RUTLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

RHCPT Cycle Ride
Many thanks to all who supported this event. Those who signed in the 50 people who visited Exton Church and offered refreshments; those who sponsored cyclists (and walkers) and especially everyone who travelled around our lovely county visiting the churches to raise sponsorship money on a very wet Saturday!

In particular, Peter Hitchcox, and his grandson Paul, are to be congratulated for raising money for Exton Church. Please see Peter’s report on the day below.

Grateful thanks – and see you all again in 2 years time!

Bernadette Wallace

Grandson Paul, aged seven and I set off on our cycle ride. Two years ago, when we cycled before Paul was lured by the cakes, biscuits and chocolates offered by the very generous church and chapel hosts and his special certificate from the Trust, and thought it a good idea to try again.
We set off from Greetham, via Cottesmore and then to Exton via the excellent cycle paths. After Whitwell we cycled round Rutland Water (avoiding the thousands of runners) arriving at Empingham. After two stops there we were just passing the 'White Horse' when the heavens opened. A good stopping place for a drink we were kindly offered the lunch menu - but reluctantly explained that we were on the Historic Churches Cycle Ride. Towels were provided to dry our saddles and off we set for Normanton and Edith Weston. Eating our packed lunch there and it has to be said excellent fruit cake, chocolate biscuits etc we missed yet another downpour. Feeling smug we pedalled off to Manton and then around the cycle path to Egleton. This time the clouds did catch us up, and with several claps of thunder we were soon soaked (though we had suitable rainwear) and we headed for the nature Reserve building at Egleton where we were taken pity on by the staff. We were able to dry ourselves, consume yet another chocolate bar, and go upstairs to look out on the reservoir and spot a lot of birds. Then on to Egleton and round to Oakham where we picked up a good number of churches and chapels. We popped into Paul's Dad's place of work where a pizza had been prepared and along with drinks. That I thought would be the end of our cycle ride - but no, Paul said we had forty-five minutes left and we could manage Langham. Off we went around the by-pass at some speed to complete our trip. We then cycled back to Greetham. We visited twenty places of worship.

We were really impressed by the kindness and hospitality of all those taking part, especially the hosts in all the churches and chapels who ensured that we were well fed and watered. It was a wonderful day out. We raised (before Gift Aid, which should add an extra 25%) £835 of which £715 was directed towards your church, St Peter and St Paul. As half goes to the Trust and half towards your church building I would hope that £350+ should be coming your way before too long.

This would not have been possible without your very generous sponsorship and kind support. As a Trustee of RHCPT may I thank you all for your help in keeping our buildings in such good repair and open for all to enjoy.

Peter and Paul Hitchcox
The Parish Council Meeting heard a short presentation by the Locality Youth and Community Development Officer at Rutland County Council at its meeting in October. It is not always easy to reach out to people who need support in so many ways so this was a useful exercise.

Did you know there is a group called ‘TOFU’ – Time Out For Us – this is a support group for young carers in Rutland. I do not know if there is anyone in the village who is in this position or indeed have friends who may be but these young people do such an amazing job. Sometimes sharing can be of such benefit. They have a programme of events just for them to spend time with their peers. Any information can be had from Jules Youth Service, Jules House, 1 Cold Overton Road, Oakham/01572 758301. Or email jules@rutland.gov.uk. There is also a website: raw4youth.com

There are also programmes organised by the Youth Office covering body image, self esteem, career aspirations, protecting your image, internet safety and healthy friendships. 01572 758301

More free support services include: TURNING POINT which engages with young persons perhaps struggling with drug or alcohol issues – 0330 303 6000 or email Annmarie.smyth@turning-point-co.uk or zoe.sheppard@turning-point.co.uk

KOOTH is about safe and anonymous online counselling and support and can be delivered to schools. Tom Robson – 07949818144 or email trobson@xenzone.com

There are also a range of YOUTH CLUBS, and groups which meet weekly on Thursdays 7-11 years 5 pm to 7 pm at Jules House. The leaflets are all too large to display but anybody interested is welcome to collect one from me or use the contact information I have given.

It is a sad situation that for a number of reasons there are people in this supposedly affluent area that need support from the FOODBANK. However this is the case and the volunteers and organisers do a fabulous job in arranging help in this way. If you want to help please either drop something in the collection boxes by way of an item/s from
your groceries at the local supermarkets or contact **Rutland Foodbank Unit 3, 40 Melton Road, Oakham.**
The Parish Council has on behalf of the village donated £100.

The Centrebus RF2 may be subject to delays due to the roadworks being undertaken within Leicestershire and the subsequent need for it to follow a diversion route. They are making every effort to minimise the disruption to passengers and there are notices displayed. It is hoped the roadworks will be finished by December 11th.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS 8TH DECEMBER**

Please make a note in your diary that **Friday 8th December 6 pm** is the evening for the ‘switch on’ of the lights of the Xmas tree of love and remembrance situated by the War Memorial. Contributions to the lights in memory of a loved one should be made to Jo Downton. Last year all the money raised by the Tree of Love was donated by a very small handful of people (less than 15). We are soon going to have to replace lights and can we urge you to please drop a donation into 4 Blacksmiths Lane if you wish to see the continuation of this lovely village tradition. All extra monies raised will be donated to Rutlanders for Rutland - but money collected on the night goes to the school

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

This year the service will be held at Greetham church on Sunday 3 December at 4pm led by Rev’d Marcus. Do come and join us for a fun filled time. There will be a puppet show, singing, refreshments and you can make your own Christingle. The most magical moment will be when all Christingles are lit. There will be a collection for The Children’s Society who do amazing work to help and support children with multiple issues throughout the UK. For information or to offer help please contact Patricia 813118 or Maureen 813061 but more importantly just come and have fun!
CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL... It’s time to finish off your boxes please I need to have them all by 10 November. They can be left at Cottesmore, Greetham or Exton churches or delivered to me at 3 New Field Road, Exton, if I am not in just leave by the front door under the porch or call me and I will collect. If you would like to join in but do not have a box I have some just call me. Patricia 813118

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/ 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)
You are invited to

Leicester’s Hospitals’

Community Conversations

Wednesday November 1st, 1 – 4pm

Gover Centre, Community Hub, Lands' End Way, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6RB

Leicester’s Hospitals are launching a new programme of events which will take our senior staff out across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. This is a chance to meet face to face with the people that run your hospitals. During the event we will be letting you know all about how local healthcare is changing and what this means for our hospitals. Above all, we will be using the opportunity to listen to your thoughts and concerns.

Please come along and join the conversation
Refreshments will be served

There is no need to book a place, but if you would like any further information please contact Karl Mayes, Patient & Public Involvement Manager on karl.mayes@uhl-tr.nhs.uk or telephone on 0116 258 8685
The Best Things Come in Small Packages!

Choosing the right Primary School for your child is a tremendously important decision. At Exton & Greetham CE Primary School we pride ourselves on our focus on individual learning needs and ensuring every child reaches their full potential in a warm, welcoming family environment.

At Exton & Greetham CE Primary we:
- Provide a curriculum that is vibrant and creative
- Provide a positive ethos that ensure that pupils are caring and respectful individuals
- Get to know each child as an individual and cater to individual needs
- Have high expectations and support children to achieve their full potential

The excellent relationships and teamwork between all staff, parents, children and governors make for a positive and welcoming atmosphere. All children are encouraged to develop a positive attitude towards and thirst for learning, and we aim to create experiences that will become life long memories.

The school is currently working in partnership with the Rutland Learning Trust, a local multi-academy trust, and will be joining the Trust formally in the next few weeks. This opens up many wider opportunities to the children, including activities such as the RLT Music Festival and Athletics Festival, both held during June 2017.

To book a visit to the school to see more for yourself, please phone the school office on 01572 812380. Our website is also an excellent place to find out more about the school.

Explore & Grow

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

What do our parents say?

- It is a very friendly environment for the children to learn and develop.
- Staff know the children well individually, so knowing the strengths and weaknesses of the children.
- All the children know each other and look out for each other.
- Any issues are dealt with quickly and with compassion.
Readers may recall in Newsletter 158 there was a scheme suggested by the RCC for those in need of help and those willing to give help within the village. Discussing this with a resident it may be there is a need for some sort of visible structure rather than just relying on ‘word of mouth’, we know in this village neighbours really do assist when they can. It has been suggested a contact list of volunteers could be available via the newsletter - so to see if there is any support for this I am suggesting a formula as below. This would then be regularly inserted as we do the ‘Contacts’ page.

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We already have two volunteers willing to set up - with help - a regular ‘Afternoon Tea’ in the Village Hall, say once a month? Bernadette and
Sally are happy to work on this idea if there is sufficient support. There is a survey leaflet being distributed shortly which would help them see if this is something that would be supported.

Comments to: 01572 812233/811411/812956

EXTON PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

Presentation Buffet

Sunday, 17th September Barnsdale Lodge

Produce Show winners and committee members enjoyed a lively celebration buffet at Barnsdale Lodge.

Twenty five attended, including three of the winners in the Children’s Section. Helen and Martin Maiden of 11 The Brookes did outstandingly well in the Garden competitions: Evelyn Hudson Cup for Best Hanging Basket, 2nd Prize for Best Container, 2nd Prize for Best Small Garden and The Phyllis Trophy for Over the Garden Gate! Ed Heckels stepped in at the last moment as auctioneer and did a great job raising funds for the 2018 Show. Items for the auction included donations from: Hambleton Bakery, Gates Nursery, Tesco, Thomas( Hairdresser), Red India, Barnsdale Lodge Hotel, Land, etc. This was in addition to the items we used for the raffle at the Show, mostly from other local businesses. A great time was had by all, as you can see from the photos.

Thanks to the School for printing the newsletter. Closing date for contributions to the December edition will be 15th DECEMBER

Anyone wishing to read the Newsletter in colour should go to the website exton.org [Paul Taylor is webmaster] Or ensure the Editor has your email address and it will be sent directly.
Mick Bell                                          Robin Beard

John Garner                                                 Martin & Helen Maiden

Just some of the prize winners......
EXTON HARVEST SUPPER Saturday
21st October 2017

Left: Tanya and Anna – joint winners of the Ladies Musical Chairs

Right: Puggy celebrating winning the mens Musical chairs
Enjoying the Supper

One of the most popular musical ‘dances’-

Closing date for contributions to the December edition will be 15th December
Well done Ann Bell and her many helpers for another successful Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. A change in menu this year to superb ham and lovely salads was just the job for a Saturday evening with everyone bringing their own drinks. The hall looked really nice with the pretty bunting and the lights from the dj music set up – Colin’s Music reflecting upon the ceiling.

After the lovely meal the games and dancing was soon on track. Some very ‘close encounters’ with the ‘passing the ball’ game - its a good way to get ‘up close and personal’ with your neighbours - and of course the usual musical chairs is very competitive.

A grand total of £653 was raised for the Church with the profit from ticket sales, auction, raffle and rolling the coin. A superb effort. A huge thank you to all who took part, helped organise, and clear up afterwards and contribute to the table in many ways.

I doubt there are many villages like Exton where such enthusiastic participants enjoy such functions.

The biggest thank you as ever to Ann Bell and June and their fantastic team!

From Ann herself.....The Harvest Supper was held in Exton Village Hall on Saturday 21st October. After the Ploughman Supper we all enjoyed the wonderful puddings kindly made by the Exton ladies followed by dancing to Colin’s Music. £653 was raised for Exton Church. I would like to say a big thank you to all who helped in any way to make this a fun evening.

NEXT YEARS’ DATE SATURDAY OCTOBER 20TH 2018
ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON
Services in November

5th 3pm  A Service of Remembering and Thanksgiving
12th 11.15am  Morning Prayer and an act of Remembrance
26th 11.15am Holy Communion and Baptism

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

On Sunday November 5th at 3pm the Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving in the church will be a simple service to remember those we have loved and to give thanks for all that they have meant to us. We will light candles in their memory. Refreshments afterwards. The pages in the Book of Remembrance are turned each month but if anyone would like it to be open at the page recording a relative’s death, please let me know.

A Service of Remembrance will be held at the Village War Memorial at 11am on Saturday November 11th at which the names of the men from Exton who died in the World Wars will be read out. Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the village, the British Legion and the children.

Thank you to everyone who brought dried food and tins to the Harvest Festival. A large quantity was taken to the Food Bank in Oakham.

Congratulations and love to Katie (Almond) and Zsolt on the birth of their baby daughter Ava Rose. Katie and Zsolt were married in the church last year.

Sally Miller, Churchwarden

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY – Holy Mass Sunday 9 am

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Many thanks to the Brownies, Parents and others who attended our Coffee Evening on 12 October at Cottesmore Community Centre in support of Mencap, Melton Mowbray when almost £300 was raised.

This is to help fund trips out on their Summer Scheme 2018 as this year, due to cuts in funding, they were unable to offer the usual opportunities for the young people who attend their centre. The idea to fund raise for Mencap came from our Young Leader, Rachel, who volunteered on the scheme for 4 days over the summer, and as a Brownie Unit we came together to keep our Brownie Promise to ‘serve our community’ by supporting a local charity.

We are grateful for the many kind donations of raffle prizes provided by businesses in the High Street, Oakham; Fords of Oakham, Rutland Toy & Dance Boutique, The Admiral Hornblower, Albar’s Den, Kavanagh’s Tea Room, Coleman’s, Hambletons (butcher), CoCo, Tails and Whiskers, Portess, Baubles and Bangles and Day Lewis Pharmacy. Also Mrs Lillian Burton. Please remember our local businesses when out shopping!

Bernie Wallace
LADIES CIRCLE - NOVEMBER MEETING:
The Ladies Circle November meeting will take place in Exton Village Hall on Thursday, November 2nd. at 7.30 p.m.
Camilla Saunders, many times winner in flower arranging classes at Chelsea Flower Show, will be demonstrating arrangements with a Christmas theme. These will be raffled at the end of the evening.
Hostesses will be Ann and June. Everyone is welcome.
The competition is for 6 jam tarts.

The crime reported for the North Beat for September is:

Burglary Dwelling  - Langham, Essendine, Cottesmore, 3 x Whissendine
Burglary other     - Hambleton
Theft             - Langham, Whitwell, Ryhall, Cottesmore
Theft from vehicle - Exton, Greetham, 2 x Hambleton
Criminal Damage   - Little Casterton, Langham, Cottesmore

The current beat priority is Rural Crime which includes damage to crops, theft and Hare Coursing. We are working hard with farmers to tackle these issues and we have this month been able to acquire a new ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera for the Rutland vehicle which will help all Rutland officers identify offending vehicles travelling in the Rutland area.

We have been targeted for Burglaries this month and I am looking to arrange Property Marking events in any village on the North Beat. If you are interested in this opportunity please feel free to contact me directly, many thanks.

Laurie
PC 1742 Appleton