read out poems that they had written. The names of those men from Exton and around were read out and this year the name of Hugh Steel was added. Some of you may have read the article in Rutland Living about this soldier from Exton who was not on any previous lists.  

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**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY — HOLY MASS**

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**Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

Very many thanks to all who contributed. I had a total of 54 boxes [including 12 from the school] which will be leaving the country by the end of the month.  

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*Patricia Hagger*
OBITUARY

Margaret Ann Healey

Margaret Ann Healey who sadly passed away on November 7th 2016, aged 82 years, was a teenager when she moved to Exton from Broadway, a small town in the Cotswolds, with her dad – Jim Galt – and her two brothers Bob and David.

Jim came to Exton as the dairyman for the late 5th Earl of Gainsborough.

Margaret met and fell in love with Harry Healey and they married in April 1954. The couple had three sons Chris, John and Jamie and later three grandchildren Gemma, Melissa and Georgia.

Harry was the farm manager at Exton estate all his working life and also a local councillor. Margaret spent her life supporting Harry and bringing up their three sons. She was also a keen gardener.

Latterly she ran the Over 60’s Lunch Club in the village which started at the Fox and Hounds pub and later moved to the Village Hall. She was a founder member of the Village Produce Show and the Stitchers Group. Margaret also enjoyed the meetings of the Ladies Circle, formerly the Womens’ Institute. Together with Produce show members, Margaret helped organise the first Open Gardens in Exton which raised £800 towards the sound system in the St Peters & St Pauls Church.

When her health started to deteriorate she moved to Gainsborough Court in Cottesmore and later to Tixover Care Home where she enjoyed many outings and activities; holidays to Wales with her family and a good game of cards and was competitive till the end.

Margaret will always be remembered for her kindness to everyone and her sense of humour. Her funeral took place 23rd November at the St Thomas of Canterbury Chapel and she is buried in the Catholic cemetery in Exton Park.          Rose Healey
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PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Our grateful thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter.

To get best results, clarity and colour, please go on line to www.exton.org or have your copy sent by email

Our thanks to Paul Taylor, webmaster who makes it all possible. [The website is currently under reconstruction. ]

Contributions to the February edition to be received by the Editor no later than 24th January 2017.
By email: annetteoliver63@gmail.com preferred or hand written and delivered to 20 Stamford Road.

Jo Downton is relinquishing the post of Parish Clerk after several years loyal service. Her full time work commitments have made it impossible for her to continue. I am sure on behalf of all the residents of Exton you would like to pass on your thanks to her for her contribution.

As from January Annette Oliver will be Clerk of the Parish Council for Exton & Horn. Enquiries 01572 8112233/annetteoliver63@gmail.com
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It’s the most wonderful time of the year.....

Christmas time is almost upon us and we are again preparing for our Christmas productions. This is always my favourite time of the year, watching children blossom as they discover their inner actor or actress and develop their personal confidence through going on stage.

This doesn’t mean other learning stops! We have been asking the children to really think about how they can improve their work this term, and not to be satisfied with ‘good enough’. To this end, we watched a film called ‘Austin’s Butterfly’ which helped the children look at how to improve their own work and raise their own expectations of their ability.

When a child tells you they don’t like or are no good at something, encourage them to use the word YET.

“I don’t like this yet” leaves room for change.

“I’m no good at this yet” gives space for improvement.

YET
A very cool word.

We are working with the children on ‘the power of yet’ - they are no longer allowed to say “I can’t”, but are being encouraged to see their learning as a journey and turn it into “I can’t yet”. A growth mindset can really help children improve by focusing on what they can do, and using these skills to support where they may find learning more difficult.

If you would like to join us for our Christmas Celebrations we would welcome you to join us at our Christmas Church Service, this year held at Greetham Parish Church, at 9.30am on Thursday 15th December.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk
Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.

Explore & Grow
CHRISTMAS 2016 AND NEW YEAR BIN COLLECTIONS

Exton will have a GREEN BIN collection on Monday 28th November, Monday 23 January 2017 and Monday 20 February 2017 and every fortnight thereafter.

Please check other bin collection date changes below:

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Launch of smartphone app for Rutland - Council Chamber RCC 30th January

You are cordially invited to the public launch of the Rutland Neighbourhood Watch and Community smartphone ‘app’, at the Council Chamber, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, LE15 6HP; this follows an Extraordinary General Meeting starting at 7pm. The presentation is likely to start about 7.45pm. You are welcome to attend from the start, but be aware the first part will deal with NHW constitutional issues. This is the first such Community and Community Safety app in the UK. It will be available to download free, to all living and working in Rutland (currently 12 months’ rental paid). It contains no advertising. It was produced professionally by The App Office, Nottingham, but developed by local volunteers in Rutland, for Rutland. It has only been possible with a generous supply of information from local agencies and sources. The app will not be available to download before the launch. Please try to attend; tea and coffee will be available before the meeting starts.

Regards, Ruthven Horne, Director Rutland Neighbourhood Watch Association.
FREE - CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday 30 December, from 3pm – 6pm in Exton Village Hall. Disco from 3-4.30pm followed by a buffet tea and a visit from Father Christmas.

This is open to all children living in Exton up to and including the age of 13yrs.

Entrance is by ticket only, from Bernadette Wallace (18 Vicars Close, 01572812956/07858484918) to help with catering and purchase of presents.

7yrs and under must be accompanied by an adult please.

TRAVELLING CRIB

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph, travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib.

Modern day Posada uses nativity figures (ours has been knitted by the late Mrs May Hibbitt) that travel from place to place. This gives each ‘host’ the chance to create their own celebration in their home or place in the community, worshipping and reaching out to their communities with the real message of Christmas, making room for Jesus in their lives.
Exton church will again engage with Posada this year. Will you host the knitted crib set for a night?

What is involved? All you need to do is contact me on the number below to add your name to the Journey Rota for a night that will suit you to ‘host’ the knitted crib set. You will then be contacted nearer the time to finalise arrangements.

For the evening you ‘host’ the crib set you can choose to do what ever you like. Why not read the Christmas story, sing carols and talk about the meaning of Christmas?

The next day you need to take the figures to the next host on the Journey Rota. It’s as simple as that. Please consider your involvement. We hope you will enjoy taking part.

Bernadette Wallace 01572 812956
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DYALN DUELL.........Congratulations to Dylan who raised nearly £1,000 by having his hair shaved off at school in front of friends and teachers to raise money for Sue Ryder’s Care, Thorpe Hall Hospice, Peterborough. This was in memory of his mum Michelle who was cared for, and died, there in October 2014, aged just 33, following a battle with cancer. Dylan and his family have now raised around £4,500 through a series of fundraising events.

Well done to you all. Love from Nanny Bernie xx
EXTON CHRISTMAS TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

DONATION

Please find enclosed Cash or CHEQUE [payable to Villagers For Exton Church]

Name: .................................................................

Address:............................................................

Anyone wishing to write in The Book of Remembrance is welcome to do so, the book is available in the church of St Peter & St Paul

Donations to be delivered to:

Jo Downton, 4 Blacksmiths Lane, Exton.
A very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year to all the residents of Exton and Horn parish