VOTING RE STREET LIGHTS
The survey conducted by the Exton and Horn Parish Council after a resident suggested the street lights should be switched off at midnight as a contribution to a better environment, consideration of wildlife, energy saving, etc. has now closed.

Results: Yes 21…………..No 31
The vote is somewhat overwhelming with the majority wishing the lights to remain as they are, i.e. on at night which was a NO vote. There will therefore be no approach made to the RCC to change the settings. Many thanks to those who took the trouble to take part as the Parish Council are here to act on behalf of the community.

EXTON LADIES CIRCLE
The Exton Ladies Circle closes its doors after 31 years – mainly due to lack of support and expensive speakers.
Chris Wallace says she has enjoyed every moment of it but now is the right time to finish.
Camilla Saunders started this circle as Chair 31 years ago and Chris as Secretary with the late Margaret Secker as Treasurer. There were two other chairs – Wendy Brand and Doris Batty but currently June Green is Chairlady and Sandra Wadkin is Treasurer. Both have done a fantastic job as has Ann Bell who was Competition Secretary.
The remaining funds will be split between two projects in the village, 1] seeds for the Spinney and 2] a padded bench seat for the bench seat just inside the village hall, and two charities, Air Ambulance and Cancer Research. Thanks to all who have supported us over the years. The ladies met up for dinner on Thursday 28th February 2019 to finalise matters.

Thanks Chris Wallace

It is such a shame to see a village activity closing down as the group have given many hours of entertainment to many ladies over the years. I have had the pleasure of attending some meetings and run quizzes for the ladies and I am aware how difficult it has been for them to continue. It is a sign of the current times, hobbies, leisure pursuits have changed and groups such as this are no longer supported.

On behalf of everybody in Exton I would like to say a big thank you to all who have over the years given up their time and effort to run the Ladies Circle and assure them that their contribution to the history of the village will not be forgotten..........Ed

Andrew Osborne, Master of Foxhounds for Cottesmore Hunt wishes to apologise via the Exton and Horn Parish Council to anyone inconvenienced in any way when on Tuesday 5th March the hounds appeared to run amok through the village. The hunt met at Empingham but the trail sent them through the unplanned Exton detour causing temporary confusion. I believe some residents were upset and though hunt members did apologise to some on the day should anybody feel that damage has been done to their garden/property then they will do their best to remedy this. Just either contact the Hunt directly or via myself and I will pass on the message. The Hunt originally started in this village around 353 years ago.

T FOR TUESDAY

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 9 April in Exton Village Hall. Please pop along any time between 2.30 and 4pm for a cuppa, home-made cake and a chat!

If transport is a problem and you would like a lift please call Bernadette 01572 812956. We look forward to seeing you there.....Bernadette
VILLAGERS FOR EXTON CHURCH FUND [VFEC]
Minutes OPEN MEETING 20th MARCH 2019
7.30 pm Village Hall, Exton

Discussion regarding closure of the VFEC account

Present: Annie Lea [Chair], Sally Miller [committee] , Chris Smith [Treas] and Annette Oliver [Sec]. Apologies: Ann Bell. **No members of the public attended, the VFEC committee therefore proceeded with the closing of the VFEC fund.**

See following report:

**VFEC Formed 18th September 2012**

Ed and Sally Miller, Annie Lea, Annette Oliver – formed committee organisers,

**Nat West Business Current Account Sort Code 01 06 34 : Account No 45374279**

The Committee of VFEC at a meeting 20th March 2019 have agreed to close the Villagers For Exton Church Fund account after the remaining funds have been passed to the Exton Parochial Church Council. The VFEC Committee are grateful for the support from the villagers in Exton who have prevented the closure of St Peter & St Paul church, at least for the time being, by their generous support of the various VFEC events. Many still regularly donate directly to the Church.

It is appreciated that we cannot anticipate the long term future of the building but with the funding provided by VFEC at a very critical time in the history of the Church, a crisis was averted. In addition the Parochial Church Council have obtained funding from other sources. The wc facilities now in place have been greatly appreciated by those using the Church for weddings and other functions.

The originators of VFEC – Annie Lea, Sally Miller, Ed Miller [now deceased] and Annette Oliver, who were joined more recently by Chris Smith as Treasurer, feel their job is done. We understand the Church appears to be in a sounder financial position at the moment; donations may still be made directly to the Church.

We wish the Parochial Church Council well with any future plans.

*Thank you for your support.*

**Details below of VFEC finances and their management:** Purchase of 200 pens to start off fund raising - cost split between the ‘committee’:

**VFEC INCOME from:** Individual donations, Smartie tubes, Pollyanna Pickering lecture and lunch, Wine tasting, Cottage Garden tour [Produce Show], 50 over 50s Tea Party at Fort Henry House, Church lecture and tea, Art class, Pilates, Extonbury, Exton Recipe Book, Remembrance Xmas tree, 4 years x Exton Days, Lent Lunches, Easter Lillies, Casserole by Candlelight/Fairylights, Garage Sale

**AMOUNTS PAID TO PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL :**
Quinquennial inspection and insurance £1700, Church Loan paid off £1800, Platform flooring £6135.20, Replacement Windows £4229.67, Plates for Servery £40

**Currently £12389.38. in VFEC TO BE PAID BY CHEQUE AS A DONATION TO EXTON PAROCHIAL COUNCIL[ minus cost of hall letting]and to be ring fenced by them for maintenance expenditure only within St Peter & St Paul church**
COUNTY AND PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS

THURSDAY MAY 2ND 2019

Polling station: Village Hall Exton

Members of the public who wish to stand for election should be aware that NOMINATION packs are available from the Rutland County Council offices in Oakham

To arrange a convenient time to collect Tel:01572 720907/758385

ALTERNATIVELY

A limited supply are with the Parish Clerk in Exton at 20 Stamford Road Tel: 01572 812233

Completed applications need to be returned BY HAND to the Returning Officer, Catmose, Oakham, between 10 am and 4 pm but no later than 4 pm 3rd April.

[***Do not return to Parish Clerk***]
“I lost the sight in my eye because when I fell over, a little bit of doggy poop was on my hand. I only wiped my eye a little bit...”

BAG IT AND BIN IT
or face a £1000 FINE

Please take your animals poo with you, or drop it in one of the bins provided.
Do you really want to cause this to a child?

The Bankfield's Residents Association
What a fun night in Exton Village Hall was had on Saturday 23rd February. Beautiful casseroles and puddings cooked by ladies of the village. I really must thank them as without their help I could not cope. After the meal we held the grand auction which was great fun with Jon and his fun comments. Thank you Jon. The whole evening raised a grand total of £1000 for VFEC plus £100 used for the purchase of hot boxes and other dishes for future mass catering. Also thanks for all who came and supported the evening.

Ann Bell
FOUND IN EXTON......the silver Links bracelet below has been found in the village and is now in my possession. If you think it is yours please give me a ring and say where you think it may have been found, it would be nice to reunite with the owner .............

Annette 01572 812233

EASTER LILLIES

Anyone wishing to donate towards Easter Lillies in Exton Church in memory of loved ones please contact ...Ann Bell Tel 01572 812594.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO LISTEN TO CHILDREN READ IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Can you spare an hour or two a week to listen to children read in a local primary school? Schoolreaders is looking for more volunteers in Leicestershire to carry out this important role.

Reading time for many children at home and at school is often insufficient and according to Government statistics, one in four children are now leaving primary school unable to read to the expected standard. This can have a lifelong consequence.

Schoolreaders is flexible and aims to match your availability to an appropriate, local school. No qualifications are necessary, just a good command of spoken and written English and a commitment of one year is requested. Our volunteers find the scheme incredibly rewarding, knowing that a few hours helping a child learn to read each week can have such a great impact on their life chances.

Please visit the website www.schoolreaders.org to join or call 01234 924111 for further information.

[N.B. volunteers will need DBS clearance...........Ed]
FILM NIGHT!

Our next presentation on **Saturday 27 April** is the Oscar winning Bohemian Rhapsody, followed by a showing of Queen's 1985 Live Aid set, perhaps Freddie Mercury's finest hour. Doors open at 7.30, screening from 8.00pm.

As usual please bring your own drinks, we will have popcorn & a selection of sweets to buy. Tickets cost just £5 per person, available via Messenger to the hall's Facebook page, by email to markbutterill@gmail.com or by phone to Mark on 07710 459655.

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**THE SPINNEY**... The area is looking very tidy now and should anyone wish to donate any spring bulbs, or have any spare trees or plants from their gardens that would be suitable to keep the ‘natural’ appearance then please speak to David Healey. It is the intention to keep this area easy to maintain with just occasional strimming so formal planting would not be in keeping. The Exton Ladies Circle has donated £55 from their ‘closing down’ funds to the project for wild flower or grass seeds which is much appreciated by the Exton & Horn Parish Council. Thank you ladies. .....
FOR SALE – NEW

Julian Bowen Maine Grey Double Bed
WxDxH - 149cm x 200cm x 110cm

2 x beds as picture
FLAT PACKED SELF ASSEMBLY [never unpacked]
COLLECTION EXTON
£140 each

ALSO

1 x Vintage Gabbeh pure wool rug 12ft x 9ft
- no picture unfortunately as it is rolled and stored—Very heavy – Collection required – Price : offers over £400

Tel : 07747618424
[leave message if no reply]
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY APRIL 25TH AT 7.45PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

Everyone on the Church Electoral Roll is invited to attend. The meeting appoints the Churchwardens followed by reports on the accounts and fabric of the church and the election of PCC members and sidesmen.

(The Church Electoral Roll has to be completely revised this year so even if your name is already on it a new form has to be completed. Any regular church attender is entitled to be on the Roll. Forms can be obtained either from Sally or from the pew near the church entrance). [Tel 811411]

PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY MAY 8th

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN THE EXTON VILLAGE HALL.

ORGANISERS OF EXTON GROUPS ARE WELCOME TO SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE PARISH CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING

This is the first meeting of the newly elected Exton and Horn Parish Council
Ospreys...

We are lucky to live so close to Rutland Water and to have such a rich resource on our doorstep. This morning we welcomed three people from Rutland Water who came to tell us all about the Ospreys. We enjoyed learning about the Ospreys, how they live and grow, and watching clips of them fishing. Cobalt class will be visiting the nature reserve later this year to hopefully see some chicks live in their nests. Did you know an osprey’s wingspan is bigger than a child’s arm span?!

A huge thank you...

to the members of the local community who collected money at Christmas towards new bikes for our youngest children. We would also like to thank the very generous anonymous donor who dropped a cheque into the school towards this project. Here is our first new bike (and a new wheelbarrow!) in use!

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk

Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.
Thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter.

Please note that you may receive Newsletters by email earlier than hard copy and of course in colour. Contact Editor 01572 812233. The Newsletters are on the Village website exton.org, thanks to Paul Taylor, webmaster, as are other News items. Contributions for May Newsletter must be received by Editor no later than 20th April. annetteoliver63@gmail.com or by hand to 20 Stamford Road.

SEE BELOW EXTRACT FROM ‘COUNTRYSIDE’ APRIL 2019 CONTRIBUTED BY MARIAN FOERS
Services in April

9\textsuperscript{th}  
11.15am Exton School Easter service

14\textsuperscript{th}  
11.15am Palm Sunday Service

18\textsuperscript{th}  
7pm Maundy Thursday Service at Thistleton

21\textsuperscript{st}  
11.15am Easter Day Holy Communion

28\textsuperscript{th}  
11.15am Holy Communion

From the beginning of April Morning Prayer will be held at the church each Wednesday morning at 9.15am. This is a short service to which all are welcome.

Baby Alice Sibree was baptised on Sunday March 3\textsuperscript{rd}. Thankfully she smiled and gurgled throughout the service. Her parents Andrew and Zoe were married in Exton church two years ago.

Andrew Waltho (originally from Exton) and Louise Ling were married in Exton Church on Saturday March 23\textsuperscript{rd}. We wish them and their family much happiness.

General queries can be directed to the \texttt{cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com} or to me at \texttt{sallyrm24@gmail.com} or on 811411.

\textit{Sally Miller, Churchwarden}

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY  Holy Mass

Sunday 9 am
Exton Produce and Craft Show 2019

The date for diaries is the weekend of 10th - 11th August 2019. As for 2018, the Village Hall will be prepared on the Friday evening and competitors 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 Show Day**.

We hope that by 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 5 - VILLAGE CRAFTS**

63. Any hand knitted or crocheted item
64. Any sewn item by hand or machine
65. An item made using felt (can even be fuzzy felt)
66. **NEW** Graphics: Using a computer design a book cover entitled
67. ‘Weird Happenings in Exton’ by E. Nuff
68. A hand-made toy - any medium
69. A hand-made Greetings card
70. A flower made from any medium eg: Paper, ribbons, or sugar paste
71. Any object made from anything other than wood or metal eg: rope, stone, pottery
72. A painting, sketch or etching: ‘Still Life of Fruit or Veg’ (or both) - any medium
73. An ‘Abstract painting’ - any medium
74. A photograph taken by exhibitor: ‘Door’ or ‘Doors’*
75. A photograph taken by exhibitor ‘Sunrise or Sunset’*

    Standard APS size or 5”x 7”.
76. Cross stitch

**Cups Awarded in this Section**

**The Craft Shield**: Section Winner

**The Jubilee Cup**: Best exhibit in this section

**The Margaret Lambert Salver**: Cross stitch

**The Dan Drinkall Salver**: Best woodwork or metalwork

**The Swinfen Trophy**: Best Painting

**Other Trophies**

**The Viking Trophy**: The Best of the 5 Sections winning exhibits at the show will be voted for by those attending.

**The John Forster Memorial Bowl**: Presented to the Overall Show Winner