There was a very moving service at the Village War Memorial on 11\textsuperscript{th} November and an appreciative congregation of residents. Thank you to whoever had tidied up the Memorial ground beforehand, it was noticeable.

Barbie Coulson, one of the Readers from Cottesmore Benefice held the service and it was helpful to have a sound system in place, though still not 100\% effective.

Paul Almond, who served for 25 years in the Royal Navy, laid the wreath on behalf of the village and one of the schoolchildren, a small posy.

The young man in question followed Paul’s actions splendidly showing every respect. David Ketley and Bernadette Wallace contributed the final phrase of remembrance. After the silence the sound of the Last Post is very emotional for many. The poems read by the children are included in the following pages. 

[See Page 8, I love the suggestion of planting red roses by the PC]
Lest We Forget

On Friday 11th November our older children walked down to the Exton War Memorial to join with the village in their act of remembrance and share some of the poems that they had written in school. On the next couple of pages are the poems that were shared.

Remembrance

May we remember those who fell,
For those who come back with no stories to tell
For all the people who were left behind,
Who meant no harm and just wanted to be kind.

For all the people who wore poppies red as blood
Who worked and worked and did all they could.
For all the people working till dawn,
But no trace of a yawn.

For all the people who heard explosions and gun shots.
The people who tried and tried, but got themselves in knots.
For all the people in their homes like a palace.
Until they got on the battlefield, where they got treated with malice.

For all the people that came in a storm,
In future years they still have a day to mourn.
For all the people that got promoted to peace makers,
Now, because of them, we have no haters.

Seth
Remembrance

As soldiers fought below on the floor,
Planes above began to soar.
Germans struggled to hold the beach,
The Allied victory seemed out of reach.

Tanks were roaring, planes were soaring,
Soldiers were crawling.
As the Allies reached the bunker bombing and brawling.
The object was clear and casualties were treated
The Germans surrendered as they were defeated.

As we remember those who fell
We ask a poppy, for only they can tell.
Poppies are bought for many who fought,
As we think gratefully as lessons are taught.

Fenton

Lest We Forget

May we respect
Those who fought and fell. We remember
How they lost their lives for our freedom,
No other stories to tell.
We will never forget.

May we respect.
Scarlet red poppies are bought to wear
As we remember those who passed
Never to return.
We will never forget.

May we respect.
To stand and honour in silence for two minutes
On the eleventh month, eleventh day and eleventh hour
As the war officially ended.
We will never forget.

Mia

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Danielle and Christopher Sanders of Empingham Road are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their daughter Beatrix Cecilia Sanders, born on 24\textsuperscript{th} October 2022. All are home and doing well. Some of you will be familiar with Christopher’s grandparents, Arthur and Cecilia, who lived in the village and therefore appreciate the touching choice of name for their baby girl. I am sure the family are looking forward to having their first Christmas together.

\textbf{‘T’ FOR TUESDAY}

13 December

Christmas music and Seasonal goodies will be served

\textit{Exton Village Hall - 2.30-4 pm}

Everybody welcome for a chat over a delicious homemade afternoon tea. Hand sanitizer and face masks available.

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

\textbf{N.B. JANUARY 10\textsuperscript{th} is next ‘T’ for Tuesday}
VILLAGE HALL MOVIE NIGHT - Our last movie of the season is a timeless Christmas classic. Forget Elf, White Christmas, Scrooge and a hundred others, this is THE heart warmer for all the family! Bring a drink or two (and maybe something from the chip van?) and join us for a real treat.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE SPECIAL
FRIDAY 9 DECEMBER

It's a Wonderful Life
Frank Capra's acclaimed & heartwarming tale of one good man's triumph over greed and evil starring Jimmy Stewart & Donna Reed

Exton Village Hall
Doors open 7.00pm Movie starts 7.30pm
Tickets £5 each - email extonvillagehall@gmail.com or call Mark 07710 459655
Thanks to David Healey and all his merry helpers, there will be once again two Christmas trees in the village. One outside the Fox and Hounds and the other by the notice board on Empingham/Stamford road.

The lights will be switched on and carols sung by children from the school outside the Fox and Hounds 2nd December at 6 pm.

All money raised over the Xmas period for the two trees will be sent to the school towards outdoor seating and a reading chair for the nature area.

Donations can be left either in the Fox & Hounds or 20 Stamford Road.

Best Wishes to Irene Kettle who has been under the weather recently and also Gerald and Sheila Bembridge and anyone else not in the best of health.
FOX AND HOUNDS, EXTON

Opening times on Christmas Day will be from 10am with last orders at 11.30am.

Closed on Boxing Day and New Years Day

GILLYS FISH BAR – MOBILE

http://www.gillysfishbar.co.uk/ - Darren has been calling on Friday evenings, parked near the post box from 4.30 pm till 8 pm and appears to be a success. Check out the Facebook page for regular updates.

REMINDER After 31 January 2023, regular stamps without a barcode will no longer be valid. You can either use up these stamps before this deadline or swap them for the new bar coded ones. I am sure I saw the date had been amended to the summer but please research if you do not want to be caught out.
NEWS - HOME FOR RENT – THE BROOKS

Available now.

Unfurnished, £96.50 per week [£419.31 in advance]
Council Tax Band B £1707
2 bedroom semi detached house
Bathroom, Kitchen, Lounge,
Enclosed rear garden
Gas central heating

Occupants must have local connection to Great Hale or surrounding Parish
Pets permitted – one dog and up to two cats

We are a social housing provider with a development in Exton at The Brooks. Currently we have a property available

Our properties are allocated to local people in housing need. For more information, I can be contacted on 01790 754219 or email katie@lrha.co.uk.

GREEN BIN COLLECTION
Remember to check your leaflet as the RCC green bin collection is less frequent throughout December, January and February.
R is for Respect

Each term at school we focus on one of our ‘R’s. There are six of these and each helps the children to develop as an independent learner, ready for life in the world.

During Term 2 we have been exploring respect, how we should show it, how we can earn it and why we should show respect to others.

When OFSTED visited in June, they recognised how respectful our children are; noting in the report, “Pupils know that everyone is welcome at this school. Pupils are highly respectful of each other and of adults in the school.”

At Exton & Greetham CE Primary School, we recognise that everyone is unique and different, and that we should respect each other, whoever we are and whatever we are like. We may have different opinions and ideas, but that we can all learn to get along together through mutual respect and understanding.

Our behaviour policy at school is ‘we are kind, we are honest, we forgive’ – and it is this that I believe helps our children to be so respectful. Often children are still learning about how to treat each other, and they don’t always get things right! Through our discussions with children, and their honesty, we are able to help them understand what they might do differently next time, so that they are developing their kindness and respect ready to be citizens of the world.

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- **Public time:**
  Mr Andrew Hunter read a statement in opposition to the potential, proposed solar farm development in Exton. Mr Neil Tunstall, a resident of The Avenue, supported Mr Hunter’s statement. This topic was not an item on the agenda for this meeting.

- **Matters arising from the meeting 5th October 2022:**
  - War memorial maintenance – the war memorial has been tidied and mown. Thanks were expressed to the volunteer. Cllr. Healey suggested that two red roses be planted by the memorial. This was agreed.
  - Parking on the Green – it was suggested that the solution to the problem is double yellow lines. It was agreed that this option will be investigated.
  - Mobile post office – C. Cllr Fox has confirmed that the response from the Post Office has been positive, and it is intended that the mobile post office will park near the Green. More information on times and dates is awaited.

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**Samaritan’s Purse - Operation Christmas Child**

Dear all,
Thank you to all who supported this wonderful initiative by either filling a box with gifts or giving a donation. The boxes are now on the next stage of their journey and hopefully they will bring joy and happiness to children who may never have received a gift before.

Patricia Hagger
**EARLY NOTICE**

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 on **Saturday 18 February 2023**.

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](mailto:edward.heckels@gmail.com) - or just turn up.
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**ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH,**

**Services**

December 11\(^{th}\)  11.15 am  **Morning Service**  
18\(^{th}\)   3.00pm  **Carol Service** (mulled wine, mince pies)  
22\(^{nd}\)  4.00pm  **Pony Club Carol Service**  
25\(^{th}\)  10.30am  **Christmas Day Communion**  

January 1\(^{st}\)  10.30am  **Benefice Service at Greetham**  
8\(^{th}\)  11.15am  **Morning Service**  
22\(^{nd}\)  11.15am  **Holy Communion**

The family of the late Pam Wallace have given the very generous gift of £220 to the church in addition to the collection of £196.65 after the funeral. This money will be used to buy two pew cushions in Pam’s memory.

The late Jennifer Briers whose funeral took place last December has left a bequest of £500 to the church, some of which will also be used for new pew cushions in her memory.

The funeral of the late Margaret De Meur was held in the church on November 28\(^{th}\).  
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*Sally Miller, Churchwarden*

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**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY – Holy Mass**

Christmas Day 9 am, Sundays at 9 am

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I am sad to report the death of Alan Manison-Reeve, aged nearly 96 years, during the evening Sunday 20\(^{th}\) November. Condolences to his family and Sally Miller who has been caring for him.
The Xmas Bazaar in aid of Church funds 19th November held in the village hall was very successful and a huge thanks must go to everyone involved for setting up, having a stall, supplying prizes. Sally, Bernadette and Ed Heckels are very appreciative of you all. Including the Tombola, run by Ann Bell, helped by Nicola and Ella the final takings are just over £600.

**LOST PROPERTY** Found in the church (probably after Lorraine Gathercole’s funeral) Can be collected from Sally Miller or Bernadette. 07858484918

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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL AND A HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

Thanks for all your news supporting the Newsletter – remember this is your Village – I cannot include what I do not know!

Happy and sad announcements, free advertising, it’s up to you.

Thank you to Dan for sorting out the distribution to every household and for those that put them through the door.
A huge thank you to the school, Lynn Almond in particular who gets the printing done and tries to fit it in with her busy term schedule and for Megan’s support.
The Parish Council supply the paper!
Thanks to Paul Taylor for the website exton.org
Enjoy time with your families and friends

Keep well, Annette [Ed]

**CONtributions for the February Newsletter by 18th January please – remember there is no January edition**