EXTON VILLAGE NEWS LETTER 194 SEPTEMBER 2021

- FURTHER RE-OPENING OF EXTON VILLAGE HALL

From September we will begin a cautious process of increasing the use of the hall, hopefully towards the day when we see Covid conquered and all previous activities possible again. We're not there yet though so we want to take things gradually, always subject to the progress of the pandemic and the possibility of any legal restrictions that may be imposed. From September it will be possible to book the hall for private events, whether they be meetings, parties or whatever, subject to some simple safeguards to keep risk down in an indoor venue:
- maximum numbers at any event capped at 60 people
- organisers must ensure they keep a record of participants, and exclude anyone with Covid symptoms
- organisers must sanitise contact points before, and particularly after the event so that the hall is left safe for the next hirers.
- windows and where possible doors should be kept open to maintain maximum ventilation. We also have two hospital grade air purifiers capable of filtering out virus particles which should be used.
- we recommend that masks should be worn where possible depending on the nature of the event.
- participants should not share equipment requiring close contact e.g microphones in karaoke events

The hall will continue to carry out a weekly deep clean.

Let's take this a step at a time and keep everyone safe!

Mark Butterill, Chairman Village Hall Committee
**EXTON PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW 2021**

It was decided to put on a much smaller Show this year at the Village Hall, due to all the problems we have experienced regarding Covid restrictions. We had only 20 classes v’s the previous 70+, however, the response we had from everyone was absolutely brilliant with over 100 entries and a total of £227.70 raised.

Some of the most popular Classes received numerous entries.

**Section 1 – Fruit, Vegetables and Flower:** ‘Selection of Mixed Fruit and Veg’, the flower arrangements for ‘Everything will be all White’ and ‘In the Garden Flowers’, Specimen Rose and a ‘Display of 5 Herbs’.

**Section 2 – Home Produce:** Homemade bread, Victoria Sponges, Jams, lemon Curd and Chutneys.

**Section 3 - Photograph and Art:** Both the painting of ‘Water’ and photograph of ‘Something in the Sky’.

**Section 4 – Children:** A painting by the local School children entitled ‘Starting with a Circle’.

**Trophies Winners This Year:**
The Melbourne Cup for overall winner of Fruit and Veg - **Ann Bell**
The Betty Higgins Cup for best flower arrangement - **Susan Abbott**
The Dan Collins Rose Bowl for best specimen rose - **Tamsin Summers**
The Home Produce Shield - **Julie Garner**
The Wooden Spoon for best Victoria Sponge made by a man - **Robert Smith**
The Chippy Castle Bread Board for best loaf of bread - **Julie Garner**
The Swinfen Cup for best art in Show - **Lynne Cundy-Jones**
The Governors Shield for the best painting across the three age groups (4-6, 7-9 and 10-11 years).

**Thank You from The Show Committee**
Firstly, thank everyone who entered something and all who came to visit us on Sunday.
Secondly, a special thanks goes to Exton & Greetham Primary School for always being a part of our Village Show, Mark Butterill – Chair of the Village Hall Committee and for all those people who displayed things they had made at home during lockdown.
Finally, to all the Helpers & Committee Members, who made the Show happen this year, particularly Mick Mills, Freddie and Darcey Collins plus Terry and Karin Boyce, who returned to serve refreshments with their friends Brian and Vanda. We now start to look ahead to next year’s Show, so if you have any ideas to make it an even bigger success then we want to hear from you.

*Thank you, David Collins – Chairman*
ODD JOBS - Hello, my name is Nicholas. I’m twelve years old and I’m looking for odd jobs to do. I am able to do gardening, walking dogs and any other jobs you think I can do. If you have any jobs please contact me at 07368672053

COVID BEWARE

In Exton there are many of us who have had two vaccinations for the prevention of Covid. I am fortunately one of those but I want it to be know that this is not always an escape route from the epidemic. For 14 days now I have had Covid, I tested positive through advice from a phone call to my Dr who suggested that I sent for a PCR test. Doctors do not help once a positive test result is given but the NHS Covid app is a great help. My test came back positive.

I have a harsh, hacking cough, total fatigue which makes me fall asleep on and off all day long, no taste nor smell and no wish for food. I drink pints of water but feel that I am always lacking in oxygen. I have no concentration to read nor watch the TV or listen to the radio. Fortunately in some ways I live on my own because I would have had to separate within my house from any family member for fear of them catching Covid. I have never felt this unwell in all of my life.

I have been very careful shopping online until this last month, I have worn a mask outdoors and not been socialising indoors. I have used the
track and trace app on my phone but even with all this care I am now struggling with Covid.

Please read this as a warning that even after two vaccinations we can feel extremely ill. Fortunately I have a wonderful neighbour who checks in on me with a phone call each day and also good village friends who will shop if I should need anything.

This is a very scary disease, please take care..........Anon

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**Exton Village Quiz Friday 22nd October 7 pm**

After a gap last year, there will be another “pub quiz” in Exton again in 2021. The quiz will take place in the Village Hall off the Green on Friday 22 October.

Please come at 7pm to register at a cost of £2 per person. Make up a team with a maximum of six people - or come and we shall find you a team.

The quiz will start at 7.30pm and end by 10pm with a prize for the winning team of a bottle of champagne.

Food and drink will not be served – please bring along your own. There will be a raffle.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Bernadette at bernie.wallace@btinternet.com or Ed at edward.heckels@gmail.com.

All money raised will go to Exton Church.

May the best team win!

*Ed Heckels*
‘T for Tuesday

We look forward to the return of our monthly ‘T’ for Tuesday meetings starting again on 14th. September 2.30-4 pm in the village hall. All are welcome for a chat over a delicious home made afternoon tea. To comply with the village hall requirement we ask that upon entry to the hall everyone uses hand sanitizer and you wear a face covering. Once seated this may be removed.

If you would rather continue to receive a home delivery of cakes please contact Bernadette 01572812956.

ALERT

While not wishing to alarm anyone unduly I think I should pose the question - does anybody know of a legitimate reason why a man with a plain white van would have parked his vehicle and be moving around outside the properties 14-20 Stamford Road in the dark early hours, around 2 am Saturday 14th August using a torch? By chance he was observed from a window by a neighbour. In view of the theft of items from a garden a few months ago of large planters, obviously this has caused concern. If you know this was a genuine visitor/resident/milkman? perhaps you could kindly inform the Editor to put residents minds at rest but meanwhile it behoves us all to be vigilant and report such incidents.
COFFEE MORNING
Saturday 18th September 2021
&
BRING AND BUY STALL

10.30 am to 12.30
@
Ann Bell’s
St Mary’s House, High Street, Exton
[Tel: 812594]

ALL WELCOME
HARVEST SUPPER 2021

SATURDAY 16th OCTOBER 2021

EXTON VILLAGE HALL

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND

SOMETHING FOR THE AUCTION

SORRY NO DANCING THIS YEAR!

Tickets from Ann Bell 01572 812594

Fun Evening – Book your tickets early …£12
You Are Welcome to attend a Thanksgiving Service for Mick Bell in Exton Church
Saturday October 2\textsuperscript{nd} at 2.30 pm

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

AGM
7 pm Sunday 26\textsuperscript{th} September 2021
In Exton Village Hall

Bowling will recommence for the 2021/2 Season
Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} October 7 pm.

New members always welcome – no experience necessary, good company and pleasant social evening

Contacts: 01572 813148 or 812233
Happy to be back!

As I write, we have just over a week before the children return to school. The summer has been spent carrying out some maintenance, swapping classrooms, moving our new library, creating a fourth classroom for our new class and replacing a floor! All is going well, and we should be ready for the children on 1st September.

A new year allows us a new start, and after eighteen months of education affected by COVID, we are looking forward to returning to a more ‘normal’ way of working. Our website is being relaunched from the beginning of September. If you would like to find out more about the school and what we are getting up to, this is a great place to start, not least as we have many exciting things planned for this academic year! From sporting opportunities to art and design; singing and drama to forest schools; and science investigations to reading, writing and maths; there should be something for everyone!

If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website—www.extonschool.co.uk.

We are also happy to show prospective parents around the school. Please contact the school office on the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at extonoffice@ritschools.com.
25 YEARS AGO

People turned out in their hundreds on Monday to pay tribute to television personality and gardening expert Geoff Hamilton, who died last week. Mourners packed into Exton Parish Church for the funeral, which was followed by a garden party at Geoff's Barnsdale nursery to celebrate his life.

During the service part of the preface to Geoff’s forthcoming book – telling of the joys of being at one with nature as opposed to the hurly-burly of modern living – was read out by his sons Nicholas, Christopher and Stephen.

And the address was given by his identical twin brother Tony, of Lyddington, who is 35 minutes Geoff’s junior. He regaled the congregation with humorous anecdotes about the brothers’ lives and mischiefs and told of his immense pride in his brother’s achievements.

He recalled how once he had been stopped by an autograph hunter who asked if he was the Gardener’s World presenter. “No,” he answered, “I am his identical twin brother.” “Oh. What a disappointment,” came the reply.

Thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter.

Contributions to the October edition should be with the editor by email annetteoliver63@gmail.com or post to 20 Stamford Road by 20th September 2021.

If you wish to see the Newsletter in colour by email please ensure that you have sent your email address and permission to the Editor for this purpose. Your address will only be used for important posts aside from the Newsletter.
THE FOX AND HOUNDS

will be closed

for staff annual leave from

Monday 13th September.

We will reopen on Wednesday 29th September.

We would like to thank our village customers for

their support during unprecedented times and

look forward to seeing you all after our holidays.

Christina & Simon
The Fox & Hounds
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ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

Services

September
12th 11.15am Morning Service
26th 11.15am Holy Communion

October
10th 11.15am Harvest Festival (items for the Food Bank)

Concert  The concert in July by The Gesualdo Six was enjoyed by a capacity crowd under Covid restrictions and we are hopeful that they will want to return to Exton Church before too long.

Bell Ringers  Some of you may have heard the church bells being rung last month. This was as part of a Young Bell Ringers Cycling Tour which involved a week of cycling and bell ringing in 32 churches in our area and beyond. The bells will be rung again after weddings on August 28th and September 25th.

Pew Runners/ Cushions  We now have 8 pews with soft seats! Two of the runners are plain but the others are dedicated to Jane Mills, Mick Bell, Alma Ketley, Jane Lacey and Budgie and Bettina Bell. I am waiting for one in memory of Anne Goold. If anyone would like to remember someone in this way, or just to donate one, the latest prices are £169.20 for the longer pews and £128.40 for the shorter pews. The embroidery is charged at £24 for up to 50 letters. The runners are all wine coloured with gold embroidery.

Church Flower Bed  There is a small area of flower bed which stretches alongside the outside wall of the churchyard. Colin Ainsworth has been looking after it for about 13 years but is no longer able to keep it as tidy as he would like. It consists of mainly lavender and roses so is not high
maintenance, Is there anyone in the village who could take over this task, please? Paul and Ronnie continue to keep the rest of the churchyard looking so well cared for.

**Ride and Stride**
This cycling and walking event will take place on **Saturday September 11th**.
Bernadette is still in need of people able to give up an hour of their time on that day to welcome cyclists at the church and to sign their forms. Please get in touch with her if you can help in that way or even better if you want to join the riders or striders.

Peter Hitchcox from Greetham and his grandson are again cycling for Exton Church. Please sponsor them if you can. (Find the JustGiving page and enter his name).

His sponsorship money will be split between Exton Church and the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

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

*Sally Miller, Churchwarden*

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**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**

*We are delighted to announce that after 18 months closure the Chapel will open for normal service*

*Sunday 19th September*
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