LENT LUNCHES in the Village Hall were very successful – thanks to the organisers. Lovely home made soup and puddings too!

Anyone wishing to donate towards Easter Lillies in Exton Church in memory of loved ones please contact Ann Bell 01572 812594.

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB
Notice of Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall 7 pm Sunday 23rd April. There is no bowls during the summer at Exton, we commence again in the autumn. Date will be announced in the newsletter for newcomers.
The Annual dinner will be at Jackson Stops Tuesday 16th May 2017. Please let either David Healey or me know if you wish to attend. David 01572 813413/ 01572 812233
I daresay one of the difficulties of village life with lots of old properties being renovated and more bathrooms fitted is the extra workload expected by the sewers. One way however that everyone can help is to avoid disposing of nappies and other forms of sanitary wear in the toilet. Recently one householder had a most unpleasant experience of unblocking such materials and believe me it is not nice! It does not mean because it disappears from your eyesight in your house that it has not re-appeared somewhere else. So on behalf of all the residents in the village can I please ask that consideration is shown and other arrangements are made for disposal. ............ Ed

STORM DORIS...certainly gave us a scare across the country recently. A tree from Dan Howison’s garden came down on the Village Hall roof. Fortunately it seems no actual damage to the hall though some to the roof, but access was rather tricky. This meant cancelling the Bowls Club on Sunday evening, the Parish Council meeting transferred to the School on Wednesday eve [courtesy of Headmistress Megan Davies] and the Ladies Circle planned for Thursday was affected. The Heckel family trampoline finished up in a neighbouring garden, there was a range of fence and tree damage but fortunately I don’t believe any persons hurt.

LADIES CIRCLE.. Firstly apologies to all of you who were so disappointed when storm Doris caused the cancellation of the March meeting when a tree fell across the drive, blocking access to the Village Hall. The good news is that Paul Stammers has agreed to reschedule his talk, which will now take place in March, 2018. At the next meeting on Thursday, April 6th. (Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.) Kevin Barker, former manager of Ashwell Garden Centre, will give a
demonstration of how to plant a hanging basket. The basket will then be auctioned. All gardeners are welcome. The competition is for a "Picture or Photo of your own garden", and refreshments will be provided by Ann and June...

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EXTON DEFIBRILATOR.... a recent update of the list of responders in the village has made us aware that we could do with some more volunteers. If you feel this is something you can do please contact Bernie Wallace, the co-ordinator. A training/refresher course has been arranged for Tuesday 4th April 7.30pm to 9 pm in Exton School, free of charge, tea and biscuits provided. The course will cover CPR. This is such a worthwhile service and can save lives. Your details will be kept private but in the meanwhile we thank those of you who are currently willing to provide this facility. Replies to Bernie Wallace, Co-ordinator 01572 812956/ bernie.wallace@btinternet.com/ Mob: 07858484918
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Rutland Dyslexia

Event in fond memory Anne Sudborough, our wonderful, devoted secretary.
DYSLEXIA ROADSHOW ...Mary Parker is Chair of the Rutland Dyslexia group and would like to draw your attention to pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter giving details of the event. It is a great opportunity she says for parents, teachers, employers and adults to meet and listen and offer and receive advice. There will be information stands and an array of materials and books suitable for all and ages and learning abilities.

YOUR HELP is needed to keep Exton clean!

We are lucky to live in one of the most beautiful parts of Britain. Sadly, however, our countryside is spoilt by the growing spread of litter (fast food wrappers, bottles, cans etc) along the road side.

Exton Parish Council is supporting Edward Heckels who is organising a morning of litter picking on Saturday 8 April.

Anyone who wants to volunteer to keep Exton clean should report to outside the front of the Fox & Hounds from 9.30am. We will be walking four “routes” to pick up litter:

- along the Avenue
- from the Avenue to Cottesmore
- from Exton to Whitwell
- the road running east from the Avenue, crossing the Whitwell road, to the Empingham turning.

Please arrive by car, if you have one, so you can drive to the start of your “route” to save time. You should wear bright clothing, water-proof if the weather requires, and bring gardening gloves. Edward will be sourcing litter picking “sticks” and supplying bin bags. Litter pickers will leave bin bags on the grass verge as they fill them up for Edward to collect later that day.
When the work is done, we will be gathering at the Fox & Hounds from 11.30am for a pint. The first drink will be free of charge to say thank you for your efforts!

If you can help, let us know in advance on heckels1@me.com - or just turn up.

**We look forward to seeing you from 9.30am on Saturday 8 April.**

*Please note that litter pickers are reminded to be mindful of traffic at all times and participate in the action day at their own risk. Exton Parish Council shall not under any circumstances be liable for loss or injury to volunteers or third parties however caused.................Ed Heckels*
Extonbury is back again! This year’s festival will take place as usual in the beautiful setting of the Fox & Hounds paddock, on Saturday 15 July. Also as usual we’ll be bringing great food & drink and eleven hours of live music from the best local bands, covering rock, blues, pop, soul, funk, folk, latin.....there’ll be old friends and some exciting new faces. Every single band plays for free, all in the name of having a blast while raising money for the Air Ambulance and more local good causes. Over the years we’ve raised almost £32000 – let’s make 2017 a year to remember! For more information see www.extonbury.com or join our Facebook group for regular updates!

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CUTTING BACK ON GARDEN CRIME

Protect your garden equipment from opportunist thieves

- Put tools and equipment away after use
- Always lock shed or garage doors behind you and remove the key from the lock
- Ensure garage doors are closed and valuables are out of sight
- Install an alarm and security lighting on your shed or garage to act as a deterrent
- Prevent easy access to your shed, garage or allotment with locked gates, fencing or prickly hedges
- Check shed frames and fence panels and replace if damaged or rotten
- Mark your postcode and house number on property with UV pens or paint
- Gravel paths make it harder for a thief to approach unnoticed
- Register your belongings with www.immobilise.com

#lockitornoiseit
Getting Into Character...

Our school is made up of many interesting characters, but on World Book Day we had superheroes, princesses, wizards and witches and even a Mr Man on site! World Book Day was a riot of colour and costume, and even the staff got involved! The children spent time thinking about their chosen character. Class 1 wrote speech bubbles about their character, Class 2 made Top Trump Cards and Class 3 wrote character descriptions. These are now on display in the school.

Reading is not only a skill for life, but a way to escape to another world. Whether you prefer fairy tales, mysteries, adventures or fantasy; there is a book for every person's taste. As Dr Seuss says, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." We encourage our children to read as much as possible, not just their school reading books, but books from home, from the library, magazines, newspapers, signposts – anything that has words on it! It really is the foundation for all learning and enables children to discover so much about the world. It is equally important for children to talk about what they are reading—discussions help with their comprehension skills too.

We are indebted to our volunteers who give up their time to listen to the children read each week. If you feel you have a skill to share, or would like to join our band of volunteers, please contact the school office. We carry out a DBS check on all those who come into school to work with children.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk
Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.
Village Hall Annual Meeting”
The annual meeting of the Village Hall Management Committee will take place at 7pm on Wednesday April 26th. Members of the public are welcome to join."

MAY NEWSLETTER
Contributions need to be received by the Editor by 24th APRIL 2017
Email to annetteoliver63@gmail.com [preferred]
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Please advise the Editor to be added to the email circulation list.

NEW 12 SIDED POUND COIN becomes available
Tuesday 28th March and the current ones are not legal tender from October 15th. So empty those money boxes!! Apparently Tesco could not get their trolleys amended in time so have unlocked them all. Some gain then for customers!
This year, 2017, Leicestershire Guiding is celebrating its Centenary and as part of the celebrations it has been decided to support the Charity Smalls for All.

Smalls for All is a charity based in Scotland which collects, in association with Freedom from Fistula Foundation and Kenya Children’s Home UK, bras and pants for girls and young women in Africa. So our Brownie Unit would like to collect as many gently worn or new bras and new underwear. These will then be collected and transported, through a long road trip up to Scotland and then off to Africa. Once they have travelled hundreds of miles to Africa they will be gratefully received by the girls and young women. We take having underwear for granted and wouldn’t dream of going out without wearing any underwear so why should women and children in Africa go to school without underwear? We have an amazing opportunity in 2017 to allow these women and children to gain some dignity, self-worth and access education.

Did you know, young girls can miss the opportunity for education because they do not have any underwear? Think of the difference you could make by donating today!

On 2 March we held our Annual Pancake Challenge and asked for donations to help us buy underwear to send to the charity; we have
purchased 60 pairs of pants to send along with the other generous donations we have received.

If you would like to support our Unit by making a donation then please bring along to the Community centre on a Thursday evening between 6 and 7.30pm (term time only) or contact Bernie Wallace (Unit Leader) 01572812956/07858484918. Our grateful thanks to the kind person who left a bag of ‘gently worn’ bras for us last week. A much appreciated donation.

*Many thanks, Bernie, Keara, Rachel and all the Brownies at 1st Cottesmore*

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20th Anniversary of Rutland's Independence

**Saturday 1st April 2017**

Mark the 20th anniversary of Rutland regaining its status as an independent county with a day of celebrations in Oakham from 11am.

Rutland’s 20th Anniversary Celebrations will begin with a children’s fun run at Rutland Showground, raising money for local charity For Rutland. A short civic ceremony will then take place at Oakham Castle, and from 11am there will be music, entertainment, displays, exhibitions at both the Castle and Victoria Hall and much more for all to enjoy.

There will be; Live music and entertainment throughout the day Delicious food and drink, including a special 20th Anniversary beer called 'Raddleman' produced by The Grainstore Brewery in Oakham Displays from local Army regiments, including Military Working Dogs Displays of short films about Rutland Photo exhibition at Victoria Hall>Evening Choral Concert at All Saints Church

**Beacon lighting and FREE fireworks display in Cutts Close (starting 9pm)**
Services in April

9th     10.30am Palm Sunday Benefice Communion at Greetham

13th    7pm    Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion at Cottesmore

16th    11.15am Easter Day Holy Communion

23rd    11.15am Holy Communion

Morning Prayer will be said every Wednesday at Malting Barn (my house) until Easter when it will feel a bit warmer in the church. Everyone is welcome and the short service is about 15 minutes long.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be on Thursday April 27th at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. Everyone on the Church Electoral Roll is encouraged to attend.

The latest group of bell ringers were the South Devon Ringers on a tour of the area and hopefully the village enjoyed hearing the bells.

The PCC recently made a donation of £150 to SANDS (Stillborn and Neonatal Death Charity) in memory of baby Mabel Isabel Cooper ........ Sally Miller, Churchwarden

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY – Holy Mass

Sunday 9 am

Thanks to the School for printing the newsletter

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