



EXTON VILLAGE

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Covid next Step 4 not before

June 21st the government hopes to be in a position to remove all legal limits on social contact. Basically it is hoped that 'normal service' will be resumed in all walks of life as from that date. As ever and particularly throughout this pandemic nothing is ever simple and as we go to print the Prime Minister has been reluctant to confirm the date yet due particularly to the Indian variant of the Covid 19 that is rampant in some areas. As information changes daily I cannot comment further but fingers x our lives will be easier after June 21st. Everybody has missed their friends and family, meeting up on an ad hoc basis without having to think of rules and how many? Admittedly the awful weather has not made outdoor dining experiences particularly feasible.

It has been a long haul for all of us particularly the vulnerable and those having to 'shield'. It is very evident to me among the group of people I have discussed this with that there are varying views on going forward. For many the lack of driving on motorways and the like for long distance journeys for so long will prove quite testing and lack of confidence will I fear discourage many from undertaking long trips. This in turn will affect or limit the circle of friends. Shopping on line has become the norm for many as has wearing masks in shops etc.

Attending weddings, funerals, church, has been non existent and these former important occasions have been very low key affairs. Mixed messages are still on the horizon as only in the past few days a choir has been advised not to perform. Time will tell

OBITUARIES

BARRY SMITH

DADS WAVE-BYE OBITUARY [Barry Smith]

[Partner to Patsie, Dad to Bob and father-in-law to Christine].

A lot of the people in the village will remember Barry for walking his escape artist dog, Zac and more lately walking with Patsie on a regular basis.

To all of the village people who paid tribute to my Dad on his final trip through the village ... thank you so much. He would have loved to have waved back to you.

Thanks also for all the cards, flowers and kind wishes.

Barry was a very recent addition to the village and I know he would have been so overwhelmed with your turning out and respects.

Wow, wow, wow thanks so much from all of us.....*Bob Smith*

HARRY HARRIS

This village has suffered such a high number of deaths in the last twelve months and now sadly has lost, as far as I am aware, it's oldest resident. Harry Harris died on Monday 17th May 2021 aged 97. His health had been declining for some time and he had almost totally lost his sight. Although he had spent much of his life in Exton as far as I can recall he hailed from the Somerset area. For many years he was the village correspondent for The Mercury and he erected a board in his garden for villagers to display their notices of events. A shop selling a whole range of items was set up at the front of his house for children to call and spend their pocket money. I am sure those who grew up here will have many memories of popping round to the shop to buy a gift for a family member and/or some sweets for the walk home.

Rest in peace Harry.....*Patricia Hagger*



BULBS FINISHED FLOWERING? If you have bulbs finished flowering and nowhere to put them elsewhere in the garden – then remember the Spinney. Managed by David Healey, this area of the village is really thriving with donations already and the various bulbs already planted will only multiply year by year.



COTTESMORE RECYCLING CENTRE REOPENED Monday 17 May after a prolonged period of closure due to the impact of COVID-19.

An advance booking system is in operation for Rutland residents who want to return to using the Cottesmore site, or to Rutland County Council's other Household Waste and Recycling Centre at North Luffenham.

To book a 20-minute time slot at either site, visit: www.rutland.gov.uk/hwrcbooking. Anyone who is unable to book online because they do not have access to the internet can book by calling [01572 722 577](tel:01572722577).

Cottesmore Recycling Centre will now be open four days a week (Friday to Monday), from 10.00am to 6.00pm. North Luffenham Recycling Centre is open six days a week (Tuesday to Sunday) from 10.00am to 6.00pm.



COVID-19 RAPID ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING IN RUTLAND

Rapid asymptomatic testing is also known as lateral flow testing.

It is a fast and free way for people without [symptoms](#) (asymptomatic) of COVID-19 to find out if they have the virus.

This test is different to the test you'd have if you had symptoms of COVID-19.

Rapid tests are available to help find people who are asymptomatic, to help us to stop the spread of the virus in Rutland. The tests are voluntary.

The testing centre is at:

Unit 18a, Oakham Enterprise Park, Ashwell Road, Oakham, Rutland LE15 7TU

Follow the testing centre signage from the main entrance.



FREE BUS TRAVEL

A special free travel promotion will run each day from Tuesday **1 June to Saturday 5 June**, giving all bus passengers the chance to travel for free on journeys to and from Oakham and Uppingham. So anyone who would normally have to pay a fare can travel free of charge, and as the scheme operates all day even concessionary pass holders can get free travel before 9.30 am. It will be first come, first served but seating capacity has expanded whilst still providing safe social distancing. All journeys must start or finish in either Oakham or Uppingham. This will provide an opportunity for people to meet up with friends and family, go shopping, or visit sites such as Oakham Castle and Rutland County Museum that have now re-opened. The scheme is also being promoted through schools and colleges as this is an ideal and cost-free way for young people to meet up with their friends during the half-term break.



Watch out for Mrs Tiggywinkle - Please can I put out a plea to villagers to be on alert for hedgehogs when driving through the village at night. I have seen two squashed hedgehogs in the last couple of weeks on Empingham road in the village. Last year I saw a dead one as I was heading out on the Oakham road but still within the slow 30mph section of the village. The two killed this spring may well have been pregnant females so potentially more hogs killed. Hedgehogs are so endangered and we need to do all we can to help them. In the 1950s there were estimated to be about 30 million. Today possibly only 1.5 million and with between 100,000 -300,000 or more killed on the roads every year this wonderful little British mammal is in real trouble. They are more active at dusk and at night and unlike many places in the country Exton seems to have a thriving population but not for long if they keep being killed on our roads. If driving through the village and you spot a small lump in the road please THINK HEDGEHOG and avoid it if safe to do so.

Thank you from the hedgehogs of Exton



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

Explore and Grow

Our school motto is 'Explore and Grow', but what does this actually mean in action?



As well as all the traditional 'subjects' that we cover in school, we think it is really important for the children to develop their sense of wonder and interest in the world around them.

The best way for children to learn is to encourage them to be inquisitive and ask questions, and this starts right from the first moment they join the school in

EYFS, and we encourage the children to still ask questions right the way up to year 6. An inquisitive mind is a learning mind! Through asking questions, and exploring the world around them, the children grow as learners and develop a wider understanding of the world around them.

Our job at primary school is to open the children's eyes to the possibilities around them, before they discover their own interests and preferences. By allowing them to 'explore and grow' we are opening them to different possibilities in the future. Who knows, maybe we have the next great inventor, scientist or performer currently in our school!



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.



SALE

Sunday 30th May

**On Playground [Ann Bell's]
Exton**

**Open 9.30 a.m.
Lots of Bargains!**

In aid of Church Funds



ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

For the time being our services will follow a monthly pattern with a service on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11.15am.

We hope eventually to return to services twice a month depending on clergy availability.

A big thankyou to Paul and Ronnie who have restarted the unenviable task of cutting the grass in the churchyard.

The cremation area has been tidied and reseeded and it would be appreciated if villagers who tend these plots would remove dead flowers and plants so that the area can be kept tidy.

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

Unfortunately still closed when going to print



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Thanks to the school for printing the Newsletter

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