The children from the Exton and Greetham C E Primary school will be singing carols around the Christmas tree in the village at **6 pm on Friday 6th December** and everybody is welcome to join them. Should the weather be too inclement they will adjourn to the warmth of the school hall. Any donations will contribute to new cycles for the children at the school.

A very touching short Remembrance service led by Cathy Dyson took place at the War Memorial at 11 am on 11th November with seventeen children from the school in attendance, four of whom read aloud beautiful poems written by themselves. Thanks to Nicholas, Evie, Leighton and Harvey. The ceremony was very well attended. It was pouring with rain and comments were made that there was no comparison to the conditions for the serving soldiers 100 years ago. These days ‘busy lives’ means some people find they do not ‘have time’ to stop their schedules for the two minutes silence at 11 am but while this may be the case it could be considered very thoughtless to accelerate driving past a local service with accompanying engine noise.
WE REMEMBER

This day, we remember,
Those who fought,
Those who fell,
So we may be free forever.

Thank you for your bravery,
Those who shielded,
Those who defended,
So their past could give our future.

This day we remember,
Those who sacrificed,
Those who lost their loved ones,
We honour you and respect you for all that you’ve done.

Thank you for the courage for all you did,
Even though you didn’t have all that you should
Like equipment, gas masks and warm clothes.

This day we remember, and thank you for your fight.

Lest we forget

This day we remember,
All of those who fought,
All of those who risked their lives,
Lest we forget.

This day we remember,
For those have memories,
For fighting for our country,
Lest we forget.

This day we remember,
Those who didn’t give up,
Those who shielded our country,
Lest we forget.
The Minutes of the Bus Users Group held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 are on line. www.rutland.gov.uk/my-community/transport/bus-users-group

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ADVENT WINDOW TRAIL
December 1st to 24th 2019

Below are the dates in December and the order that the trail will follow; thank you to everybody for taking part and we hope the trail of lighted windows will give a great deal of pleasure to everyone in the village who follow it.

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME

The Parish Council are requested to inform the RCC of any interest in conducting a Community Speed Watch in the parish. This is a scheme that enables trained volunteers to monitor speeds of vehicles within a given area. The data can then be shared with the police and the authority to take action where appropriate.

A group of minimum 4 volunteers is needed, with three working at any one time. The areas of concern need to be identified in the 30–40 mph zones. Though possibly 20 mph may be useful. The police do not enforce these zones however. If there is sufficient interest the Parish Council is required to minute the resolution and liaise with the Rutland County Council regarding loaning equipment and a timetable etc. etc. The RCC provide the necessary training.

If anyone is interested in more details then please contact the Clerk [812233]. All expressions of interest have to be with the RCC by 2nd December so sorry this is quite short notice.

TRAVELLING CRIB SET – ADVENT 2019

Our knitted Nativity set is all set to go on its travels around the village in the run up to Christmas. If you would like to give shelter to the Holy Family for one night (or more) during December please do get in touch. Equally if the idea is new to you and you like more information about this wonderful project please do get in touch with me.

Bernadette Wallace 18 Vicars Close, Exton.
01572812956/07858484918 bernie.wallace@btinternet.com
Festive ‘T’ for Tuesday

A warm welcome awaits you at the Community Festive T Party
On
Tuesday 10 December
2.30pm – 4pm
Exton Village Hall
Mince pies and seasonal refreshments will be served with Christmas Entertainment!

Open to people of all ages – please come along and bring a friend (or 2)!
(No set charge – a small donation to cover expenses please)
If you would like a lift please contact Bernadette 01572 812956 or Sally 01572 811411

[Date for January ‘T’ party is Tuesday 14th January].

Hello all - Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you so much to all who contributed. I received 30 boxes which are now on the next stage of their journey and donations of £60. For those who do not receive an email advising where our boxes have gone I will include a message in the various newsletters as soon as I know. Happy Christmas to you all.

Patricia Hagger
LET'S FORGET IT'S WINTER

WITH THE EXTONES!

Exton Village Hall Saturday 18 January 7.30pm

It’s a fundraiser to forget the winter.

Remember the barbecues last summer? Let’s have one!

Fab food from Farmer Lou, our usual fantastic raffle and the best in rock and pop from The Exttones, featuring the debut of our fabulous new singer Kyle!

Tickets £10 per person from as usual Mark Butterill or Kevin Mathers.
SHORT MAT INDOOR BOWLS – EXTON
NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN SUNDAY EVENINGS
7 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

No previous experience necessary and no equipment. Just bring flat soft shoes with you and your enthusiasm! Bowls is a fun game, especially in Exton! If you really take to it then there is the opportunity to bowl outdoors locally in the area in the summer months. Give it a go!
All enquiries to David 813413 or Bryan 813148.

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 22 February 2020**. **Anyone who wants to volunteer to keep Exton clean should report 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 edward.heckels@gmail.com - or just turn up.
**We look forward to seeing you from 9.30am on Saturday 22 February.**
Christmas Traditions

As we move through November, the children begin to get excited about the traditional events of Christmas in our Primary School. Our younger children begin to rehearse their nativity, whilst the older children begin to learn their lines for their pantomime - oh yes they do! One of the lovely things about being a small primary school is that every child gets a role on stage and, for our older children, every child has lines to say. The nativity and pantomime performances are a firm part of our Christmas traditions here at Exton, and something the whole community looks forward to.

Another tradition is our ‘Christmas in a Day’, where we aim to recreate the magic of Christmas Day during a school day. This begins with a visit to church (Exton and Greetham churches in alternate years – this year it is Exton). People from the local community are welcome to join us at 9.30am on Thursday 19th December at Exton Church. The children then go back to school to take part in Christmas activities, before sharing Christmas dinner. After dinner there is time for a few party games before the arrival of Father Christmas (if we’ve all been good). The day is rounded off with a disco provided by FOEGS – the Friends of Exton & Greetham School.

Christmas is always magical in a primary school. As well as remembering why Christians celebrate, it is also a time for us to come together as a school family to enjoy friendship together.

We hope to see many people in the local community over the next few weeks in person, but would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk
Phone: 01572 812380 if you would like to arrange a visit.
Wanted!
After School Club Assistant

The Headteacher and Governors of Exton and Greetham CE Primary School are seeking to appoint an After School Club Assistant. This is an exciting opportunity to work with children in a forward thinking, friendly and caring school. The starting date for the position is Monday 6th January 2020 but can be delayed for the right candidate.

**Hours:** 3.20pm-5.45pm (11.55 hours per week)
**Salary:** £9.00 per hour (pro rata) term time only

This post may be suitable for job shares.

The successful candidate will be required to work together with the After School Club Manager to provide a warm, welcoming, caring and stimulating wrap around care environment in line with the ethos of the school.

**Applicants will have:**
- An understanding of good quality childcare
- Ability to provide safe and creative play opportunities
- An ability to be cooperative and able to work effectively as part of a team
- A desire to innovate and achieve success for themselves and others
- A commitment to equal opportunities

There is also the additional opportunity to work in our Breakfast Club. All applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

For an application pack and job description, please contact the school office on 01572 812380 or email extonoffice@rltschools.com. Visits to the school are encouraged.

**CLOSING DATE:** 12 noon Friday 6th December
**START DATE:** Monday 6th January 2020 (or asap after this date)
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**Parish Council Meetings** 4\(^{th}\) December, 5\(^{th}\) February [none in January]
No Green bin collection 16\(^{th}\) Dec to 17\(^{th}\) Jan nor 3\(^{rd}\) Feb to 14\(^{th}\) Feb
ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

Services in December
8th  11.15am  Morning Service
19th  9.30am  Exton School Carol Service
22nd  3pm  Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies
23rd  4pm  Cottesmore Pony Club Carol Service
25th  10.30am  Christmas Day Holy Communion
29th  10.30am  Benefice Communion at Greetham Church

All the above services are for everyone to enjoy.
Please note the various times of these services

Services in January
12th  11.15am  Morning Service
26th  11.15am  Holy Communion

Morning Prayer will be held at Malting Barn each Wednesday morning at 9.15am, except Christmas Week.

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

Sally Miller, Churchwarden

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Holy Mass  Christmas Day 9 am

Holy Mass  Sunday 9 am
CONGRATULATIONS!!
From us all
to
John and Margaret Bell
[Pudding Bag Lane]
Celebrating their Diamond Wedding
19th December 2019
A very happy, healthy, Christmas and New Year to all,

Thank you for your contributions to the Newsletter throughout the year

**Remember no January Newsletter**

Contributions for **February** no later than 7th January please, [Ed]

[Exton School reopens 6th January and closes 14th February]