Since the March Newsletter my goodness how so much has changed? The current pandemic is affecting every one of us in our personal, social and day to day lives. All we can do is listen to the Government advice and try to be sensible. Sadly this will certainly curtail much of the social activity this village is so well known for.

Look out for changes to anything noted in the newsletter on social media or published in notices on the village notice board. The village website is exton.org. This will be updated regularly.

Remember there are still many who do not use smart phones or computers, please keep an eye open for your neighbours whether you know them or not and keep them informed.

Included in the April edition is as much information as is current at the time of printing. As I close this edition it has been announced the school is closing Friday 20th March, hopefully we can get this edition printed before they do. After that if the school remains closed then it is likely we may have to reduce the information to single sheets printed privately. Please look out for any leaflets that may come through your door.

The Exton and Horn Parish Council is grateful to Jo Downton for stepping in to co-ordinate a Volunteer scheme to help out our friends and neighbours all over the village. Every member of the community is important to us. Please do not be afraid to ask, things are changing from day to day and the Parish Clerks have tried to ask as many questions as possible of the RCC to help the residents carry on with their lives. There is obviously going to be disruption, it has happened already, even in the shops. But if there is any way we can help, even if for a chat, or information use the telephone numbers provided. Do you need shopping, a prescription? We can help. Are you worried about anything? Please do not sit at home and worry if you are self isolating, sometimes a chat through will ease your concern.
Thanks for the nice comments regarding the successful application for the play equipment grant, this is being installed supposedly Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th} March to 30\textsuperscript{th} March and the area will be closed off during that time. The new sign is in place and some painting completed by our Play Park Warden. Please feel free to contact if you think you can help. The ‘painting party’ is not likely now because of the Government advice about mixing with groups of people.

Exton Hall Open Gardens
Sunday 7\textsuperscript{th} June 2020
[dependent upon Government advice]

I am delighted to learn that all profits from the teas at the above are going to be donated to the Play park for the purchase of more new equipment.
This event was so enjoyed last year and there was a massive turnout. It was a smashing day out with gorgeous weather. Any offers of assistance this year by volunteers, particularly for the serving of teas, very much appreciated. Just contact Viscount Harry Campden. Watch out for updates on this event.

**SPINNEY**

Three fruit trees were planted by David Healey in March generously donated by Abby and Sandra. The bulbs donated by villagers have been appreciated too, particular thanks to Lady Juliana who has put Cllr Healey in touch with someone who will donate a large number in May when they are dug up from his fields.

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**Village Hall AGM**

7 pm Wednesday 22 April 2020

**THIS MEETING IS CANCELLED**

**AND**

**THE VILLAGE HALL IS CLOSED**

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IN MAY**

The Parish Council is instructed to conduct business via email.
CANDLELIGHT SUPPER  Just a note to clear any misunderstanding, the Jackson Stopps kindly cook and supply the dauphinoise potatoes but the cost does come out of the profit. It seems some read the piece in the last newsletter as though this was a donation whereas it was meant to indicate the service.

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

EXTON & HORN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

HELP WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY

In light of recent health concerns over the coming months if any residents are in need of help and support we are hoping to compile a list of people who are more than happy to help in any way they can.

So If you are worried /concerned about any issues or you might not be able to get into the shops and need help please feel free to contact the following -

01572 811576
or email jo.downton@btinternet
or call in or drop a note into Jo 4 Blacksmiths Cottage, Blacksmiths Lane

Or 01572 812233

If you would like to volunteer your help in any way please contact Jo and you will be added to the list of supporters. [Your details will not be published].
World Book Day 2020

The school was transformed into Wonderland for World Book Day this year with all the staff and children dressed as characters from Lewis Carroll’s ‘Alice in Wonderland’.

The children spent the day exploring parts of the book, including looking at the characters in their French lessons and playing croquet during PE!

The day finished by sharing a Mad Hatter’s tea party prepared by our youngest children and listening to some stories.

Do look at the school website to find out more about what we get up to during our time at school.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk
Phone: 01572 812380 if you would like to arrange a visit to the school.
T’ FOR TUESDAY –
The present Government guidelines to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus are ‘people over 70 are being asked to avoid unnecessary social contact with other people’

Therefore, our regular gathering on Tuesday 14 April is CANCELLED.
Take Care and keep safe. Hope to see you all on 12th May.

Bernadette

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS – unfortunately cancelled until further notice

Sheila Flawn from Top Street has been on the sick list and is so very grateful to the many kind friends who have sent cards etc. Sorry I did not know Sheila, glad to know that caring daughter Leslie and husband Peter as ever on hand to look after this lovely lady. We all wish you well.......[Ed]

MERYL HART, PAUL AND SON JONATHAN ex Pudding Bag Lane paid a fleeting visit to the village last week, how lovely it was to see them and catch up. Plenty of pics on Facebook. They will return for their timeshare holiday in the summer,present travelling conditions allowing.

CAROLEEN FALCONER from 16 Stamford Road is moving 26th March to the upstairs and other side of the property so her new address will be 18 Stamford Road, Exton, LE15 8AZ. Telephone number 01572 813097
PASSENGER NOTICE

Advice to Passengers

Bus Operators will continue to run bus services as normal for as long as possible, but are also looking into potential service changes to cover any problems arising from Covid-19. Rutland County Council will endeavour to keep passengers updated but please also listen for information on Rutland Radio or contact the bus operator direct.

Rutland County Council
AN EXTRACT FROM INFORMATION FROM TESCO
Received 18th March

- To ensure more people have access to everyday essentials, we are introducing a storewide restriction of only 3 items per customer on every product line, and removing multi-buy promotions.
- In order to allow Tesco colleagues to focus on stocking shelves, helping to provide the essential groceries you are looking for and to avoid waste, we will close all meat, fish, deli counters and salad bars.
- To be able to ensure our stores are clean, that we can replenish stock, and allow our colleagues to rest, we will change our trading hours with all stores closing at 10pm.
- To ensure we are doing everything possible to reduce the risk of infection for both our customers and colleagues, we will be introducing some distancing measures at the checkout and, to make it swifter, invite customers who can, to pay by card.
- To help free up slots for the more vulnerable, such as our elderly customers and those who are self-isolating, we are encouraging customers who shop online or choose Click+Collect for their grocery home shopping, to prioritise shopping in-store where possible.
- To ensure our more vulnerable and elderly customers can shop in-store, we will prioritise one hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning between 9-10am (except in our Express stores) and ask that you respect this.
CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

• Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
• Bin the tissue and, to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

If you have arrived back from China or specified countries within the last 14 days, follow the returning traveller advice.

Check the list of countries and find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus
We would like to inform all our customers that as from today we will be offering a takeaway menu which can be delivered or prepared ready for pick up. Due to limited resources however, delivery must be limited to those who have had to self-isolate, either on their own or with family, due to showing symptoms of what may be attributed to Covid 19.

In addition, to support our more vulnerable members of the community, we will also be offering a takeaway 'Lunchtime Dish of the Day' sold at cost price, with no profit to ourselves. Check our Facebook Page each day for the 'Lunchtime Dish of the Day'.

Takeaway opening times are as follows:
12.00pm - 2.30pm
6.00pm - 9.00pm

Takeaway Menu
Margarita Pizza £9.00
Pepperoni Pizza £10.00
Wild Mushroom Pizza £10.00
Njuda & Spinach Pizza £10.00
Burger & Chips £7.00
Sausage, Mash & Onion Gravy £7.00
Fish & Chips £10.00
Steak & Kidney Pie £10.00
Shepherds Pie £10.00
Pethivier (v) £10.00
Bacon & Avocado Salad £9.50
Cray Fish Salad £9.50
Seasonal Vegetables £2.00
Fries / Chunky Chips £2.00
Sweet Potato Fries £2.50

'Lunchtime Dish of the Day' - Burger and Chips - £3.50

A selection of bottles of wine and beers / ales will also be available for takeaway.
We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our customers for your continuous support, your custom has been invaluable to us and we look forward to supporting you all through this difficult time.

Please keep checking our facebook page for updates. Due to health and safety reasons and along with Government advice, we have taken the decision to close the Fox and Hounds at present. However, with the weather warming up, our hope is that we can open the garden for drinks and food from the takeaway menu. All we ask is that our customers execute the safety measures outlined by the Government. Watch this space for further details.

Best wishes and good health to you all!
Christina and Simon

01572 811032 and email info@thefoxinexton.co.uk.

PS The Fox & Hounds may in the next few weeks be able to supply some toiletries – check out their facebook page.

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MAY NEWSLETTER

Items may be sent to Email annetteoliver63@gmail.com. Unfortunately we cannot give a time when the next edition will be issued as this depends upon the printing availability. It may be that a single sheet of information will be produced however we will do our best to keep you informed.

Thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter

KEEP SAFE AND WELL

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ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, EXTON

SERVICES IN APRIL

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All church services have been put on hold for a period to restrict the spread of coronavirus.

The church will remain open every day for visitors and for private prayer. For those who wish to, the Rector has asked that we all pray together for our churches, communities and against the spread of coronavirus on Thursdays at 8am or 8pm.

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

Sally Miller

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

No services until further notice. The chapel will be open on Sundays for those that wish to come and pray.