COVID 19

As I write this Christmas edition we are in a second Lockdown and the rules are due to be revisited early December, but with no Government firm decisions as to the way forward and in particular how Christmas holidays will be affected. Since Covid 19 arrived life has proved difficult for everybody. The village has had its victims of the disease but fortunately, as far as we know, no fatalities. It is a time for vigilance and for ‘not bending the rules’. Indeed this time around there are heavy fines for those not compliant. Facemasks are the norm, we all walk a distance from each other and giving someone a hug whether in sadness or joy is a forgotten memory. The light on the horizon is the announcement regarding the vaccine but many predict some lifestyle changes for all of us for a while yet. The Village Community Lifeline during the first Lockdown has been revived and while we appreciate the residents are really brilliant at helping out neighbours it is important that everybody knows there is help if you do need it, just give me a call on 812233 or email annetteoliver63@gmail.com. Thanks to Dr Sheila Koehring who continues to collect and distribute prescriptions. You are not alone and nothing is rarely ever as bad as it seems when you have nobody with whom you can talk it through. There is access to a variety of sources that I can pass on.

PLAYPARK

The playpark finally opened officially on Thursday 1st October after being closed due to Covid lockdown and then delay with the delivery of the new equipment. Exton Playpark originated over 20 years ago on land owned by the Exton Estate adjacent to the primary school and was run by a group named PAGE [Play Area Group Exton]. This group of volunteers, chaired by the late Mick Bell, and made up of parents of young children in the village at the time worked very hard to achieve this amenity and were rewarded with £32,000 Lottery grant funding.
Mick loved to tell me the story that he was away on business when wife Ann telephoned to say the application response had arrived and should she open it, obviously he said yes - he went back to the bar beaming saying he had won the lottery! Needless to say his companions assumed he would be buying the next round! PAGE has gradually over the years been less active and two years ago the responsibility of the playpark was passed to the Parish Council.

Exton and Horn Parish Council were delighted to receive funding from the ‘Healthy Rutland Grant scheme’ and after a delay because of the Covid 19 outbreak, have now installed an Eco Trail, usable by a range of ages, a new Springer in the shape of a horse for the toddlers and a seat in the toddler area made of recycled materials.

Exton was delighted to welcome to the park on Thursday 1st October, to cut the ribbon officially and launch the new equipment, Cllr Alan Walters. Alan is the Chair of Rutland’s Health and Well-being Board and a cabinet member at RCC with a portfolio including public health, adult safeguarding & social care, and community safety. Cllr Walters was a keen member of the Grant panel, aiming to empower community groups to bring about real improvements to health and well-being at a local level, working with groups who know their own locality best. Sadly Mick Bell was indisposed so unable to attend and cut the ribbon as originally planned but the Parish Council was represented by Cllr Terry Connolly and Cllr Lynne Cundy Jones for the occasion together with Mick Mills, a lifetime resident of the village, who made the original wooden springers in his own workshop and Mrs Ann Lea, another long time resident.
Cllr Alan Walters with Mick Mills admiring the new horse ‘springer’ replacing the two originally crafted by Mick Mills

The new bench in the toddler area, Left to Right, Parish Cllr Lynn Cundy Jones, Rutland County Councillor Alan Walters, Annie Lea, Mick Mills and Parish Cllr Terry Connolly
EXTON SPRING CLEAN – The village is lucky to have such an enthusiastic resident urging all to care about our local countryside – Edward Heckels writes:

**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 20 February 2021**.

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 **edward.heckels@gmail.com** - or just turn up.

**HALLOWEEN**, in view of the social distancing etc I doubt many people took part in celebrations but disappointing to hear of one householder who did not open the door to ‘trick or treaters’ having eggs thrown at the property. Firstly this is hardly ‘community spirit’ and secondly what a waste of food?. No doubt the same group thought it a good idea to trail the sticky string over one of the new Spinney seats ? Really? At any time this behaviour is far from acceptable and in the present climate with restrictions and concerns by many, doubly so. Hopefully parents were unaware of these acts but that the culprits will by now realise how their parents would feel if it was their home.
SPINNEY

Work has continued in the Spinney thanks to the hard work of David Healey who assisted by Derek Palmer and Lorraine Palmer Cash planted 600 mixed bulbs recently. A further 34 kilos of mixed daffodils given by Barry Smith, Pat Castle and David have now also been added.

The two new benches have been installed and David was grateful for the assistance of Peter Healey and Puggy Langstone.

Thanks to the Heckels family and ‘T for Tuesday Teas ‘ for their generosity in supplying them.

FixMyStreet

https://www.fixmystreet.com/ Use this app if you spot a problem in the village, ideally include a photo. Updates appear on the site.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD APPEAL I am very pleased to advise that I have received 31 boxes, many extra hats and cash donations. These will be on their way soon to, hopefully, bring joy and show love to disadvantaged children. Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed, at a very difficult time for us here. May God bless you all. .......Patricia Hagger

APP FOR THE RUTLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH? Useful for alerting you on crimes carried out locally and also road accidents and closures.
The Parish Council’s work on the trees as mentioned previously is now complete. The finish of the yew tree in Dan Howison’s garden is not very pretty but at least it is now safe and unlikely to fall on the War memorial. The prunus was not removed after all as it is hoped to use the trunk to support a climbing plant.

Churchwarden Sally Miller was advised there was not to be the usual **Remembrance service at 11 am 11th November in Exton** but a wreath would be laid on behalf of the Exton villagers by her. This information was circulated to those on the email list but I gather in fact some villagers did assemble, socially distanced.

It seems a prayer was said by Barbie Coulson from Cottesmore? I am sure others would have felt sad not to be there but heeded the advice as given.

**KENNEL COUGH** - Do not let your dogs mix – a case has been reported in Exton – Veterinary advice is best if you are worried. Puppies & elderly dogs particularly vulnerable – honey helps - harness is better than collar - Ed
OBITUARIES

SHEILA TEDDER was born in Exton in 1931 to Bridgette and Percy Bell and was the eldest of their 6 children. Sheila grew up in Exton, before packing her bags to the big city to work at Hurlingham House in Hammersmith, a convalescent home, where she met her husband Joe, as he was a patient at the time. Sheila and Joe got married in Exton in 1952 and lived in London for a while, before moving back to Sheila’s home of Exton. In 1994, Sheila and Joe both retired and returned back home to Exton to their ‘forever home’, surrounded by their family. Sheila maintained her independence and lived in her home in Exton for 26 happy years before peacefully passing at 89 years old. Sheila loved Exton and shared many happy memories here over the years, whilst being surrounded by her loved ones. [Sheila was the older sister of Mick Bell.]

MAUREEN PHYLLIS HUDSON (nee Owen) 21.01.44 - 22.10.20
Maureen was born in Sleaford, Lincs. After leaving Sleaford Grammar School she worked in a dress shop opposite the offices of The Sleaford Gazette, where a cub reporter, Eddie Hudson caught her eye. They married at St. Thomas of Canterbury R.C. Chapel, Exton Park on 20.07.63, moving to Oakham in 1965 when Eddie was reporting for the Melton and Rutland Journal. They were blessed with three children Cathy (1964), Robert (1965) and Greg (1967). In 1985 the family moved to Church Farm, Exton, when Eddie became Editor of the Rutland Times and they ran a very successful B & B. Maureen took part in many village activities, hosting ‘Exton Stitchers’ meetings in her cosy farmhouse kitchen. She worked on many Stitchers’ projects for the village, mainly the Millennium Embroidery, which can be seen in the Village Hall, and the centre kneeler, on the altar steps in Exton Parish Church. This was worked in memory of Kath Browne.

For many years Eddie was Chairman of the Exton Produce & Craft Show. Many villagers will have fond memories of the fundraising themed BBQs held in Church farm garden. Maureen helped enormously with running the annual Show, also successfully entering garden, craft and home produce sections. The Birthday Lunch Club outings were also enjoyed, as were trips to the pool at Barnsdale to swim. Eddie and Maureen were both enthusiastic bowlers having inaugurated the Exton indoor Bowls Club with Patsy and ‘Chippy’ Castle and Mick Mills. Sadly Eddie died in 1996 and Maureen and son Robert moved to Vicar’s Close.

Over recent years Maureen’s health deteriorated. She bore pain and discomfort for many years with bravery, never complaining. Until ill health prevented her, Maureen regularly attended services at St. Thomas’s, where her funeral was
held. She will be greatly missed by her family, especially her 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren who gave her great joy..... [Meryl Hart/family tribute]

Maureen and Eddie on their wedding day

GRAHAM BELL [‘Budgie’] of Stamford formerly of New Field Road, Exton, died during October and his ashes are to be placed with that of his wife Bettina in St Peter & St Paul Church Exton. [Stamford Journal]

JANE WARD’S funeral took place 12 noon 10th November in St Peter & St Paul Parish Church, Exton when she was buried with her beloved Rob who died aged only 51 years in 2012. They were a popular couple in the village and Jane was devastated at the suddenness of Rob’s death at such a young age. Friends and neighbours were all shocked at the speed with which Jane was overtaken by her illness and villagers showed their respects by lining the route of the funeral car.

Following an accomplished teaching career culminating in deputy headship of a Leicester girl’s school Jane retired not long after Rob’s death and has spent the last years enjoying a wide variety of interests. An avid traveller, she visited countries far and wide, with a particular love for Italy and all things Italian. Never one for doing things by half, Jane persevered to learn Italian attending classes both locally and in Siena.

Jane was a truly active member of the village, being involved with the Produce Committee and Book Club, on the Village Hall Committee, a governor of Exton & Greetham C of E Primary School and a staunch member of the Parochial Church Council.

As a keen nature enthusiast she gained much pleasure from her beautiful garden, she loved to walk and participate in exercise classes. Her love of life was infectious and this charming, generous lady will be greatly missed........ [Joy McNally, Mark Butterill, Ed tribute]
MICK BELL died in Peterborough Hospital Thursday 29th October having celebrated his 80th birthday this year on 14th March. Mick’s contribution to the village and surrounding community is legendary; his recent poor health may have slowed him down but did not deter his enthusiasm. Mick was educated at Exton Catholic School. At the age of 11 years children usually stayed at the school until they were 15 if they did not pass their ‘11 + exam’. Mick however decided to move to Cottesmore Central where sport and woodwork were taught and he was the first pupil to take up this option. He then moved on to Casterton to complete his schooling when Cottesmore closed. At 15 years of age he began as tea boy at the local ironstone quarry progressing to work on the 5W draglines and the large drilling rig. He studied at Grantham Technical too. In 1961, aged 21, he married Ann Castle whose parents ran the village bakery. The wedding took place Easter Monday April 3rd as this was the only day Ann’s father Jonny was not baking bread. They had grown up together in Exton but attended different schools. In 1967 Mick was made Site Manager at Galiford Roadstone – his salary was 7/6d per hour plus bonus! In 1970 he moved to Butterley Aggregates as Quarry Manager at the new Wansford Quarry and then in 1974 came a complete change of lifestyle when he took a job as Field Officer with the Leicestershire Rural Community Council. This was a charitable organisation working with voluntary groups in Leicestershire and Rutland villages. In 1979 he joined CoSIRA [the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas] working with and supporting small rural businesses in Leicestershire and Rutland, this was amalgamated with the Development Commission in 1990 and Mick reverted to working with village communities throughout East Midlands. Mick Bell retired in 2000 but worked part time gardening at the Rutland House Community Trust assisting people with learning difficulties. Mick and Ann built a bungalow in Stamford End where they lived for a while before converting the Old Catholic School that he had attended into their current home.

The wide ranging involvement that Mick and Ann had in the village is unbelievable, Mick served on the Parish Council nearly 30 years retiring only 18 months ago and was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee from 1975 till 2011. He and Ann created the Exton Street Market in 1981 which became such a famous event and raised thousands of pounds for the Village Hall, the Churches and other charities including MacMillan and Parkinsons’. As mentioned in another part of this Newsletter Mick was also Chairman of PAGE. This highly respected man also found time for gardening walking, sport and woodwork. Suffering from Parkinsons in later life he soldiered on and fought till the end. Many of us own a trug made by Mick. He was always happy in his workshop. Exton has a lot to thank Mick for. He is survived by his dear wife Ann, sons Peter and Nigel, daughter Nicola and 9 grandchildren. [family/Ed tribute]
Mick’s funeral was at Grantham crematorium 13th November 2020; the hearse stopped at the Fox and Hounds and slowly travelled along Stamford Road, Top Street and High Street before making its way out of the village to allow residents an opportunity to show their respects. An oversized trug was laid on top of the coffin. Ann found the photo below of Mick and Jane Ward at a function at Fort Henry. This respected family man who devoted so much energy to the village of Exton will be much missed by not only the family but by all who knew him.

Peter Bell writes – On behalf of my family I want to thank everyone who lined our wonderful village to pay tribute to Dad. He would have been amazed. Love and respect the Bell family. Next year we will have a remembrance celebration service where everyone will be welcome to attend, You will never know how much it meant to Mum and us many thanks xx

**OBITUARIES**

On behalf of us all may I say how sorry we are that the families involved have not been able to conduct funerals for loved ones exactly as they would have planned because of the Covid restrictions. Residents however have tried through other means to give their support during these sad times. .......Ed

**N.B. Funeral Services:**
[Live streaming is available in some instances on the funeral director’s website]
EXTON & HORN PARISH COUNCIL
Notes from the Chairman - November 2020

The Council observed one minute silence at its November meeting in respect for Mick Bell who served as a Councillor over many years. His contribution to the Council and the Parish in general was considerable and his experience and local knowledge will be greatly missed.

You may also be aware that we now have a new Parish Clerk, Helen Duckering from Langham. Annette Oliver retired from her role as our Clerk but, you will all be pleased to learn, not as editor of this newsletter! I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of us all to thank Annette for her hard work, dedication and the expertise she provided in support of the village, its people and the Council. As a Chairman who is relatively new to the job, her help and guidance has been invaluable. Despite stepping down, Annette has offered to continue her role as a contact point for the village during the Covid lockdown as our new Clerk is not an Exton resident. Thank you again Annette.

Despite the rigours of lockdown, your Council continues to operate, albeit remotely. Zoom meetings are the order of the day. Sadly, Remembrance Ceremonies cannot take place this year because of the Coronavirus but your Council has commenced work on the War Memorial site with a view to improving its general appearance. The Memorial itself has been cleaned together with the adjoining Memorial plaque ensuring the names of those who gave their lives for our country can now once again be clearly seen.

Overhanging tree branches and overgrown shrubs have been removed and plans are in hand to clear the steps and create new planting which will empathise with and enhance the appearance of the Memorial itself. The Council is most grateful to Lorraine Palmer Cash who has volunteered to undertake the design, planting and maintenance of this project.

You may have noticed the two new seats located next to the spinney at the end of Garden Road. In addition, a great deal of work with regard to planting both shrubs and bulbs has taken place. This has all been made possible by generous donations of money, plants and labour by some village residents and the operation is facilitated and led by Cllr David Healy.

Finally our playpark…..following the installation of the new equipment thanks to Annette, we arranged a formal inspection of all the equipment in the park and, as you might expect, some of it requires attention. As much was installed in 1999 this is understandable. This work will need to be carried out within the next 12 months or we will be obliged to take it out of service to comply with our insurance cover. The toddler tower is not one of the items in this category although we have been advised to keep an eye on the condition of the platform.
The tower does not comply with current regulations but, as an existing installation, we are not compelled to remove or replace it at this time. However, we plan to look to find a suitable piece of equipment to replace the tower at a price we feel is appropriate. We are eligible for grant funding to assist with this but for any application to succeed, we as a Parish (but not the Council) will need to provide 10.75% of the total cost.

Stay safe and well, John Pitts

MISSING
I homed Daisy cat as a young kitten over 3 years ago and advertised her at the vets and around the village just in case she had wandered from someone’s home locally and needed to be returned. Having had no response I adopted this wayward cat. Daisy happily lives with me being fed and spoiled and then just as before disappears for days and sometimes weeks only occasionally returning home when she chooses. Many times over these years I have searched the village for her and provided a taxi service back home. I have often found her in Pudding Bag Lane where she was in fact first found as a kitten.

- If you are feeding this cat or in fact putting food out for any stray cats in the village will you please contact me. Daisy has been missing for over two weeks as I write this.

Contact number is 01572 812902 or 07896 033 948

Thank you, Terry Connolly

POLICE  laurie.appleton@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk....
Laurie, PC 1742 Appleton
**ACCIDENT REPORT!!** Angie Walsh and Chris Wallace have both managed to take a tumble with very nasty results. Rumour has it canines involved not alcohol!! We all wish you a speedy recovery ladies!

**HOSPITAL SURVEY** ......survey for the consultation for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Hospitals. It is very important that Rutland Residents have their say on the future of our health care. The survey can be found at www.betterhospitalsleicester.nhs.uk There is a link at the bottom of the front page on the site to take the survey.

. **Don’t forget** the green bin is not collected 14th December to 15th January 2021. There is to be an increase in charge from £35 to £40 in 2021, we are told Rutland is one of the cheapest service collection fees.

**ALL GOOD MARKET**

**ZERO WASTE WITH A LOCAL TASTE**

Fill up your fridge and pantry - without the plastic. Bring along your containers to fill or purchase with a paper bag.

- 85+ organic products
- rice, pasta, and pulses
- baking ingredients
- oils + vinegars
- nuts and dried fruit
- herbs and spices
- Christmas presents + stocking fillers

**MON TO SAT • 9 til 5 • 7 ST PAUL'S ST, STAMFORD**
Busy, Busy, Busy!
Here are a few photographs to demonstrate some of what we are up to in school.

Parents of children in their last year of nursery will soon be thinking about primary school places for next September. If you would like to find out more about the school, the website is a good place to start – www.extonschool.co.uk. We are hoping to have a 'virtual tour' available on the website soon. We are also happy to chat to prospective parents on the phone on 01572 812380 should you have any specific queries.
Remembrance

This year our Acts of Remembrance took place in school on 11th November due to the lockdown. The children spent time talking about Remembrance Day and why it is so important.

Light breaks to darkness, cold and weary, hiding to live. Remember November.
New light out of death, least we forget.

If you would like to find out more about the school, the website is a good place to start – www.extonschool.co.uk. We now have a ‘virtual tour’ available on the website under ‘about us’. We are also happy to chat to prospective parents on the phone on 01572 812380 should you have any specific queries.
Calling all Knitters

The novelty of online quizzes wearing off? Worked through all the jigsaw puzzles at least twice? Re-organised your cupboards for the umpteenth time?

Why not rekindle past knitting expertise, or learn a new skill, by joining Liverymen of The Framework Knitters Company and residents of our Cottage Homes in their "Knit for Community".

We are creating knitted squares that will be formed into blankets, with assistance from the Framework Knitters Museum (Nottingham), for distribution to the following charities:

- Action Homeless – Leicester
- Meadows Hope food bank - Nottingham
- GlassDoor - London

If you are willing to knit please contact Liz Green on liz@lizgreen.co.uk

Please use brightly coloured wool if possible to enable us to produce eye-catching blankets.

Specification

- Double Knitting Wool to make a stable reproducible square (knitted diagonally and measured along the side)
- EITHER an 8" square using Size 8 (4 mm) knitting needles - approx. 60 stitches at longest point depending on tension
- OR a 6" square using Size 5 (5.5 mm) needles and approx. 40 stitches
- Cast on two stitches
- Knit 1, then increase one stitch (at beginning of row only) by knitting into front then back of next stitch. Knit to end.
- Continue increasing until work measures either 8" or 6" along the side
- Knit one row
- Knit 1, then decrease one stitch by Slip 1, Knit 1 pass slip stitch over
- Knit to end
- Continue until 1 stitch remaining. Cast off and thread in loose end.

With grateful thanks from all at the Framework Knitters Company.
See Page 16 – Did you see the wonderful blankets displayed on the East Midlands News made with the knitted squares in November? They were incredible and so much needed. If anyone feels like having a go please either contact the organisation directly or if sufficient interest we could perhaps have an ‘Exton collection point’?

'T' for Tuesday We will make a doorstep delivery of Christmas goodies to our regulars on Tuesday 22 December from 2.30pm onwards. If you are likely to be out please let me or Sally know and we can rearrange the delivery. Many thanks, as always, to our team of helpers. We look forward to seeing you on the 22nd!

Bernadette 812956 / Sally 811411

[Thanks to Bernadette for looking after the Village Defibrillator unit]

FOX AND HOUNDS EXTON What a dreadful introduction into their new business for Simon and Christina who arrived with so many plans, the Coffee Shop has just opened too; due to the uncertainty of future Government Covid announcements and further lockdowns it is impossible to say for certain as we go to print what their programme will be for the Christmas period.

A Christmas tree will be erected by the Exton Village Notice board as has happened the last couple of years [thanks to David and his gang!] any donations will go to the Exton School ‘amenity’ funds. Contributions in the past have enabled the purchase of new cycles for the children and been gratefully received by Head of the school Megan on their behalf. Donations may be left with the Healey family at 2 Stamford End or myself 20 Stamford Road.
**INVITATION**

We are inviting Rutland residents to attend an important online event to discuss local experiences of using health and care services. We are bringing together a panel of health and care professionals to hear from you and answer questions about the provision of care closer to home. During the event we will be discussing how we jointly develop a local plan for health and care in Rutland and we want you to be involved. We want to hear from the community about what we can do to develop services, to improve the health and wellbeing of all of those who live in the area.

Whether you are interested in primary, secondary (mental and physical), acute or care, we want to hear from you.

Join us online on **Thursday 3 December 2020 at 6.30pm – 8pm** to take part.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Microsoft Teams meeting - **Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting] - **Or call in (audio only)** +44 20 3443 8728,,461425589# United Kingdom, London

[www.leicesterccg.nhs.uk](http://www.leicesterccg.nhs.uk)  @NHSLeicester (#ccg)

Phone Conference ID: 461 425 589#

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**NEWSLETTER**

It is ten years since I began writing the newsletter for the village, beginning shortly after I came to live in Exton in May 2010. I took over from Sarah Linsell who was editor for a couple of years and who followed on from Kit Swinfen, the originator. Thanks to everybody who continues to support with news, and remember this publication is your way of communicating ideas, adverts, news, good and bad. This can be sent to me by email or a note through my door. You can receive the newsletter by email provided you give me permission to use your email address [GDPR applies] together with any important updates that are of interest. We are grateful as ever to the school, Lynn Almond in particular who does the printing and Head Teacher Megan for her support. The Parish Council supply the paper. As there are less village activities at present due to the Covid restrictions this edition combines November and December. We have also to work within the school closure dates. The next Newsletter will be issued in February.

**Contributions by 6th January 2021 for FEBRUARY edition**

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As the current Lockdown finishes December 2nd i.e. after this publication goes to print – an electronic updated report may be required on the Village Covid page so please look out for it and please pass any revisions on to neighbours who do not use social media - I will also email] - Thanks to Mark Butterill who edits the Village information page and keeps the site up to date

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ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

Exton church is still closed and as yet I don’t know what services will be held over Christmas. I am hoping that Annette will send out an extra email once I know.

The outside water tap will continue to be turned off while the water butt remains full.

On Saturday 31st October Chloe Edinborough and Carlos Mendoza were married in Exton Church. With only 15 guests allowed it was a very intimate occasion, especially as they were married by Chloe’s grandfather. Carlos is originally from Peru and the service was live-streamed to Peru to enable his family to watch the proceedings – a first for Exton Church.

A much sadder occasion was the funeral of Jane Lacey [Ward] on November 10th. The church would have been full in other circumstances but I know that the family were very moved by the number of people who came out to pay their respects.

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

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

Unfortunately both Churches remain closed
Look out for On line/email information for any changes

Best wishes to all for Christmas and the New Year, keep safe and well and let us hope that we are approaching happier times in 2021