The summer weather has certainly brightened our days just lately, it’s hard to believe at the beginning of June we were wearing jumpers and scarves! I must admit, like others, I am not so keen on thunderstorms but thankfully they were short lived. It never ceases to amaze me how you can have heavy rain in the village and yet go to say Cottesmore or Market Overton and there has not been a drop and vice versa. The hedgerows have been left to grow this season, partly economy and partly environmental. I rather like the Green with its mown path. Some will prefer the clipped effect but in a pretty village like Exton the wayward honeysuckles and other plants over village walls and fences are very appropriate.

SALE IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS @ Ann Bell’s, St Mary’s House, High Street, Exton, Sunday 28th MAY, raised a grand sum of £750 in aid of church funds. Many thanks go to all the helpers and those who kindly donated items. We had a great day.............Ann Bell

The Parish Council last met 7th June and Minutes reveal there has been a rethink regarding the half pipe in the play area. The skateboard ramp is to be repaired after all as the expense will not be as great as first thought. There will be another sign to reminder users that this
equipment is not for sliding on but is meant to be used for its proper purpose.
There appears to be no further news regarding the solar farm development at present. Planning has not yet been sought. The PC was reminded that if the Post Office mobile service is not used regularly then it will not continue. A suggestion has been made for a picnic/fun day/ in the play park- no dates or details as yet. Watch this space. If you wish to read the minutes in full please go to the website www.exton.org.
Neal Tunstall, resident on the Avenue, was elected to the Exton & Horn Parish Council at the meeting and has kindly provided a small bio for those who do not know him.
"...Born in Newcastle and went to school in Lincoln and Peterborough. Neil now lives in Exton with his wife Lorraine and their son Ben, who is studying at Warwick University. The family lived 14 years outside the UK when Neil was working abroad. They lived in Moscow (during a more peaceful time in that region), Lugano and Milan during Neil’s 30+ year career in the Home Appliances business. Neil is a member at Greetham Valley Golf Club and is starting cycling in an effort to get fit. “..."

‘T’ FOR TUESDAY will take place in the small room in Exton Village Hall on Tuesday 11 July. 2.30pm – 4pm

Everyone is most welcome to join us for Afternoon Tea and a chat with friends. If you would like help with transport please contact Bernadette 01572 812956

For our June Meeting we were joined by members of local organisations, who came to tell us how they can help support those living in our community.

RISE
The RISE team are part of Rutland County Council’s neighbourhood approach to supporting people through social prescribing and other methods. This includes a dedicated Mental Health Care Manager, who specialises in supporting people with a range of mental health related issues. Also those who may find themselves socially isolated. You can find more information about RISE and refer yourself for support by using the Joy social prescribing app. You can also get in touch with the RISE team by emailing: rise@rutland.gov.uk or calling: 01572 758 850
P3 – Rutland Housing & Homelessness Floating Support Service
Support for people in housing need, or at risk of homelessness. This support is available to anyone aged 16+ who lives in Rutland and is: • Homeless • At risk of homelessness • In housing need
They can help with: • Budgeting • Housing advice • Managing your tenancy • Reducing social isolation • Support to manage a new home • Signposting and access to other services • Access to employment, education and training
AGE UK = the Last orders project is Raising awareness of the problems associated with drinking alcohol and other forms of substance abuse to people over the age of 50 across Rutland and Leicestershire City and Council. For more information call Hollie on 07738820978 or email lastorders@ageukleics.org.uk
RUTLAND ADULT AND LEARNING SKILLS SERVICE = learn something new this summer. Some free courses are offered for adults aged 19+ without maths GCSE at grade C/4 or equivalent. Digital Skills, floristry, cooking on a budget are just a few courses they can provide. There is a possibility that courses could be offered in the Exton Village Hall if enough interest is there (4-6 people I was told). Call 01572 758122 or visit www.ralss.org.uk to find out more.

LAST CALL FOR EXTONBURY 2023
This year's festival is almost upon us and if you're quick there may still be time to get your tickets at the presales discount rate of £10 per person from the webshop at www.extonbury.com. The webshop must close on Sunday 25th June though to clear the time to get everything set up for you.

LOOK AT THIS:

• 11 of the very best local bands
• Continuous music from 12.30 through to just before midnight
• Hog roast & Festival bar
• Craft stalls plus Warners Traditional Sweets & Ice Creams
• Merchandise - T shirts, baseball caps, floral headbands, air guitars & glowsticks
• Grand raffle
• and all to raise funds for the Air Ambulance and British Heart Foundation!

GATE ENTRY £15 PER PERSON, GATE OPENS AT 11.30.

SEE YOU THERE!
EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB enjoyed their annual Presentation meal at the Jackson Stops on Wednesday 14\textsuperscript{th} May. It was a lovely evening with superb food and great atmosphere. We welcomed some newer faces and some who have been there a while! Paul Phillips is due to attend Papworth Heart Hospital for surgery, so we all wish him well.

The Club continues to enjoy the sport on Sunday evenings in the Village Hall throughout the winter months and always welcomes new members. If you think you may be interested please ring any of the following: Brian Lowe [Chairman], Dave Healey [Fixtures Secretary], Annette Oliver [Secretary].

The members played competitions this season on a knockout basis and the winners are shown below with their various trophies.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE HEALEY & WALLACE FAMILIES
EMILY [nee Healey] AND STEPHEN WALLACE ARE NOW PROUD PARENTS TO 'GRACE'
MAKING DAVID AND SUE GRANDPARENTS FOR THE FIRST TIME!!

OUR BEST WISHES TO PAUL PHILLIPS WHO IS IN HOSPITAL AFTER SURGERY.
WE HOPE YOU WILL SOON BE HOME.
This message goes to anyone in the village who is in a similar plight.

ENJOY YOUR NEW HOME PETER WHADCOAT MAY YOU CREATE MANY HAPPY MEMORIES.
NOW YOU HAVE LEFT HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME!!

Glad to hear Mike and Eileen Smith are back home after their recent convalescence.
I believe Christina at the Fox & Hounds as been unwell recently?
Ex resident Meryl Hart has been ordered to 'rest'! after a health scare. Old friends will be pleased to hear that Paul has learnt new talents on the domestic front to help out!!
QUIZ NIGHT

- Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September 2023
  - Exton Village Hall

- MAXIMUM TEAM SIZE 6 people
  - Registration from 7 pm
  - £1 charge per team member
  - Quiz starts 7.30 p.m
  - Champagne for the Winners
  - Raffle with fabulous prizes

- Contact edward.heckles@gmail.com.

- Or just turn up on the night

- Proceeds to Exton parish church
People living in Rutland are being encouraged to take part in a public consultation that will help to decide how taxis and private hire vehicles operate in the future. Rutland County Council is currently renewing its policy for taxi and private hire vehicle licensing. As part of this process, residents are being asked to give feedback on some of the conditions that could be placed on local operators in future. This includes vehicle age limits and testing, use of CCTV and mandatory safeguarding training for drivers. There are currently around 200 licensed drivers, 130 licensed vehicles and 16 operators in Rutland. An effective and up-to-date taxi policy is needed to make sure all licensed vehicles in the county are safe, comfortable, properly insured and available when required. Rutland County Council’s taxi policy will also help to make sure drivers are fit and qualified to do their jobs. Public consultation on Rutland’s new Taxi Policy is now live and runs until 5pm on Friday 21 July 2023.

https://www.rutland.gov.uk/yoursay/taxi-private-hire-vehicle-licensing-consultation

PLEASE NOTE Anyone without access to the internet can take part in the consultation by calling the Council on: 01572 722 577.

THE BEREAVEMENT HELP POINT is a friendly, local drop-in service that aims to provide bereaved people with a place where they can access information and support and where they can talk to like-minded people and share their emotions. A safe place to talk to people who understand what you are going through. Most of us are faced with the death of someone we love at some point in our lives. Grief can be relentless, debilitating and isolating. So few people really know what to say to someone who is grieving, which can leave the person feeling alone and with the feeling that there is no one who actually understands what they are feeling. We don’t offer a 1:1 counselling service at the Bereavement Help Points, but we can provide you with contacts who will be able to help you further. Drop into South Street Fire Station any Monday (except bank holidays) 2pm-4pm
Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Sport and Music

Following on from last month’s offering from the school about cultural capital – we have found ourselves taking part in lots of sport and musical activities this month!

Over the past few weeks, every child in the school has taken part in athletics – from an EYFS sports festival for our youngest children, to the opportunity to take part in athletics on a real sports track at Corby Stadium for those in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

The school was alive with the sound of music, as samba came to the building! Each class had the opportunity to develop their knowledge of samba music and to create their own class samba band with Ollie from the Rutland Music Hub.

At the end of last week, all the children from year 2 to year 6 went down to Oakham School Chapel to take part in the Rutland Music Summer Sing, and we enjoyed joining with other Rutland schools to sing songs together and record our final performance.

Before we break up for the summer, we will have completed an arts week, a science week, sports day and attended the RLT Music Festival – all this alongside our normal learning!

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 to arrange a visit.
Saturday 10th June saw Exton Church filled with an audience of 120 people who attended the performance of Choral Reflections: Allegri’s Miserere, which was part of the Arts for the Heart of England Summer Festival. The Festival Choir (conducted by David Hill) sang with great passion and talent throughout. We look forward to next year’s event!

ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH

JULY Services
Sunday 9 July  11.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23 July  11.15am Holy Communion

AUGUST Services
Sunday 13 August  10.30am Benefice Holy Communion
(there will be one service each Sunday in August held in a different Church in the Benefice)
PLEASE NOTE THE DIFFERENT SERVICE TIME THROUGHOUT AUGUST

On Sunday 25th June we welcomed Harry and Charlotte Giblin into the church family through their Baptism at Exton Church.

General queries can be directed to the Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com or one of the Churchwardens Bernadette Wallace 01572812956/07858484918 Edward Heckels extonchurchrutland@gmail.com

At the Annual Church meeting held in Church on Monday 22 May, Sally Miller retired as the Churchwarden. Thanks were expressed to Sally for the many years of faithful service to Exton Church in her capacity as Churchwarden – duties that have been carried out wisely with sensitivity; a willingness to help others, kindly, compassionately and with great humility. She has helped many families through times of trouble, sadness and joy! Through funeral services, weddings and baptisms. Thank you Sally – Ed and Bernadette (your replacements – and note it takes 2 people to replace YOU) will be grateful for any advice you can offer in making the changeover of officers go smoothly.

We also welcome Nicola Langston as a member of the Parochial Church Council.

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY – Holy Mass
Please note:

Holy Mass will be celebrated only on the first Sunday of each month until further notice, at 9am.
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REMINDER
Residents mobile Post Office service, at The Green, every Friday from 1.15pm to 2.15pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO BARNSDALE GARDENS!

2023 is the 40th Anniversary of Barnsdale Gardens!
In 1983 Geoff Hamilton, the much-loved BBC Gardeners World presenter founded Barnsdale, developing the gardens from a pasture that he had ploughed. The BBC filmed there from the moment he moved in and Barnsdale became the new home of Gardeners' World the much loved TV programme.

Geoff is buried in Exton churchyard.

Our thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter

THERE IS NO AUGUST NEWSLETTER
Due to school holidays
Closing date for contributions to the SEPTEMBER edition, 19th August

All entertainment/news/items for sale/ family announcements, births, deaths and marriages, welcomed by the Editor free of charge

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HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER EVERYONE

At home or otherwise!