It is hard to believe we are nearly celebrating Christmas once again, true to say the older we get the faster the time passes by. I hate to mention winter but the Rutland County Council now have a Winter Volunteer Snow Warden scheme planned, too late to publish in our last newsletter, fortunately via the Exton ‘grapevine’ we have one volunteer and that is Peter Healey from 33 Pudding Bag Lane. Peter will have the necessary high viz gear etc and other tools required, should it be needed, plus the back up from the RCC for his role. The Parish Council are grateful for this neighbourly spirit and hope he will get support if needed. ......[see page 7 for details of the scheme].

ARMISTICE DAY REMEMBRANCE 100 YEARS
There was an excellent turnout at the War Memorial on Friday 9th November where Cathy Dyson took the service. The older pupils from the school represented the younger generation and read beautifull original poems and laid a wreath. Ann Sommerville stood on the footpath with her little dog – as she said – representing the animals that were lost in their thousands too in the conflict. The purple poppies represent the millions of horses, dogs and pigeons who died. This year the whole country has highlighted the Armistice weekend in a much more unified manner. The horseshoe with three ceramic poppies on the memorial was presented to the Parish of Exton at the ceremony in Oakham Castle and received on our behalf by Chair of the Parish Council, Derek Palmer. Derek also kindly arranged the red illumination of the war memorial at the behest of the Parish Council. The Exton Church bells were rung by the local group on Sunday 11th during the morning adding to the poignancy of the occasion. I think everyone agrees how nice it is to see the red poppies on the lamp posts following the road all through the village, in common with other villages - just a thought – Derek Palmer puts them up and takes them down – am sure he would appreciate a bit of help?
Remembrance

We have been working hard on our writing this term. Below are some of the poems written by our older children, which were shared at the Exton War Memorial Act of Remembrance on 9th November.

**In November, We Remember**

One bullet from a young
Serbian’s gun
Triggered the spark for World
War One.
How did one shot prove so lethal
As to kill 17 million people?
How could this war spill so much
blood?
It all began in August 1914
As the trenches were dug in
France
And the war took its toll.
On the ground, in the air and at
sea.
My ancestors fought during the
war
One of them was a famous pilot
But that doesn’t mean I can’t
remember
Those other innocent souls who
gave their lives
For King and country.
100 years hence we remember
Remember, remember every
November.

**In November, We Remember**

In November, we remember
All of those who sacrificed their
lives for us.
In fields poppies grow,
Between the crosses row on
row,
We remember the dead and
alive,
Here we lie.

From falling hands
We shall not sleep,
In the deep,
Let sunset glow,
Short days ago.

Inch by inch,
Row on row,
Never forget,
Always remember,
Every November.

*Leighton*

100 years hence we remember
Remember, remember every
November.

*Daniel*

School website: [www.extonschool.co.uk](http://www.extonschool.co.uk)

Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.
WEEKLY PRIZES

Enter the Paw Draw weekly lottery and have the opportunity to win one of fourteen prizes up to £600 – every week.

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SUPER DRAW PRIZES

Four times a year lottery players will be automatically entered into a super draw with the opportunity to win:

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HOW TO ENTER

Players must be over the age of 18 years.

For more information on the Paw Draw weekly lottery, please email fundraising@battersea.org.uk.
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 23 February 2019**.

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 a number of “routes” around the village to pick up litter. 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 23 February 2019.**
FIREWORKS some love them others NOT. I have been asked to remind those party lovers who use these celebratory symbols to have a care in a number of ways. Setting them off near to those with pets or elderly residents can be very distressing and I am sure many of us will have seen the distressful photos on social media of the horse and cattle dead in fields after frightening bangs; in some cases, fireworks have been lit deliberately close to them with fatal results. There is also the resulting debris found in gardens and roads – please check your surrounds and ensure you are not the guilty party.

'T' for Tuesday is the monthly community Tea Party held in Exton Village Hall on the second Tuesday of the month. The aim is to bring people together for a chat over a cuppa and lovely home-made cake. There is no set charge, we only ask for a small donation towards the cost of the hall hire and refreshments. We would love to see a few more of our friends and neighbours there. If transport is a problem and you would like a lift please contact Sally Miller 01572811411 or Bernadette Wallace 01572812956/07858484918.

The next occasion is Tuesday 11 December. Please pop along anytime between 2.30pm and 4pm.

Sadly this year we will not have a Tree of Love and Remembrance- there are a number of reasons why this is the case but hopefully this will not be the end of this beautiful way of remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us. Thanks to all for your lovely kind support. Best wishes to all Jo Downton. … [SEE PAGE 16]
AUTHOR AND RADIO PRESENTER SAYEH STONE LIVING IN EXTON, NOW HAS HER SECOND BOOK OUT AND ...IT'S A SPECIAL ONE FOR CHRISTMAS!

Snotty Santa is a festive fun rhyming story about how Santa delivers those presents to you all in one night, without being heard or seen, even with lots of snot and sneezing! With fun illustrations, this book isn't just for children, but for adults too! Also, includes a little game at the end! The Snotty Santa audio book is also available for £3.50.

To purchase a book  email sayeh.stone@outlook.com OR call 07435318243
It will be £6.99 with £2 from every sale going to the Church/Village Hall in Exton - and I'll sign, personalise and deliver the books.
WINTER SERVICE – SELF HELP
• The public are encouraged to assist with snow clearing activities, and the DfT advice on how they can assist their communities can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/clear-snow-road-pathcycleway
  • When you clear snow and ice:
    • do it early in the day - it’s easier to move fresh, loose snow
    • don’t use water - it might refreeze and turn to black ice
    • use salt if possible - it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (but don’t use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear)
    • you can use ash and sand if you don’t have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot
    • pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help

WINTER – GRIT BINS - Over 240 grit bins throughout the County
• Requests for new grit bins will be assessed in line with the Policy
• New grit bins will not be provided if:
  • The proposed location is on a current treatment route
  • The proposed location is within 200m of an existing grit bin
• RCC will install grit bins
• Parishes are responsible for the cost of installation and replacement
  • Grit bins will be checked annually and refilled before the start of the winter season.
  • Grit bins will be filled for free at the start of the winter season. Parishes will receive one further free re-fill. Additional re-fills will be charged at the rate shown in the schedule of Approved Fees and Charges
• Requests for re-fills should be made by the Parish Council
  • We will endeavour to re-fill empty grit bins within 5 working days of the request being received; as an authority our aim is to assist Parish and Town councils to keep their communities safe.
WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Check out your booklet re the collection dates in case of amendments affecting you over the Christmas period. Christmas and New Year 2018/19 Monday 31st December No change. During Jan, Feb, green bin collections become less frequent – so please check your collection calendar. It would appear that Exton does not have them emptied 14th December, 7th January, 4th February if I have interpreted it correctly. [Ed]

Christmas Box Appeal

I am very pleased to report that I received a total of 66 boxes plus £40 in cash towards transport costs. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed and I am sure that these and all the other boxes will bring great joy to many children............Patricia Hagger

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS

Sunday evenings 7 pm
In the Village Hall
Old and new members welcome for a fun evening
Enquiries: Tel : 01572 813148/813413/812480
VILLAGERS FOR EXTON CHURCH

Officers:
Annie Lea Chairman,
Annette Oliver, Secretary, Christine Smith Treasurer,
Sally Miller Committee:
Annette and Chris wish to retire, therefore VFEC would very much welcome two non regular churchgoing volunteers to take their places.
If you are interested please apply to Annette Oliver, annetteoliver63@gmail.com, 20 Stamford Road, Exton, Tel 01572 812233 or Annie Lea, 5 Stamford Road, Tel 01572 813446.

[See November Newsletter]

YELLOW PAGES – Did you receive your copy? I cannot remember the last time one came through my letterbox. Then in the evening [19th November] I received a telephone call asking me if I had received it – when I expressed surprise at its arrival – the lady caller advised ‘well it’s the last one’ – it actually says ‘last edition’ on it. Do we have an Antiques Roadshow item on our hands??? [Ed]
VILLAGE HALL FILM NIGHT SPECTACULAR
SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 7.30pm!

Come & join us for a viewing of the new Mamma Mia movie.

Popcorn & snacks available, bring your favourite tipple and get ready for a fun filled evening!

Get your best glam kit or Greek island holiday togs on and rediscover the summer - there'll be a prize for the best Benny and Agnetha!

All proceeds over the video license fee will go to village hall improvement funds.

Entry is £5 per person, tickets in advance please - to order just message the Hall's Facebook page or email markbutterill@gmail.com.
My grateful thanks to the School for printing the newsletter. This is very time consuming and yet Lyn, who is responsible, finds time in her busy working day to fit it in as soon as she possibly can to make the turn around as speedy as possible. Thanks to Dan Howison who then takes the printed version to the various kind souls who drop it through your letterbox. I know some put it straight in the bin – but I am told many appreciate having the printed word keeping them in touch with village events.

**Deadline for contributions to the February Newsletter [no January edition] is 20th JANUARY 2019**

Email to [annetteoliver63@gmail.com](mailto:annetteoliver63@gmail.com)

To see the news in colour – add your name to the mailing list or go ‘on line’ to the village website managed by Paul Taylor – [www.exton.org](http://www.exton.org).
OBITUARY

It is with great sadness I report the loss of Jane Mills, Top Street, wife of Mick, who slipped away early morning 19th November while in hospital. Jane was a lovely lady and many in the village knew her a lot longer and better than I. Always willing to help, support village events, baking, etc. with such kindness and a good sense of humour. The Produce Show, Harvest Supper and other events will not be the same without her. She will be missed.

Jane was a much loved wife, mother and grandmother and our thoughts are with the family at this sad time.
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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 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 Debbie on 07854491355

SIMPLY SEWING RUTLAND - THE RUTLAND PET SITTER

For all your Sewing needs from Alterations to Making bedding, curtains, clothing, toys and more. amanda_bills@hotmail.com or 07877 605415

Your local Pet Sitter for all animals of all shapes and sizes. In my home or yours. amanda_bills@hotmail.com or 07877 605415

THE RUTLAND ACCOUNTANT

- Self Assessment time is approaching, need help with your bookkeeping or just completing the tax return. Please contact me. I also do Bookkeeping, Management Accounts, VAT returns, Payroll and more. amanda_bills@hotmail.com or 07877 605415

DANCE PASSION

I.D.T.A Registered Dance Teacher Emma Walkland is currently running Adult Latin/Salsa and Rock `n`Roll classes in our lovely village hall on Monday evenings.

Beginners Adult Rock`n`Roll 7pm-7.30pm £4.00 pp.
Beginners Adult Strictly Latin and Salsa 7.30pm-8.30pm £6pp or £10 a couple - learning Mambo, Salsa, Merengue, Cha Cha, Rumba, Jive and Samba and I welcome any new faces to come along and give it a go.

For more information contact Emma on 07505 145679
email emzdancer@hotmail.com
ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

Services in December
9\textsuperscript{th}  11.15am Morning Service
16\textsuperscript{th}  3pm Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
23\textsuperscript{rd}  11.15am Holy Communion
   3.30pm Cottesmore Pony Club Carol Service. Everyone is warmly welcome to this Carol Service and especially those who may have had any contact with the Pony Club in previous years.
25\textsuperscript{th}  11.15am Christmas Day Communion
30\textsuperscript{th}  10.30am Benefice Service at Greetham

Services in January
13\textsuperscript{th}  11.15am Morning Service
26\textsuperscript{th}  (Saturday) 3pm Cottesmore. Institution and Induction of Rev Anthony Oram
27\textsuperscript{th}  10.30am Benefice Service at Cottesmore conducted by our new Rector, Rev Anthony Oram
At his baptism service on October 28th we welcomed Harvey James Wallace, great grandson of Bernadette and Mark, into the fellowship of the church. Thank you to everyone who attended the recent concert in the church to celebrate the completion of the ‘refreshment rooms’. Terpsichore provided us with a wonderful afternoon of music. The retiring collection of £300 has been sent to the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust who have been very generous to our church over the years.

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, Churchwarden

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY Holy Mass Sunday 9 am
Christmas Day Mass 9 am
[in the case of inclement weather i.e. ice or snow there will be no service at Exton but there will be Mass at St Joseph’s in Oakham at 9 am in addition to the regular times there ]
May I wish all our readers a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and for those who have lost loved ones or who are going through the stress of illness, hospital visits etc either for themselves or friends or family, our thoughts are with you.

This is a good time to add thanks for those lucky enough to live in Exton where you can guarantee a helping hand in times of need. [Ed]

As there is no Tree of Remembrance this year, Exton & Greetham Primary School would like to invite you to join them at their annual carols around the Tree in the school hall at 6pm on 7th December. All are welcome.