Minutes of OPEN MEETING
7 pm Village Hall, Tuesday 11th July 2017

Present: Ann Bell, Jane and Mick Bell, Barry Smith, Nigel Lea
VFEC: *Annie Lea [Chair], *Sally Miller*, Christine Smith [Treasurer]
Annette Oliver [Secretary] ..........
[* Parish Church Council members]

1. Chairman Opened the meeting – thanking those present for supporting the meeting

2. Apologies, Meryl Hart, Stephen Ware
3. **Minutes of last meeting [1\textsuperscript{st} February 2017]** read [previously circulated in Newsletter], accepted as true record proposed Ann Bell, seconded Sally Miller subject to amendment first page last para, for ‘Trent’ Arch – read ‘Trench’ Arch

4. **Matters arising:** Chairman advised request for extra electrical sockets to enable easier housekeeping proving difficult because of path of wiring.

5. **Treasurer’s Report:** Accounts produced, currently £10,732.38 balance, since last meeting various contributions from local residents, Lent Lunches, Candlelight supper, Ann & Mick Bell’s garage sale. Only expenditure village hall hire. Thanks expressed to the organisers of functions raising funds for VFEC.

6. **Discussion re funding Church projects:** Chairman advised reason for meeting this evening to ask Villagers to increase proposed donation of £8000 [see minutes 1\textsuperscript{st} February 2017] to £10,000. Explanations given as to various Funding applications that had been made on behalf of the PCC [Parish Church Council] by Stephen Ware. Some fruitful others not. Appreciation shown for enormous amount of work involved by SW making the approaches to the organisations involved.

Some details below:
- Lottery funding may be available £10,000 [confirmation July]
- RHCPT confirmed £1,500
- PCC available £3,000
- Augean Community Fund application – decision August
- National Churches Trust – decision November

To help Villagers understand distribution of monies and to have complete transparency with regard to the funding involved, the following guide details the expenses.
Building works £11,300
Plumbing 1,572
Security 124
Joinery 2,800
Cupboard 400
Electrics 4,893
Windows 700
Connecting Trench 200

Total £21,989 assuming all VAT can be reclaimed

B Smith suggested he be allowed to peruse electrical contractor’s working plan as he believed it would be possible to increase the number of electrical sockets. Chairman to arrange.

After more discussion regarding the work proposed [plans were available] a proposal was made by Jane Mills to allow £10,000 to be transferred from VFEC to the PCC for the above work at the appropriate time, seconded Ann Bell. All in favour.

7. Any Other Business
Chairman advised she had been approached by villagers enquiring as to why VFEC was not registered as a Charity. The Treasurer supported by the Secretary advised we were not a suitable case, [this was mandatory if more than £5000 raised every year]. The Gift Aid option is only applicable to Charity organisation or CASC [Community Amateur Sports Club]. We are a Not For Profit organisation. We do not pay Tax as we do not buy anything. The funds merely sit in a current account. Charity organisations require Trustees.

For the benefit of those present the Secretary expanded on the formation of VFEC in 2012. This organisation was intended to be a ‘holding point’ for money raised for the church rather than any funds being handed directly to
the Parish Church Council. This would allow the Villagers to ‘ring fence’. the funds and ensure they were directly spent on a particular work.

To hold an account for a group it is a requirement of the Bank that an organisation is named and a committee formed to enable signatories on the cheques. The four who formed this group were Sally Miller, Annie Lea, Ed Miller [decd] and Annette Oliver.

Some funds raised by Villagers are given directly to the PCC as historically they always have been and do not appear in the VFEC account.

When VFEC was formed the Church was in rather a desperate position and VFEC paid £1700 for the insurance and quinquennial inspection. Another large expense covered by VFEC was seating platforms, £6,135.20.

The Chairman thanked everyone involved in raising funds and showing such support.

The meeting closed 7.40 pm.

Signed........................................................................................................Date..............................

EXTON & HORN PARISH COUNCIL

Have recently reclaimed documents that have been in safekeeping with the bank who have now withdrawn this service. The various records, Minute books, maps, etc. have been catalogued and taken to be housed with other Exton records at the Leicestershire Records Office in Wigston who are better served to look after them than in individual homes. They are still available for viewing. [Parish Clerk]
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. The October meeting will take place on Thursday, October 5th at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall and will be a slide show by local photographer, Irene Kettle. The competition will be a black and white photograph of Exton.
WELL DONE BOB!!!
IN AID OF ALZHEIMERS

LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE RIDE 19 - 23 July 2017
London – Paris Challenge – I did it!! Yeee haaa

Dear friends/work mates, local villagers, buddies on the internet, and of course family (also Mr & Mrs Anon.) - Thanks so much to all my very supportive – supporters, it’s been very humbling and overwhelming. You helped me raise £2000 ++ and become one of the top 5 on ‘Just giving’ – money is still coming in a month later!! – wow

The 130 person – 400 Mile in 4 days ride, earned £400,000 for the Alzheimer’s Soc which will be spent mainly on further research at Exeter Uni (Researchers told us on the ride they are close to further serious break-through) and help pay for further Alzheimer Café’s – allowing like sufferer’s and their families/carers to meet – our and other’s experience is, it’s a worthwhile and serious benefit!

This is how the week rolled out …

18th July Daughter Fred’s Flat – London. see Cutty Sark, Greenwich Park and other great sight’s – City/Docklands etc.

Light sleep due to excitement/apprehension/storms all night.

**Day 1  London to Dunkirk 90 miles**

**ALTZHEIMERS London 2 Paris Challenge - scary**

19th July 2017 Alarm 04.40 yuk!

Tried to take road bike on the empty Bus – No chance so cycle to Start Point: Black heath 06.10 – light rain.

Meet Elle from The Alzheimer’s Soc. and the trip organisers – drop bags onto lorries. Say Good-bye to Fred – boo-hoo..

130 bikes Leave -

**Black heath 06.40** pick our way across south London to the for-ever clicking of cleats as we regularly stop for cars, pedestrians, busses, lights
and junctions, finally into the Kent countryside which only got more beautiful as the journey down to Dover unfolded.

**09.30 Water stop.** Still finding my way around the NEW road bike – I am not used to 22 gears, pedal cleats and disc brakes!

**11.00 Lunch stop** at Lenham Heath, Nr Ashford – a good time to get meeting some of the other riders – HOT and sunny.

**14.00 Water stop** Nr Wye - HOT

The hills here are so steep I had to walk one – being a novice! We re-named the Down the Ups! Ab-Fab views and HOT. After last night’s storm the little lanes were covered in Debris/sand/mud which added to the fun, tough going up, very slow going down.

**16.00 Dover** further drinks – feeling very wobbly at first but much better after an hour of stumbling around waiting for the others to arrive. Laid down and slept for 30-40 mins on very comfortable bumpy concrete – perfect!

**19.00ish** finally onto the boat and some good hot nosh followed by further meet-ups with the other cyclists.

**21.00ish** off the boat I stayed in the Campanile, Dunkirk.

Drinks till 23.00 and bed.

Cycled about **90 miles today – a record!** and I am new to the bike/seat/cleats/gears/brakes/sitting position and shoes – but that’s another story.

**Day 2 Dunkirk to Cambrai 118 miles**

**20th July 2017 05.45 Breakfast - On the road 06.45**

Bums killing already – great atmosphere as we kick-off
Today was a long grind, interesting countryside/villages – cool start, rained pretty solid 11.00 – 15.00 then super warm sunshine the water stops were at 25 miles intervals - ish

Was drenched so got very cold at the lunch stop – food tent was blown away while I was in it!

All after noon the head wind was relentless, so tough at one point we had to go into even lower gear to DOWN the hills!

A well-deserved meal awaited in Cambrai

**Day 3 Cambrai to Soissons 90 miles**

**21st July 2017 05.45 Breakfast – On the road 06.45**

A little more rolly country side, lots of sun and of course the head-wind. Now exhausted of any energy reserves, I am heavily reliant on energy gels, drinks, bars and anything that stayed still and looked like food. There were accidents today, one guy broke his hip!

My NEW bike has been excellent – far easier than the Brompton Folding bike I had originally intended to do the ride on

**Day 4 Soissons - Paris 90 miles**

**22nd July 2017 05.45 Breakfast – On the road 06.45**

My bum had to be black with bruise – or at least that’s how it felt – same for all us novice guys used only to casual 10+mile bike rides

Head wind AGAIN! Went horribly wrong by 12+miles oppps but did see a wonderful Disney style REAL Chateau in Pierrefonds, Picardy. That afternoon was the slog into the outskirts of Paris – we could have been in NY/London or any city - pretty YUK, finally to meet-up in Parc Monceau so that all 130 of us could ride together Past the Arc de Triomphe then along the Champs-Elysees over Pont Alexander III bridge to the Eifel Tower – all
very emotional but a wonderful finale – That ride was for you Mum – you would have loved it - sore bum and all  XX

**Day 5 in Paris** and watched the Tour de France arrive, caught the last TGV back to London – time to call my girls while sitting on the train, later stayed with Fred again for the night. I felt GREAT!..................***BOB***

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**IN EXTON**

Cleaner required 3 days per week  
( hours can be flexible)  

Duties to include general house cleaning and laundry  

also Gardener 2 days per week  
Tel: Donna - 07876870998
Sole Happy Reflexology

Hi, my name is Gemma Miles I'm a registered nurse currently studying a course in reflexology.

I'm looking for people who would like to try a short course 4-6 sessions of treatment for free.

If you're interested and would like to find out more please contact me on

Tel. 07912 343864
E-mail: solehappyreflexology.com
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER TO BE RECEIVED BY THE EDITOR no later than 24th September [email preferred or clearly handwritten text]. 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]
Editor: 20 Stamford Road or annetteoliver63@gmail.com

Saturday 23rd September 2017
COFFEE MORNING

‘Bring and Buy’ stall
10.30 am to 12. 30
at
Ann and Mick Bell’s
All Welcome!
GREAT NEWS

14th August was a historic day in Exton when the potholes around the green finally were repaired. Derek Palmer, Chairman of the Parish Council has been on the case for weeks and it is nice to drive round the Green without swerving to avoid them.

HERON ALERT: The heron has been seen regularly sitting on rooftops lately in the village – so protect your ponds. Personally I have seen it on Marien Foers chimney and where I live! [Ed]

We’re delighted to confirm that Extonbury cleared £4500 this year. With a bit of rounding our total income was £6800, from which we had to pay expenses of £2300. That’s up just over 12% on last year and taking the total raised since we started to over £36000 - not bad for a little field in a little village in the smallest county in the U.K. £3500 has been donated to the Air Ambulance, our primary charity, with the remainder split between our firstaiders who provided 12 hours of first class medical support, PAGE for repairs to the village play park and the village hall to help meet annual running costs. Thanks to everybody for another great festival experience – artists, stall holders, organisers, sound team, Fox & Hounds team and above all our visitors. EXTONBURY WILL BE BACK ON 14 JULY NEXT YEAR!............................................Mark Butterill

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EARLY WARNING NOTICE

HARVEST SUPPER
Will take place in Village Hall

21st October 2017

Details to follow
Enquiries: Ann Bell 812594

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS in the Village Hall
Recommences Sunday 8th October 2017 at 7.00 pm
Enquiries to 01572 812233/813413/813148

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VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

I'm pleased to say that after what seems like an age of planning and preparation we will finally start the improvements at the hall this autumn. Unfortunately our application to the National Lottery for funding was turned down, but due to some excellent investment growth masterminded by Treasurer Dan Howison we have sufficient reserves to tackle a big part of the plan from our own funds. The improvements will include:
• Complete refurbishment of the toilets, including the creation of a new disabled toilet and baby changing facility. We'll be installing entirely new cubicles and sanitary ware from Trovex, together with new flooring, electric hand driers and a new hot water system.
• Replacement of the old 3 phase electrical supply with a single phase supply feeding a new consumer unit in the boiler room, including a new heating control system.
• Installation of a wheelchair access ramp from the large room into the small room on the eastern side.

The work should be carried out in the first half of October and should not significantly affect users such as the various fitness classes. All being well we'll have a superb new facility ready for Christmas!

Mark Butterill

EXTON STITCHERS GROUP

The decision was taken at a meeting of Chris Wallace and members of the former Exton Stitchers Group that funds remaining would be used for the refurbishment of the public part of the Village Notice Board. This will be discussed by members of the Parish Council at their next meeting...

Meryl Hart
Are you eligible for 30 hours free childcare?

From September 2017 onwards, working parents with children aged three and four may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare. It is important that parents check their eligibility and register as soon as possible to secure their place.

Parents will be eligible to receive the 30 hours if they meet the following criteria:

- Both parents, or the sole parent in a lone parent family, are working and earning a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage and less than £100,000 a year. This can include self-employment and parents on zero-hours contracts.
- Both parents or the sole parent in a lone parent family are working and in receipt of tax credits and/or universal credit.
- Both parents are employed but one or both are on temporary parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave.
- Both parents are employed but one or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay.
- One parent is employed and the other parent is in receipt of carers allowance.
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated.

If you would like more information or would like to find out if you are eligible, please visit: www.rutland.gov.uk/freechildcare or contact the Rutland Information Service on: 01572 722577.
RIDE AND STRIDE

Saturday 9 September 2017

I am the Village co-ordinator for the Ride and Stride event which is organised by the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust (RHCPT). Could you help by volunteering to record visitors to our Church? Just one hour on the rota (between the hours of 10am-6pm) would be a great help. Also we would like people to take part in the event to raise money through sponsorship. Participants are asked to cycle or walk around the many churches in Rutland between 10am – 6pm with half of all monies raised going to your local church. RHCPT has been very generous in their support of Exton Church in the past by giving donations to enable essential repairs to the Fabric of our church building. So by supporting this event it enables them to continue this valuable work across the County.

Please contact me for further details and sponsorship forms.

Many thanks Bernadette Wallace, 18 Vicars Close, Exton.

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****SPARKLERS Toddler Group*****

re-starts on Tuesday 5 September

For parents, grandparents and carers of preschool children. We meet during term time on Tuesday Mornings between 9.30am – 11.30am in Cottesmore Church. A warm welcome awaits with crafts, refreshments, lots of varied play/toys and singing.

£1 per family.

Bernie Wallace, 18 Vicars Close, Exton, OAKHAM LE15 8AW Tel: 01572 812956/07858484918
A Fresh Year and a Fresh Start!

The Summer holidays have again been spent developing our learning space and curriculum to provide more exciting learning and opportunities for the children. We are welcoming a full compliment of 10 children into our Reception this year and looking forward to them becoming part of the Exton & Greetham family. Keep an eye on the website to find out what we are doing, and to find dates for upcoming events. We are always happy to welcome visitors.

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

New playground markings for 2017-18!

Explore & Grow
EXTON PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

There was a buzz of anticipation in the air at 2.30pm as the doors opened at Exton village’s 31st annual show.

The Exton Produce and Craft Show, which was held on Sunday at Exton Village Hall, attracted about 255 entries in 78 classes, 71 entries in the Children’s Section.

Participants went head-to-head competing for 34 trophies and cash prizes, all donated over the years in memory of Exton villagers. Organisers were particularly pleased to see so many children’s entries, including those from Exton and Greetham C. of E. Village School.

Ann Bell was the star of the show, winning both Flower and Home Produce Sections and was awarded the Joan Foster Memorial Bowl for Overall Show Winner, with the most points. Mick Mills also did well, carrying off the Swindon Tankard for the Home Produce Highest Scoring Man, the Chippy Castle Bread Board for Handmade Loaf of Bread and Don Drinkall Salver for Best Woodwork.

It was a great day for young Freddie Collins as well: he won the Hart Award for the entry showing most effort in the Children’s Section, was also awarded, jointly with Ffion Reading, the Rutland Scale Model Club Prize for Best Junior Model and then gained the Viking Trophy on being voted best of the five winning section exhibitors. Tom Heckels and his young sister, Georgina, picked up a range of prizes in the Children’s Section, continuing family success over the past two years.

Prizes were presented by the show’s patron, Lady Juliana Noel, continuing her family’s long association with the event. She was presented with a bouquet by Darcy Collins and a cheque for the NSPCC from the organising committee.

The show generated £200 profit after expenses. Proceeds from the show and other events organised by the committee will go towards local charities.

Prizewinners:
Vegetables and Fruit: Melbourne Cup, section winner, Robin Beard. Exton
Dairy Cup, best vegetable in show, Mick Bell. Eddie Hudson Cup, heaviest onion, Robin Beard. 

**Flowers:** Ernie Higgins Salver, section winner, Ann Bell. Betty Higgins Cup, best flower arrangement, Susan Abbott. Dan Collins Rose Bowl, specimen rose, Derek Palmer. Margaret Healey Cup, best flower in show, Ann Bell. Stephanie Gibbins Rose Bowl, best roses, Derek Palmer.

**Home Produce:** Home Produce Shield, section winner, Ann Bell. Swinfen Tankard, home produce: highest scoring man, Mick Mills. Wooden Spoon, **Victoria sponge** (made by a man), John Garner. Chippy Castle Bread Board, handmade loaf of bread, Mick Mills.

**Children’s:** Children’s Shield, section winner, Georgina Heckles. £10 Hart Award, item showing greatest effort, Freddie Collins. Heckles Family Trophy, best young baker, Tom Heckles. Betty Higgins Cup, children’s competition, Tom Heckles. £10 Rob Lacey Award, handwriting: for best handwriting 6-9, Georgina Heckels. £10 Rob Lacey Award, handwriting: for best handwriting 10-13 years, Mathew Duell. Exton and Greetham School Governor’s Shield, 5-6 years, Evie Hines. Exton and Greetham School Governor’s Shield, 7-8 years, Tyler Cross. Exton and Greetham School Governor’s Shield, 9-11 years, Aimee Ross.

**Village Crafts:** Craft Shield, section winner, Irene Kettle. Jubilee Cup, best craft in show, Irene Kettle. Don Drinkall Salver and Coffee Pot, best woodwork, metalwork, Mick Mills.

Lady Juliana waiting to present prizes
Rutland Community Safety Roadshow

Come and talk to the people who know how you can keep yourself safe over the Winter months.

LEICESTERSHIRE FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

Smoke Alarms & Chimney Safety

Home Security and Crime Prevention

Leicestershire Police

Keeping Warm and Healthy Eating

Leicester Shire & Rutland age UK

Fraud Prevention

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Refreshments available.

Ryhall Village Hall

Tuesday 10th October 2pm - 4pm

Cottesmore Community Centre

Tuesday 17th October 10am - 12noon

Oakham All Saints Church Hall

Monday 23rd October 10am - 12noon

Falcon Hotel, Uppingham

Tuesday 24th October 10am - 12noon

01572 335101
Are you a Good Neighbour?

Do you want to make a difference to your community?

There is an opportunity to set-up a Good Neighbour Scheme in Exton with funding and support from the Rural Community Council charity. It is a community led project that is about linking people in your neighbourhood who are in need, with local volunteers who are willing to help them.

An individual in need of help contacts the scheme and the person on duty then contacts a volunteer suitable for that particular task. Types of support can include befriending, transport, IT support and everyday tasks such as collecting shopping.

Other successful schemes in Rutland include: Braunstone in Rutland, Empingham, Greetham, Ketton, Manton, Market Overton, North Luffenham, Uppingham, Wing and Whissendine.

Don’t miss your chance to access free funding and support to set up a scheme in Stretton. If you are interested in getting involved, please fill in and return the slip below by email or post by 30th September:

☎ 0116 268 9711 📧 LSMITH@ruralcc.org.uk

Rural Community Council, 133 Loughborough Road, LE4 5LQ

If you are interested in supporting, volunteering or would like more information about a Good Neighbour Scheme, please email us or provide your contact details on the slip below and return by 30th September.

Name:
Address:
Email:
Telephone:
ZUMBA TASTER SESSION COMING TO EXTON VILLAGE HALL

ON WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 6.30 PM

EVERYONE WELCOME

AN EXCITING FUN WAY TO EXERCISE FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CALL SUE ON 07507088164
OR
EMAIL suepegelow@hotmail.co.uk (Zin Membership Instructor)

Please bring a bottle of water

Please note if there is enough interest a Zumba Class will be running in your area each week on a Monday evening.
STRETCH AND TONE CLASS

EVERY TUESDAY MORNING AT 9.30 AM

EXTON VILLAGE HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CALL SUE ON 07507088164

OR

EMAIL suepegelow@hotmail.co.uk

(please bring an exercise mat and a bottle of water)

(Sue Pegelow is a qualified PEA, RSA Exercise to Music, Zumba and Power Chi Yoga Instructor)

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Thanks as ever to the School for printing the Newsletter - lots of news as we missed August
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For Sale:

An old, pine, pew, rescued from a 19th. century, S. Wales chapel during demolition, stripped down, reduced in size and now painted in an eggshell, shabby chic, matt finish in very pale green. Suitable for use in any room, or, with a protective coating, could be used outdoors.

Height - 91.5 cms.(36")
Seat height - 46 cms.(18")
Width - 115 cms.(45.6")
Depth - 35.5 cms.(14")

Offers over £55
To arrange a viewing call 01572 812671

'This is a heartfelt thank you to everyone in the village who has been so kind to Lynne and I during Lynne's current illness. Your messages, flowers and treats whilst Lynne was hospital and now at home have really cheered us both. We've really appreciated the thoughtful meals, lifts and other help too. Unfortunately it is a long road to recovery from the pulmonary embolisms and dvt which affect the heart and lungs, but while Lynne is convalescing off work we appreciate all over again being in lovely Exton and all your support. With best wishes and thanks Lynne and Paul (Cundy Jones), Stamford Rd.
Some of you will have read the hopefully not too intrusive, amusing summer email concerning the plight of the lost chicken owned by the Healey family while they were on holiday. YoKo was found thanks to all of you after an adventure or two and Colleen and Dave Laker were diligent in keeping their eye on her. However since the family’s return she does still seem bent on extending her ‘patch’ so if you see her and are concerned – she now has green ink on her feet to help distinguish her. I understand she was a rescued battery hen and has been nursed back to health and is very much a family pet, petted and cared for. Her home address is 2 Stamford End. Unfortunately she does not carry a mobile.

It could only happen in Exton!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal
Yes, it’s that time again. This is a wonderful way to bring joy and demonstrate the love of Jesus to disadvantaged, sick and orphaned children in other countries. To take part pick up a leaflet from Exton, Cottesmore or Greetham churches or contact me. The leaflet explains what to do and gives guidance as to what and what not to include. I will order some flat packed boxes so if all that is holding you back is a shoe box contact me. I will need to have completed boxes by early November and will give a final date in a future edition.

Patricia Hagger
01572 813118
Services in September

10th 11.15 am Morning Prayer

24th 11.15 am Harvest Festival and Holy Communion

(We will be collecting non-perishable foods for our Harvest offerings which will be given to the Oakham Food Bank)

Instead of the service of Sung Matins we are going to try a more ‘user friendly’ Morning Service on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Feedback will be appreciated.

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

Congratulations to the couples who were married in our church in July and August. To Terry Cowling and Tina Bickley, Billy Matthews and Clemmie Charrington, Mark Taylor and Lydia Thompson and Matthew Milani and Harriet Boggust. We wish them all a very happy married life together.

We have welcomed 3 visiting groups to the church in July and August, two of which provided their own speakers and Kit and Judy Swinfen gave a talk to a U3A group from Bourne who were very appreciative.

Sally Miller