Christmas Shoe Box Appeal
Just to let you know, the boxes that were so lovingly packed before Christmas by so many of you were delivered to Libya. Thank you again for your support to this cause..................Patricia Hagger

Pat Brown wishes to thank everybody who has kindly sent cards etc and expressed their sympathy on hearing of the recent death of her husband..

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

POSTAGE STAMP COLLECTION
I would like to thank everyone who gave used Postage Stamps to be donated to Loros, very much appreciated [N.B. there is a box int the Village Hall and another at St Mary’s House].....Ann Bell Tel: 812594
EXTON LADIES CIRCLE 30TH CELEBRATION

Original Chair Camilla Saunders and current Chair June Green cutting the cake

The ladies had a lovely evening at the Jackson Stops, Stretton, Thursday 1st February where a superb meal was presented in such a lovely atmosphere. How wonderful to have the original chairperson Camilla Saunders side by side the current Chair June Green taking the first cut of the special 30th anniversary cake. At the end of the meal a
most amusing talk was presented by local speaker Caroline Aston. There was keen competition with the Table Quiz, 20 questions on a mixed variety of topics, the £5 first prize was won by the speaker of the evening who generously passed it on to the runners up where it was split between Meryl Hart and Margaret Oliver. All in all a lovely evening out with good company and I was delighted to be a guest.

The next meeting of the Ladies Circle is **March 1st with a talk by Paul Stammers about the Rutland Water Osprey project**, the competition is a Limerick – subject ‘Birds and Rutland Water

[Thursday,April 5 th - a talk by David Whitmarsh about the work of the Lodge Trust at Market Overton.]

**All welcome**

Work goes on in the Village Hall, apologies for any disruption to users. Check with Ann Bell or Mark Butterill for progress and bookings.

**EXTON LITTER PICKING PROJECT**

**SATURDAY 17th February**

Many thanks to everyone who joined the litter picking session on the morning of Saturday 17 February.

Around 40 villagers, adults and children, enjoyed the fine weather clearing paths, ditches and roadsides in and around Exton. In only a few hours, around 50 bags of rubbish were collected. Several items identified, too large to fit in the back of a car, were left on the roadside for the Council to collect.

The action day was organised by Edward Heckels on behalf of Exton and Horn Parish Council and supported by Rutland County Council,
which arranged contractors to take the rubbish away and provided litter picking grab sticks, gloves, high visibility tabards and bin liners. Annette Oliver, Clerk to the Parish Council, commented: “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 fast food wrappers, bottles, cans and other rubbish along the road side. The Parish Council were very happy to support the initiative of one of our residents who decided that something needed to be done and delighted by the support from villagers for the action day”.

The beginning.............................................here is Ed’s car park when only half full....A brilliant job by one and all – well done Ed [Editor]

Sunday March 11th 2018 in the UK – Mothering Sunday
EXTON VILLAGE PLAY AREA
For those of you who have complained to the Clerk about the lack of progress with regard to repairs and refurbishment rest assured the Parish Council are working towards this, the weather has not helped of course, but hopefully during the next week or two matters will improve.

EXTON’S PRODUCE SHOW 2018
Planning arrangements for this year’s Show will be starting in earnest next month and already thought is being given to ways in which the Show could be improved and appeal to an even greater number of exhibitors and visitors to the Show itself.

Firstly, the most important date for diaries is the weekend of **10-12 August 2018**. This year, the Village Hall will be prepared on the Friday evening but exhibitors will be invited to submit and set up their displays on the Saturday morning. Judging will take place around Noon, scores collected and processed ready for public viewing and presentation of trophies and prizes on Sunday afternoon.

In response to several requests the organising committee have received following last year’s Show, details of the Village Craft Section will be announced earlier this year, in advance of the distribution of the main schedule nearer the time of the Show. As in previous years, the detailed content of each section of the schedule is adapted to introduce some variety of classes. It is hoped that announcing the detail of the Village Craft Section earlier in the year, it will give more time for exhibitors to plan and prepare entries.

**Section Five of the Schedule for Village Craft Classes will be as follows:**

1. Hand-knitted or crocheted item
2. Hand-made appliquéd item
3. Hand-made felted item
4. Hand-made macramé or origami item
5. Home-made toy—any medium
6. Home-made birthday card—any medium
7. A flower made from another medium e.g. ribbons, paper, sugar paste
8. Hand-painted jam jar
9. Home-made doorstop
10. Home-made woodwork or metalwork
11. A painting, sketch or etching of a Rutland Water scene
12. Photograph taken by exhibitor:
   Subject: “Wildlife” (Standard APS size or 5“ x 7”, not enlarged)
13. Photograph taken by exhibitor:
   Subject: “An Exton Scene” (Standard APS size or 5“ x 7“, not enlarged)

Finally, some of the trophies are thirty or more years old and have been customarily engraved each year with the names of the winners. However, space on some of the trophies is now at a premium and the cost of engraving increases every year, so it has been decided to present the trophies and prizes on the Sunday afternoon and compile a quality album detailing donors of the trophies and prizes and listing the names of all the winners of each since they were originally donated to the Show. Each year the names of the winners will be added to the list and the album will be made available on the Show day and at other times by request. ....................... Stephen Ware

Many thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter

Contributions to the April Newsletter are needed by 20th March

It would be appreciated if not left until the last date to allow time for resetting that already entered - Ed
If you wish to be added to the Exton email circulation list please let me know, or look on line exton.org, so that you may see the newsletter in colour. Thanks to Paul Taylor, webmaster.

In accordance with the Data Protection regulations I can assure those who have opted IN to join the circulation list your personal details are not passed on to others and the information is solely used for the purposes of distributing Exton news. You may withdraw at any time by contacting the Editor

annetteoliver63@gmail.com

GOOD FRIDAY MESSY CHURCH IN COTTESMORE
Friday 30th March (10am – 12pm)
Drop in when you like for as long as you like

Selection of Easter themed crafts

Come along with friends and family of all ages and enjoy finding out about the Holy Week and Easter story through craft activities.

Refreshments served throughout.........................Patricia Hager
We Make Great Memories!

It is always lovely to hear news of old pupils, what they are up to now and what memories they have of Exton & Greetham CE Primary School.

The school pantomimes, nativities, singing and plays are always firm in pupils' memories, but more importantly, so are the friendships and life lessons that they learnt at primary school.

Whilst developing skills in reading, writing and maths, we also want to develop children’s understanding of themselves, their hopes, dreams and aspirations, and the skills they will need to get there, whether these are educational, practical or social.

Some of our old pupils are now at University, some are doing apprenticeships and some are even training to, or hoping to train to be teachers! I wonder what our current pupils will be up to in ten years’ time?

The After School Club decorated this door!

Explore & Grow

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk
Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.
LOOKING FOR A CAT SITTER

Purrfect care when you’re not there

If you’re away on holiday, or just out for the day and don’t want to put your cat in the cattery I’m your answer. I have over 25 years experience of looking after cats, and have 3 cats of my own. Also, for your complete peace of mind while you’re away I can provide you with updates and photographs on WhatsApp to show that your cat is happy and being completely cared for.

Call 07854491335 or email debs.222@hotmail.co.uk
‘T’ FOR TUESDAY MONTHLY T PARTY
It is planned to hold these events on the second Tuesday of the month and the next T party will be on **Tuesday 13 March, 2.30pm – 4pm in Exton Village Hall**. Everyone is most welcome. There is no set charge, we only ask for a small donation towards the cost of the hall hire and refreshments. If you would like a lift please contact Bernadette 812956 or Sally 811411.

We have received money from Round Rutland to help set up this project, for which we are very grateful.

Eight Brownies from 1st Cottesmore Brownie Unit gained their Hostess Badge at the T Party held on 13 February. They provided a lovely selection of refreshments and sang some camp fire songs for entertainment. We thank them and their families for coming along during the half term break to ‘serve the community’ of Exton........................................Bernadette Wallace

The Festive T Party – when we were entertained by the St Nicholas Singers from Cottesmore school.
SPARKLERS TODDLER GROUP

We extend a very warm welcome to families from our group of Churches every Tuesday morning in Cottesmore Church between 9.30 – 11am, and new families are always very welcome too. £1 per family.

We would like to expand our group of helpers and are looking for offers of help with the teas, washing up or craft activities. If you have a heart for reaching out to young families and children please contact Bernadette Wallace 01572 812956/07858484918 or bernie.wallace@btinternet.com

CASSEROLE BY CANDLELIGHT

Was held the evening 17th February in the Village Hall organised by Ann Bell and her amazing team and was as usual an excellent affair. How many villages I wonder are as lucky as Exton to have such gatherings where the community mingle, eat good food, take their own drinks, have an opportunity to chat to their hearts content and HAVE FUN! The delicious meal of beef bourguignon, vet and dauphinoise potatoes [the latter very generously by courtesy of the Jackson Stops and delicious!] was super. Some lovely pud and cheese to follow. John Marshall did a great job with the auction as usual managing to extricate money with lots of humour. As did Steve Boyes collecting money for the raffle. The honours go to the ladies though and a BIG THANK YOU from us all.
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Approximately £800 was raised

Congratulations to all involved

The Auctioneer in action!

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(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)
Please can I bring to your attention the following from Inspector Drummond:

A Fraud MO is being conducted against elderly vulnerable people involving a male caller, described by various victims as having an Indian or foreign accent, contacting the vulnerable person knowing their name, address and bank in order to try to get them to withdraw money from the bank.

Offences have continued across the force with a potential further 14 incidents being called into the Police over the last few weeks. This is likely to be higher in number due to some incidents being reported directly to Action Fraud and others being unreported.

A couple of variations to the method have been observed, these being the victim being persuaded to transfer their money into the suspects bank account and also where the scam initially began as a BT/TalkTalk representative rather than from the Police/bank.

Please can I ask that you share this message as far and wide as you can through your:

1. Local Parish Councils
2. Housing providers
3. Community contacts
4. Adult Social care – specifically those departments dealing with the elderly
5. Any others that you think would benefit from this message

This is to ensure that people are aware of the scam and that they a) don’t become a victim and b) they report the offence to the police.

If you have any queries or concerns please email me.

Thanks

*Jacki Kemp*
Support Administrator 7701
Melton Mowbray/Oakham
Internal: 4270........External: 01162 484270
Services in March

11th 11.15am Mothering Sunday Service with Cathy Dyson

25th  10.30am Palm Sunday Benefice Service at Greetham

29th  7pm Maundy Thursday Benefice service at Thistleton

Weekday Morning Prayer will be said at 9.15am every Wednesday at Malting Barn. Everyone is welcome and the short service is about 15 minutes long. Thank you to the Guides from all over Leicestershire and Rutland who cleaned the church on Saturday Feb. 3rd as part of their Baden-Powell challenge. Thank you to Bernadette for arranging this.

Congratulations to James and Victoria of Malting Yard on the birth of baby Alexander.

Services will carry on as usual now Marcus has left but he will no longer be at the end of a phone. General queries can be directed to the cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com and all others to me at sallyrm24@gmail.com or on 811411

Sally Miller

"For many years our Parish Church has been insured with Ecclesiastical, the insurance company. To mark the 130th anniversary of insuring Anglican churches they are making a ‘thank you offer’ to loyal customers to donate £130 to the church each time our church family (clergy, church workers, volunteers or members of the congregation) take out a home insurance policy before 30 November 2018.

Current home insurance customers have once again ranked the company first ahead of 46 other insurers, in the independent Fairer Finance rankings. The policies are tailored and specially discounted for church workers and volunteers etc."
When a new home insurance policy is taken out by someone quoting 'Trust130' and nominating the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Exton, the company will donate £130 to the Church. There is no limit to the number of donations made to the Church.

A poster is displayed on the Church Notice board. If you would like to know more or obtain a quotation, simply visit www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130 or call 0800 783 0130."

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Sally Miller

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