EXTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL REVIEW
The Hall has had a pretty good year all in all. Finances for 2016 remained sound, with income from lettings and donations at £5244 nicely ahead of running costs at £3671, although it should be said that we carried out no projects or redecoration in the year. It's particularly good to see that the Hall's reserves (which are mainly held in the form of a portfolio of unit trusts) continue to benefit from stock market growth and by January 2017 were valued at a little over £86,000. That sounds like a lot but we need to maintain a healthy reserve in case of a potential emergency in the future, so thanks are due to treasurer Dan Howison for his sound management.

Speaking of emergencies we had the benefit of a fallen tree in the February gales which caused significant damage to part of the roof; thankfully this is all repaired now and has been fully covered by our insurance policy, so the reserves remain intact at least for now.

The Hall Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday 26 April and reviewed a draft application to the Big Lottery Fund for the proposed improvement project. In total we are applying for £75,000 to cover all internal modifications, including new toilets, meeting room wall insulation & relining, new modern single phase power supply, new lighting, disabled ramp access to the small function room and sanding of the main room floor. The Committee agreed that we would use our reserves to cover new tables, chairs, window blinds etc. The Stage 1 application will take up to 8 weeks to be considered; if we get approval
we move on to a much more detailed Stage 2 which again will take some time to be evaluated. If successful it seems likely that we might be able to carry out the improvements in January / February 2018. If in the end we are unsuccessful we will look at carrying out individual parts of the project from reserves.

One final point - we will have our annual spring clean on Sunday 4 June, and would welcome all volunteers. If you'd like to help just come along at 10.00am!

WELL DONE PHOEBE!

Here is a message from Phoebe Langston:

“As many of you will know, I have recently taken part in a skydive in aid of Parkinson’s and thanks to the extremely generous support of many people, I have raised an amazing sum of £1755, which I was blown away by. I cannot thank people enough for their kind donations, which I know will go a long way in helping to support many groups and the charity as a whole.

As a way of continuing to support Parkinson’s locally, I have donated £400 towards the activities within the Oakham Parkinson’s support group, which I believe is a huge benefit to many individuals. I am going to donate the remaining amount to Parkinson’s UK to help it’s vital research projects. It has been an honour to raise money for such a worthwhile charity, which is very close to my heart.....Love Phoebe x “

On behalf of Parkinsons UK may I thank everyone who supported the Rutland branch Coffee & Cake morning held in Exton Village Hall. The home made cakes were delicious and thanks to all who made them.
It was a very successful event which raised £422 for Parkinson UK.....
Ann & Mick Bell
Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Looking to the Future....

As a school we have to be forward looking, looking for the how we can achieve the best educational opportunities for our children. Current government policy is that schools should be looking towards academisation, so over the past few years the Governors at Exton & Greetham CE Primary School have been exploring options for a small rural school such as ours.

We are very excited to be working with the Rutland Learning Trust, a multi-academy trust based in Rutland and including schools such as St Nicholas in Cottesmore. This work in partnership is already offering interesting opportunities to our children, and we should become a formal part of the multi-academy trust in due course.

Some of our parents have asked whether this move will change the caring, family ethos of the school, as this is often why they have chosen our school for their children. It is our children and staff that make our school the happy, child-centred place that it is, and this will not change. What will be added is shared expertise from across the trust schools and shared ideas to improve and enrich learning alongside the other schools in the trust. This includes, before the end of the Summer term this year, an inter-trust athletics event and a music festival, which we will be hosting at Exton.

This is our opportunity to work alongside other like-minded schools to ensure that our children really do have every opportunity to ‘explore and grow’.

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Explore & Grow

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

Only eight members and friends braved the cold and drove to Fort Henry where they parked and had a look at the outside of the Fort. Because of the weather the planned outdoor picnic was abandoned and Ann kindly invited everyone to her house, where an indoor picnic was much enjoyed. The wine flowed and the evening was spent reminiscing about the old days in Exton. Members thanked Ann for her hospitality.

As this was the last meeting of the Ladies Circle year, prizes were awarded to the members with most points overall in the competitions. Ann Bell came first with Margaret Oliver and Meryl Hart coming joint second.

The next Ladies Circle meeting will be on **Thursday, 7th. September, 7.30 p.m.** In the Village Hall when Annette Oliver will give a talk on being a judge at Crufts. The competition will be a picture of your own pet cat or dog.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JULY NEWSLETTER TO BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR no later than 23rd June** [email preferred or clearly handwritten text]. PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO PUBLICATION IN AUGUST. TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER IN COLOUR PLEASE SUPPLY YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO THE EDITOR OR READ ON LINE ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE EXTON.ORG. [webmaster Paul Taylor]

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NUCO Level 3 Award in Paediatric First Aid

Audience: All staff involved in caring for children

Aim: This qualification provides learners with the first aid skills they require when working with young children / or in a young children’s setting. The qualification is designed for learners who have responsibility for children, for example childminders, nursery assistants or teaching assistants. The aim of the qualification is to guide and assess the development of knowledge and skills relating to paediatric first aid.

Course Leader: Rose O’Brien

Course Duration: 12 Hours

Cost: Per person
- £10.00 – Rutland Childminders
- £10.00 – Rutland Ofsted-registered Settings and EYFS Practitioners in Schools
- £70.00 – All others - no community concessions

Update: This training should be updated every 3 years

On Saturdays please bring your own lunch.

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Directions and Map:
From the Oakham Bypass, turn onto the Ashwell Road. After about a mile cross the mini-roundabout and immediately prepare to turn right into Gate 2. The car park is straight on.

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REMINDER

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**Obituary - Kenneth John Rudkin**

Many villagers will be sad to hear of the death of Ken Rudkin on 25th April. Ken's funeral took place on Tuesday, May 9th. in Exton Parish Church, followed by interment in the Parish Churchyard.

Ken had been a long term resident of Pudding Bag Lane, buying and restoring No. 16 and living there for 13 years, with his wife, Pat, before downsizing to No.8 in 2000. Ken was always to be found in his workshop and was well known for his woodworking skills, doing many jobs for family, neighbours and friends. He was responsible for crafting and donating, both the beautiful cabinet which holds the Book of Remembrance in the Parish Church, and the protective case holding the Exton Produce & Craft Show's Viking Trophy. The dog walking community will remember Ken walking Tally, until his illness prevented this.

Ken loved Exton and he and Pat have been very happy here. Pat would like to thank neighbours and friends for their kindness and the lovely cards she has received.
CONGRATULATIONS
On behalf of their many friends including those in the Exton Bowls Club, we wish Bryan Lowe and Jane all the best for their future together after their marriage in Greetham Church June 11\textsuperscript{TH} 2017.

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB
PRESENTATION DINNER took place at the Jackson Stops Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} May. A more convivial crowd you could not wish to see. Only one member was on holiday so unable to attend meaning 22 of us sat down to eat a superb meal with lots of chat and fun and leg pulling which is typical of a night out with the group and the same when we are bowling in the Village Hall. It had been agreed at our AGM that the first round of drinks would be paid for by the Club as we are in a sound financial position thanks to the very strict ship run by Mick Mills who has been Treasurer for ever it seems. Poor Mick was astounded to pick up a bill for £270!!!!! A terrible trick of course – he had been kidded into believing that we had all had some special cocktails! Not true of course - the bar staff were in on the joke and after we had picked Mick up off the floor he hesitatingly paid out the proper amount. He still looked a bit pale when he left the premises but hopefully he will make a full recovery! Our ‘Fixture Secretary’ David Healey organised the evening and did a grand job.
PICKING UP AFTER YOUR DOG

The regular plea from residents, dog walkers, mums and dads, please, please pick up after your dog. It is a pity that regular pleas have to be made on this subject but Exton is a superb dog walking area for residents and visitors. Unfortunately we don’t know who they are but there are some and to be honest they may be visitors to the village – who just do not clean up. Walking through the lovely Exton parkland and the roadway at the end of Garden Lane past the school by the play area is another very bad spot. It is not much effort to carry the poo bags in your pocket and indeed recently I saw an advert for a very fancy alternative! Just look on http://www.piqapoo.com/
I have also been asked to mention that there is concern by residents at the speed of some motorists entering and exiting the village on the Oakham and Stamford Roads. While it may appear as if there are unlikely to be pedestrians – there is always the possibility of someone stepping out or pets coming through gateways. The roar of the engines too is not really compatible with this lovely part of the world. The village is not very well lit in some places and there may just be somebody on foot so please slow down and keep an eye out, we do not want any accidents.

Cottage Garden Society visit:
On Wednesday, 14th June members of the Rutland branch of the Cottage Garden Society will be visiting gardens in Exton followed by lunch in the village hall. We are hoping to have a plant stall to boost the funds raised, which will be donated to village groups. If you have any unwanted plants, seedlings or other garden related items for our stall, please could you bring them to either Chris Wallace at 1, The Green, or Meryl Hart at 12, Pudding Bag Lane, by Tuesday, June 13th.

Thank you to the School for printing the Newsletter
Services in June

11th  11.15 am Matins

25th  11.15 am Holy Communion

Morning Prayer will be said every Wednesday in the church. Everyone is welcome and the short service is about 15 minutes long.

The funeral of Ken Rudkin of 8 Pudding Bag Lane was held in the church on May 9th with a strong village presence especially from friends and neighbours in Pudding Bag Lane. After the service Ken was buried in the churchyard. We send our love and sympathy to Pat and their sons.

Also in May, the ashes of John Symonds from Deeping St James were interred in the grave of his parents, Frank and Mary Symonds once of Exton.

Sally Miller, Churchwarden