



EXTON VILLAGE NEWSLETTER JAN/FEBRUARY 2021 188



COVID 19 AND ANOTHER LOCKDOWN!

The effects of the virus and its variants continue and as this newsletter is completed Rutland along with the rest of the country is in Lockdown once again. Regretfully although originally it was planned to distribute as normal a printed version to every household, the rise in the cases and the pleas from the Health Service to STAY HOME and take care makes me believe this would be a bad option as we rely on the volunteers to take the newsletters door to door. This January/February edition is therefore 'on line'. However if you know of a householder who would like a copy then a few copies will be available for collection from the Village Noticeboard on Stamford Road.

Christmas and New Year was very different for all. I do hope you were able to meet your families where possible.

It is good to hear that some residents have already received their first Covid vaccine and indeed a handful have received their second. We are lucky that the vaccination centre is close to home and well organised in the Oakham Council offices. No doubt the good people of Exton will ensure any non driving neighbour will have assistance but there is a volunteer service available.

Shielding has been reintroduced as a response to recent events and processes are being restarted at the Rutland County Council and with key partners, ready to help 'CEV' people facing problems. All **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable** [CEV] residents should receive a letter containing advice and options. The response covers the key issues of access to food, care and medication, and support for a wider range of issues that people may be facing as a result of confining themselves at home (e.g. social isolation, mental health challenges, coping with

bereavement, carer breakdown, financial concerns, etc). There are two routes for shielding people to contact the Council should they need assistance: a] Completing the national shielding form – with requests forwarded to the Council’s RISE social prescribing team in the first instance Or b] Using the Council’s crisis line, which has been open throughout, on 01572 729603.

Nobody should be facing food poverty and those in need will be referred to the Foodbank. Please contact via Citizens Advice Rutland. If people shielding have practical issues with accessing food, they can again register on the national shielding portal for priority supermarket slots or contact the Council for assistance with this or alternative options.

While isolating online food shopping is recommended for those who have access to the internet, with help from friends and family, shopping by phone and local volunteer support recommended to those who do not. In case of urgent need, a three day food parcel will be offered via the Foodbank to tide people over while a sustainable solution is worked out with them - call 01572 729603. Assistance with contacting any of these ports of help for anyone in Exton and Horn may be found on 01572 812233 and Dr Sheila Koehring continues to deliver/collect prescriptions 07931260839.

Anyone who is needing to self isolate or is infected should shop on line or if this is not possible use the numbers above for assistance. Shopping can be left at the door as can prescriptions so no physical contact is necessary. Those with pets are advised in the Government communication to wash hands even more often after handling them and exercise will have to be in gardens only, adjusting quantity of meals accordingly.

There has been an environmental impact on the village due to the large amount of visitors walking with and without dogs. Cars parked on the perimeter of the Green, Stamford Road, West End, has caused a great deal of annoyance to many. Some visitors have been less than polite when residents have pointed out the inappropriate parking. The area around the junction of the Oakham Road and Green is a nightmare with a narrow access. Litter has increased and the verges have been damaged around the village. The Parish Council intend to discuss the issues in February. Hambleton and other Rutland villages have suffered similarly. Some harsh ‘conversations’ on Facebook between residents and visitors, some of whom appear not to appreciate the concept ‘dogs on leads’ and the fact that they are walking through farmland.

The recent publicity concerning the ladies walking in Derbyshire and the police attitude may have a knock on effect; there was a conversation thread on FB where it was suggested ideally not driving to where you walk but the point was raised that some places with narrow pavements are not safe. Unfortunately the glossy magazines advertise Exton as a good place to walk and with 'free' parking.

At the end of the day it is all down to common sense. If we wish to avoid spreading the virus everybody must play their part, this is not down to the Government, Health authorities, or the NHS. As has been stated elsewhere it is not just the letter of the law but the spirit. This may be getting through as the last week there appear to be less visitors to the village.

This time the Playpark has remained open but the guidelines should be observed, wiping the equipment before use.

VILLAGE HALL As I'm sure everyone will understand the hall is now closed once again until lockdown is over and we understand what we are allowed to do in the next phase. However we're not standing still and in the next few weeks we will be having hyperfast fibre broadband installed as part of RCC's digital expansion programme (the school will also have a full fibre connection installed). Hyperfast Full Fibre allows truly amazing connection speeds, over 1GB per second if needed although 150 - 300Mbps is more normal. That compares with many Superfast supplies running at around 35-40 mbps, with about 75 the limit in the village at the moment. The question is, what will we do with such a hyperfast connection? I'd be pleased to hear any ideas by email at extonvillagehall@gmail.com. Stay safe everyone!Mark Butterill



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 originally planned for Saturday 20 February 2021 but due to current regulations **now re arranged for Saturday 13th March. An email will be sent to those on the Newsletter list should this have to be abandoned because of any further Government**

regulations. 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.....*Edward Heckels*



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCY

Due to ill health John Pitts was forced to resign from the Parish Council in November. Grateful thanks should go to John who took over as Chairman during the Covid crisis last summer when Derek Palmer resigned. Managing the new style Zoom meetings he has been invaluable in guiding the council through some difficult months and a busy time with many village tasks completed. A new Chairman will be elected at the February Council meeting so too late for this newsletter. Tommy Cooper is in the Vice Chairman role at the moment. Lorraine Cash was co-opted in December. Lorraine is the daughter of Derek Palmer and a landscape gardener.

The Exton and Horn Parish Council should be made up of 9 councillors so there is a vacancy, should anyone else wish to volunteer. Monthly meetings take place on the first Wednesday in the month at 7. m currently on Zoom.

As can be seen on the village website www.exton.org currently the Parish Councillors are Tommy Cooper [Vice Chair], Harry Campden, Lorraine Cash, Terry Connolly, David Healey, Lynne Cundy Jones. Paul Dadford, Paul Taylor.

Initially contact should be made with the Clerk Helen Duckering. clerk@exton.org. or Tel 01572 759554

N.B. Minutes and Agendas are available on the village website www.exton.org.



Congratulations to the '**T for Tuesday**' group [organised by Sally Miller and Bernie Wallace] who have delivered their goodies over the holiday period. I am sure on behalf of the recipients they would like me to thank them most profusely. It was a lovely and generous action.



FOX AND HOUNDS

Simon and Christina have had a hard time opening and closing the pub, they are NOT supplying 'take aways', this time around. The Coffee shop was proving popular before Lockdown.



THANK YOU to those who kindly contributed to the Xmas Tree fund which was to help the school purchase another cycle for the youngsters due to the age and condition of the current collection. £60 was raised. David Healey, Peter Healey, Steve Healey, Derek Palmer, Puggy Langston were all involved in setting up both trees in the village.

This year we had one on Stamford Road and one outside the pub. How pretty they looked and how lovely to see lights and decorations in the gardens throughout the village. Lights in trees, figures in Newfield Road, it just looked lovely. Well done everyone for adding a note of cheer in these miserable times. Thank you to all.

FIX MY STREET

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

LOST TOY.....been sitting on a gate on the corner of Stamford Road for a week or two now – is a child in the village missing her? If so get in touch and they can be reunited. [01572 812233]



EXTON & GREETHAM SCHOOL

Difficult times for all involved with the school for parents, pupils, and teachers alike. Parents are home schooling. The school is open for key workers, Lynn is in the office and the Teachers are taking it in turns to attend. Head Teacher Megan has produced a school page for us.



Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Exton & Greetham: 'Together-Apart'

Whilst we are in our period of lockdown, we asked the children to create posters to represent the school 'together-apart', to remind us that we are still together, even when working in different places. Here are a few examples.



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.





RF2 BUS SERVICE CHANGES

Unfortunately, due to covid related issues, Centrebus have advised that they will have to temporarily amend the service **RF2 (usually servicing Oakham, Langham, OEP, Burley, Exton, Greetham, Kendrew Barracks, Cottesmore, Barrow, Market Overton, Teigh, Edmondthorpe, Wymondham and Melton Mowbray) with effect from Thursday 14th January 2021.**

A copy of the revised timetable is below.

Please note that on this timetable Teigh in Rutland, and Edmondthorpe, Wymondham and Melton Mowbray in Leicestershire will not be serviced.

As before, it is requested that passengers only make essential journeys.

It is also advised that passengers contact their bus operator in the first instance to get the very latest information regarding bus journeys and availability:

Centrebus tel: 0844 351 1120

CallConnect tel: 0345 263 8153

We are told current information is being displayed at the bus stops and if anyone has any queries or concerns then please

contact transport@rutland.gov.uk or call 01572 758138.

Centrebus

Melton Mowbray to Oakham

via Wymondham, Market Overton, Cottesmore & Exton

Monday to Friday

<i>Service No</i>	<i>RF2</i>	<i>RF2</i>	<i>RF2</i>	<i>RF2</i>
	NBH	NBH	NBH	NBH
Market Overton, Black Bull	0820	1020	1320	1620
Barrow, Corner	0823	1023	1323	1623
Cottesmore, Sun Inn	0825	1025	1325	1625
Kendrew Barracks, Main Gate	0827	1027	1327	1627
Greetham, Wheatsheaf	0834	1034	1334	1634
Exton, Fox & Hounds	0842	1042	1342	1642
Burley, Crossroads	0851	1051	1351	1651
Oakham, John Street	0855	1055	1355	1655

NBH - Not on Bank Holidays

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Oakham, John Street	0800	1000	1300	1600	1705
Langham, Burley Rd	0805	1005	1305	1605
Oakham Enterprise Park	0809	1009	1309	1609
Burley, Crossroads	1710
Exton, Fox & Hounds	1719
Greetham, Wheatsheaf	1727
Kendrew Barracks, Main Gate	1732
Cottesmore, Sun Inn	1735
Barrow, Corner	1738
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OBITUARIES

Gerald Desmond Dawson [1934-2020], who passed away peacefully at home on 12th November 2020, aged 86 years.

Colin Lewis, a former Exton Churchwarden, after a long illness, at Rutland Care Village Oakham on 25th November 2020, aged 81 years.
Devoted and much loved husband of Hazel and Father of Darryl and grandfather of Emily and Ben.

Shereen Trowell [1966-2020], her family followed the hearse on foot on 6th January to the Church for the burial.

All were long time residents of Empingham Road, Exton and our condolences go to their families and friends.

Timothy Manville Hales, aged 87 died 7th November, husband of Lady Celestria Noel, laid to rest St Thomas's churchyard, Exton.

Anne Goold [1937-2020]

Sadly these events were followed by the loss early morning Boxing Day of my own neighbour Anne Goold.

Anne had lived in her lovely flat in Exton for 25 years and was a well known local artist. She was a member of various Arts Groups and exhibited her work.

Anne, her husband and children, spent many years living in France and at one time divided her time between the two. Her husband died at a comparatively young age and she settled in Exton permanently.
She was a member of the Dickenson family and with her siblings was brought up at Barnsdale, long before the Rutland Water.

Who remembers when we were raising funds for the Church as part of VFEC [Villagers For Exton Church] she organised an Art class in the village hall setting up easels and supplying all the materials we required to try and turn us into 'Picassos'.

Our condolences go to her three sons, Ben, James and Dominic and her remaining family. *[Ed]*

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A little bird tells me

CONGRATULATIONS

Molly Bell and Tom Berridge

Who became engaged Christmas day 2020



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ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON
Unfortunately remains closed

There will be no face to face services in any of our group of churches until further notice but there will be an online service each Sunday on YouTube. Funerals in church are still allowed with a maximum of 30 people attending.

The best place to find the service is through the 'Cottesmore Benefice Facebook page' or 'Cottesmore Benefice on YouTube'. The service is pre recorded and can be watched at any time from Sunday onwards.

Sally Miller, Churchwarden



ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY
Unfortunately remains closed

There is a great reliance on social media/internet,etc but there are other ways too to get information and there is support out there and in the village.

No adult or child should feel that through lack of tech equipment they are penalised, if you are at all concerned or feeling isolated please call 01572 729603 or 01572 812233. [Ed]



NEWSLETTER: Contributions for March to be with Editor by 20th February. annetteoliver63@gmail.com /or by hand 20 Stamford Road. If you wish to add your email to those who receive an online copy please contact the Editor.

In these uncertain times we cannot promise a printed version of the Newsletter to every household. If necessary you will be advised and for those without internet

**COPY MAY BE COLLECTED FROM
THE NOTICEBOARD ON STAMFORD ROAD in a few days**

PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR NEIGHBOURS WHO DO NOT HAVE INTERNET. [Ed]

