The 200th Newsletter! All the twos!!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
The Parish Council are holding the annual meeting in the Village Hall 12th May. Village groups are welcome to send reports on activities and the public may attend. Agendas and Minutes are available ‘on line’ under the name of the Exton and Horn Parish Council as well as displayed on the notice board near the Spinney.

It appears the PC are considering having bi monthly meetings in future. I am not sure how this will affect planning application decisions which are normally discussed each month. Enquiries should be addressed to the Clerk Helen Duckering 01572 – 759554/clerk@exton.org or Chairman Tommy Cooper thgc@thomascooper.co.uk.

I am delighted to report that Kiloren Heckels has come forward to take up the vacancy on the current council and I am sure she will add another lively dimension to the group. Although she and Ed have a second home here they contribute already so much to the village.

Councillor David Healey is making a lovely job of adding plants to the ‘Spinney project’, it is so pleasing to see what was a neglected part of the village taking its proper place in the village amenities.
ROYAL PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Rather short notice from the PC but I did endeavour to let as many folk know as possible via email and word of mouth - on Saturday 19th March Tommy Cooper, Chairman of the Parish Council organised the planting of a black walnut tree on the Top Green.

It was a lovely sunny morning and despite the late reminder of the event a good number of residents turned out, some could remember the other planting of course. Current Chairman of the PC Tommy Cooper welcomed the spectators and a former Chairman of the Parish Council, Dan Howison, together with Viscount ‘Harry’ Campden, did the honours!

Dan was able to tell newcomers to the village that before the houses were built on Newfield Road, on the right hand side there was a small paddock, home to a donkey and a huge black walnut tree. However the tree was at the end of its life span and was duly felled so the new one was planted on the Top Green coinciding with the Millennium. Thanks to David Healey for digging the hole!! One or two of us had a hand in replacing the soil at this quite historic event including Ann Bell, Derek Palmer, [another former Chairman of the PC], Annie Lea, and myself leaving Tommy and Harry to complete the job! Long may it prosper. The ‘hard work’ meant a trip to the pub followed! Annie and myself have agreed to water the tree once a week each or more but would be grateful for nearby residents to assist particularly if the weather is hot as water is heavy to carry. Many thanks.

There are plans by the PC to fix decorative plaques to the lamp posts in the same way the poppies are which will complement any bunting residents display in their own gardens/fences etc.

It seems Barnsdale Lodge already has a beacon in situ and enquiries are being made as to whether it is feasible to have it lit for the Jubilee in line with the others across the country. Watch this space!
Dan [previous Parish Council Chairman] and Harry Campden planting the Royal Platinum Anniversary tree....

Lots of stone uncovered as there used to be cottages on the site

Another retired Parish Council Chairman – Derek Palmer – taking a turn with the fork!!
This photo above shows the other tree being planted and includes Nicola Langstone’s children – lovely yellow wellies!

A little bit of Exton history

Saturday 19th March 2022
OBITUARY
A former Exton resident - Terry Forster died peacefully on 16th March 2022, aged 89 years. Funeral to take place at Grantham Crematorium on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 12.30pm. Donations for St Barnabas Hospice, Grantham are being received by Robert Holland Funeral Director 14 St Catherine's Road, Grantham, Lincs, NG31 6TS. [Grantham Journal- Ed]

‘T FOR TUESDAY – 12th April 2022

All are welcome for a chat over a delicious homemade afternoon tea. We are delighted to remind you of the return of our monthly ‘T’ for Tuesday meetings which take place 2.30-4 pm in the Village hall. Hand sanitizer and face masks are available in the village hall.

If you would rather continue to receive a home delivery of cakes please contact Bernadette 01572 812956.

SPONSORING A UKRAINIAN FAMILY

Are you thinking of sponsoring a Ukrainian family?

We have started a community effort in Exton and surrounding villages to match Ukrainian families with homes in our community. While the Government refugee scheme is in its infancy, we already have two families (a mum & one child each) on their way to Exton. We are thrilled with the
support so far within our community. We only passed the word around a few days ago and we already have seven homes happy to host families in our area. If you are interested in being matched with a Ukrainian family, or perhaps helping in another capacity, please contact me. Many thanks, Colleen Ryan. colleen@miodestino.com, 07780 680 384

[There are a number of groups advertising organising aid for the Ukranian crisis but please let me pass on a word of caution that you are absolutely sure of the official routes. Information is available via the Rutland County Council and the Government websites. Sadly there are always some who take advantage of these situations via scams - Ed]

COFFEE & CAKE MORNING, VILLAGE HALL

A very popular ‘guest’ at the coffee morning on the left who stole a few hearts
COFFEE & CAKE MORNING
SUNDAY 10.30 A.M. 20th MARCH
In aid of the Ukranian Support Fund

Organised by Ann Bell and family, including Sharon on the servery, Pete the auction, friend June at the door, Angie – raffle, we were pleased to see so many supporting this function so generously with raffle prizes and donations. A local supermarket even donated the tea and coffee! There was a splendid array of cakes and it was great to see this super venue full of neighbours having a friendly chat.

A Cheque for the magnificent amount of £1312.50
Has gone to the UKRANIAN Disaster Fund from EXTON

Well done one and all and thanks for your generosity.
CHANGING THE CLOCKS! This year, the clocks will change on March 27. The period when the clocks are one hour ahead is called British Summer Time (BST). There's more daylight in the evenings and less in the mornings (sometimes called Daylight Saving Time). The clocks also go back one hour at 2am on the last Sunday in October. [Personally for me this means my car clock will be on the right time! Not an hour in front! Ed ]
RULES

* Entry fee - 50p per exhibit, except entries to classes in the Children’s Section, which are free to enter.

NB: Children are permitted to enter any class.

* Exhibitors may enter only one item in any one class.

* Entry fees must be paid, and exhibits set up between 09.30am and 12.30pm on Sunday 24th July.

* All exhibits must have been grown by or have been the work of the individual exhibitor.

* Exhibitors must reside within the Parish of Exton & Horn.

* No previously exhibited item may be entered in the Show.

* Exhibitors must provide their own vases, containers etc. at their own risk.

* Points are awarded in each category; 1st = 3, 2nd = 2, 3rd = 1.

* The number of prizes awarded in any one class will be at the discretion of the judge, whose decision will be final.

* A 50p prize will be given to First Prize winners and can be collected at the end of the Show. Unclaimed prize money is donated towards Show costs.

* Exhibits can be collected between 4.00pm-4.30pm.

The Committee accepts no responsibility for the loss of or damage to personal property.
The Committee will comply with any Covid rules in place at the time of the Show.
EXTON
Produce & Craft Show
2022

Exton Village Hall Sunday 24\(^{th}\) July
2.00pm - 4.00pm

Bring your entries to the Village Hall
SUNDAY 24\(^{th}\) July
between 09.30am and 12.30pm

Drinks & cakes will be served during the Show

Please support the Village Show
See you there!
Section 1 - Fruit, Vegetables and Flowers
1. Collection of five (5) vegetables or fruits or mixed presented in a basket or box.
2. Strawberry Plant with Flowers and Fruit growing in a pot.
3. Largest fresh home-grown lettuce – can be of any type: Butterhead, Iceberg, Romaine, Curly etc....
4a. Single Specimen Rose (in a vase or jar etc...).
   * Winner to receive the Dan Collins Rose Bowl.
4b. A vase of garden flowers - assorted or one variety.
5. A flower arrangement. Subject ‘They call it Mellow Yellow’.
   * Winner to receive the Betty Higgins Cup.
6. Display of five (5) different herbs.
   * The Melbourne Cup is awarded for most points in this Section.

Section 2 - Home Produce
7. Handmade loaf of bread
   * Winner to receive the Chippy Castle Breadboard
8. Women: 8” Victoria sponge.
   * Winner to receive the Wooden Spoon

Ingredients for Victoria Sponge:
Four eggs, raspberry jam filling with a caster sugar topping.
10. Six (6) biscuits. Any flavour or shape but must all be identical.
12. Jar of lemon curd
13. Jar of any chutney
   * The Home Produce Shield is awarded for most points in this Section.
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Section 3 - Art and Photography

14. A painting or sketch. Any medium.
   Subject: ‘An Exton Scene’
   * Winner will receive the Swinfen Cup

15. Two Classes - A photograph taken by the exhibitor.
   Subject: ‘Shadows or Reflections’
   15a. A printed, framed photograph
   15b. Digital photo to be emailed to: extonproducecraftshow@outlook.com

Section 4 - Children

   Subject: *(To be decided by the Teachers)*
   Age Groups: 5-6 years / 7-8 years / 9-11 years
   * Winner of each year group to receive a School Governors’ Shield

17. Highest number of items in a matchbox (size 55x35x11mm)
   Present: Total number of items and list of contents.

18. A digital photo from Smartphone/Tablet/Camera, emailed to: extonproducecraftshow@outlook.com
   Subject: ‘Any Animal(s)’
   Age Groups: 5-8 years / 9-12 years

19. Best Handwriting: Poems (below by age)
   Age Groups: 5-6 years / 7-8 years / 9-12 years
   * Winner of each age group to receive £5.

20. Six (6) pieces of Rocky Road.
   Age Groups: 5-8 years / 9-12 years
   * Winners to share the Best Young Baker award.

21. A Cress Head - half an eggshell with cress growing inside.
   Age Groups: 5-8 years / 9-12 years

22. Something made out of your Recycle Bin
   Age Groups: 5-8 years / 9-12 years
Exton Produce and Craft Show 2022

1) New for 2022 – Public Entry to the Village Hall at 2pm

Our Village Produce and Craft Show is the oldest in the County of Rutland, now entering its 43rd year. The Show relies upon a Committee and Team of volunteers to give up their time throughout the year to plan, organize and manage this event which invariably incurs costs.

This year, to help manage our overheads, we are going to ask members of the public attending the Show at 2pm, to make a donation at the point of entry into the Village Hall.

Ideally, we’d like the donation to be a minimum of 50p/adult and for that you will receive a raffle ticket. This will entitle you entry into a draw, to take place at the end of the Show, for a special prize which will be on display.

2) Displaying Other Personal Items

As per last year, if you’d like to show something you’ve created, to show to others, space will be made available in the Village Hall.

Items may be in any form or mixture eg: wood, plaster, clay, stone, metal or textiles. It may be a painting, drawing or sketch you’ve recently completed, please feel free to bring it along
Please bring your items to the Village Hall between 12:30 and 13:30 on the day of the Show, where someone will guide you to the relevant area.

**Best Handwriting Poems**
Class 19. Age Group **5-6 Years** and **7-8 Years**

**The Rhinoceros**

The rhino is a homely beast,
For human eyes he’s not a feast,
But you and I will never know,
Why nature chose to make him so,
Farewell, farewell, you old rhinoceros,
I’ll stare at something less preposterous.

OGDEN NASH

Class 19 Age Group **9-12 Years**

**Fireworks**

They rise like sudden fiery flowers
That burst upon the night,
They fall to earth in burning showers
Of crimson, blue and white.

Like buds too wonderful to name,
Each miracle unfolds,
And Catherine-wheels begin to flame
Like whirling marigolds.

Rockets and Roman candles make
An orchard of the sky,
Whence magic trees their petals shake
Upon each gazing eye.

JAMES REEVES
30 September 2022 is the last day you can use paper £20 and £50 notes. After 30 September 2022, many banks will accept withdrawn notes as deposits from customers. The Post Office may also accept withdrawn notes as a deposit into any bank account you can access at the Post Office. These are being replaced by the ‘polymer’ notes.

Royal Mail is making changes to its Definitive stamps [the ones with the Queen's head on them] from 2023. You will be able to 'swap out' your old stamps for new ones from March 31, 2022. You can do this through a Swap Out form - by contacting Royal Mail Customer Experience and having a form delivered to you, or pick one up from your Royal Mail Delivery Office's Customer Service point. The new stamps are available to buy now on the Royal Mail online shop. New stamps will have a bar code.

Thank you to the School for printing the Newsletter

PLEASE NOTE: MAY Newsletter contributions must be with the Editor by April 20th latest to be sure of inclusion.

Let us have your news and views

Contributions/adverts/ free of charge to annetteoliver63@gmail.com

Or by hand to 20 Stamford Road

Everybody in the village should receive a Newsletter unless they have specifically said they do not wish to. New residents may be interested to know, with your permission, I can add your email address to my data base and you will see the news in colour a day or two sooner, also when matters of interest occur important to the village good and bad I use this option to inform. Please rest assured I do not bombard you with emails.
Lights, Camera, Action!

Last week we enjoyed having a visit from Tolethorpe Youth Drama and an accompanying film crew who worked with Years 4, 5 and 6 to teach them more about the world of television and how things are filmed. The children had a fantastic day creating and editing their own short news clips, learning how to use the cameras, sound equipment and editing suite, as well as exploring some of the roles of people ‘behind the scenes’. The day finished with an opportunity to look at how drones are used in filming – and filming the whole school on the playground from above! More pictures can be found on the school website.

A huge thank you to Resilient Rutland who funded the experience.

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

We are always happy to show prospective parents around the school. Please contact the school office on the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at extonoffice@rltschools.com.
THE VILLAGE BARROW - 17 WEST END
FRESH FRUIT, SEASONAL VEGETABLES & HERBS
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Anyone wishing to donate towards Easter Lilies in Exton Church in memory of their loved ones please contact Ann Bell, Tel: 01572 812594!
ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

April
10th 11.15am Palm Sunday Morning Service
14th 6pm Maundy Thursday Service at Thistleton
15th 12-3pm Good Friday Vigil at Greetham
17th 11.15am Easter Day Holy Communion
24th 11.15am Holy Communion

The Thanksgiving Service for Nick Sparks has been rearranged for Saturday April 2nd at 2.30pm in the church.

Harper-Beau Sutlieff was baptised last month, daughter of Harry and Leanne and a first grandchild for Debbie and Sean Dawson.

Our village school will be holding their Easter service in the church at 9.30am on Friday April 1st.
Help would be appreciated for a Church Spring Clean at 9.30am on Saturday April 2nd.

Two future dates for your diaries: Saturday July 16th when Arts for the Heart of England will be putting on a concert and

Saturday September 17th when the Corby Male Voice Choir will be performing in the church. Two treats in store!

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 - Sunday 9 a.m.