As summer draws to a close as I write these words, we have been fortunate to enjoy the return of some lovely warm sunny days, making up a little for the downturn in good weather during August, quickly followed by rather windy conditions. Children back to school and thoughts no doubt turning to Halloween, Christmas and the like.

It saddens me to have to advise those that do not already know of the death of Dan Howison, widower of Fay, who was such an important part of the Newsletter project and Exton village life. Without Dan’s determination to ensure every household received a copy I am sure this publication may have faded away a few years ago. I took over as Editor/compiler in 2010 and as soon as the printing is kindly done by the school [Lynn Almond – the treasure for that] I picked them up delivered them to Dan and he set about bundling them into different sized packages – he collected business envelopes to recycle for the purpose – and off he went delivering them to the helpers who actually put them into the doors. Only once or twice have I had to take over due to his ill health or as last month his absence on a lovely holiday and attendance at a family wedding.

DAN HOWISON (1929 – 2023)
Friday 6th October 1.45pm for 2pm
Burial at Tythe Green, Ketton.
Family focussed, but you are welcome to join us if you wish.
Followed by:
Memorial: 4pm for 4:30 pm A celebration of the lives of both Fay and Dan in the Exton village hall.
The celebration will continue into the evening at the Old School. For those of you with a musical bent, do please come armed with instruments and/or a song to sing later in the evening.

Dress informal /cheerful.

Donations, if desired, to Retina UK via https://www.justgiving.com/Lucy-Schlappa or cash on the day.

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**OBITUARY**

Dan Howison's full and rich life owed much to his interesting and unusual youth. His father came from Scottish farming stock but, being a younger son, he had to seek a living elsewhere. He went to Burma, (now Myanmar) to work for an import-export firm and there he and his wife, herself a very unconventional woman who had travelled round the world on her own at the age of 21, brought up Dan and his sister Janet until they were 5 and 3, at which point they were sent back to England to avoid the Burmese climate, which was thought to be bad for children.
He went to a prep school and then to Abbotsholme School in Derbyshire, a rather idiosyncratic but excellent establishment which combined an academic education with a host of practical activities: all the pupils helped on the school farm and with maintenance tasks (he held the position of 'Gutters and Spouts 3').

On leaving school he did his National Service, ending up teaching in the Education Corps, before going to Queen's College, Oxford to read Modern Languages.

Dan met Fay in Oxford, where she was working in a small studio pottery called the Isis. They married in 1954 and moved to Manchester, where he taught at Manchester Grammar School. They had two children, Sam and Ben, before moving to Oakham where Lucy was born. Dan spent the rest of his teaching career as Head of Modern Languages at Oakham School. He and Fay bought The Old School from Exton Estate in the late 1960s and spent two or three years restoring it from top to bottom before moving in around 1971.

When the ironstone workings closed on the Exton Estate it was Dan who worked tirelessly to negotiate the reinstatement of all the rights of way across Exton Park, now enjoyed by so many people. Exton used to have a Cricket team and Dan was a member.

As a Parish Councillor and Chairman he was fearless in representing the interests of the village in matters such as Planning and Housing and all things Exton! There are so many stories to tell about both of them; Fay’s beautiful miniature paintings; her role as Vice President of the Melton and Rutland Liberal Democrats where she was awarded the Harriet Smith Liberal Democrat distinguished service award, made each year to a party member who has never been elected to public office and who has demonstrated excellence and commitment ; Dan’s love of music and incredible store of knowledge.

Many, people in the village will have their own memories of this delightful couple, and will wish to contribute to the Celebration of Dan’s life and that of Fay on 6th October. Covid restrictions prevented the full respect due to Fay so this is time to remember them both.

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**Sparklers Toddler Group**

Meet in Cottesmore Church, Tuesday mornings, term time, from 9.30am – 11am. Refreshments, crafts, toys, bible story and singing!

All parents and carers welcome with children under school age. Suggested donation is £1 per family.
Already hard at work!

The school year has started with a full school – we now have 73 children on roll!

All of the children, including our new starters have settled in well and are enjoying their new topics and classrooms.

Our classes are all named after shades of blue, to reflect our school colour.

The topic for our youngest class, Aqua, is ‘Ourselves’ this term. For our middle class, Teal, they are learning all about the differences and similarities between France and Great Britain. In Cobalt Class, where you will find our year 5 and 6 children, they are learning about World War II and what life was like in Britain during this time. There is lots of exciting learning planned. Do visit the website to see more of what we get up to!

*If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website – [www.extonschool.co.uk](http://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.*
EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Village Hall, Exton
Recommences
Sunday 8th October 7 pm

Come and join us
You do not have to have played before –
Bowls is a very sociable game – regardless of age or gender,
You may borrow bowls initially, just bring flat shoes

Enquiries 01572 813413/812233/813148

’T’ FOR TUESDAY

Our next ‘T’ for Tuesday gathering will be in the small room of Exton Village Hall on Tuesday 10th October 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 or prefer a ‘cake away’ please contact Bernadette 01572 812956/07858484918.
Donations of homemade cakes are always welcome!
I know a lot of people in Exton support this Hedgehog charity and the wonderful work they do and have taken patients to it. It is the nearest place to help our little prickly friends so deserves all the support it can get. Ed
Exton & Horn Parish Council

Due to Lyn Cundy Jones moving from the village there is a vacancy on the Parish Council - Anyone interested should contact Clerk, Helen Duckering, 01572 759554.

In the September Newsletter residents were asked to comment on the possible sale of some of the land in the Spinney. The Exton & Horn Parish Council Minutes dated 6th September state:

......Sale of land adjacent to 5 Empingham Road: Cllr. Cooper summarised the situation. The owner of 5 Empingham Road approached the Parish Council requesting to purchase a strip of land adjacent to his property (69.75m2) for £10,000 plus a £500 contribution towards legal costs. It was advised by Hegarty Solicitors that the land is subject to a restrictive covenant. The proposed sale of land was advertised. An independent surveyor’s inspection confirmed that the land in question is owned by 5 Empingham Road and not the Parish Council. The boundary has now been correctly marked out and a fence will be erected by the owner. The Parish Council will be fully reimbursed for legal fees and surveyor costs. A subsequent request to purchase 69.25m2 has been received. It was agreed that the Parish Council do not wish to sell any land but that it would agree to the digging of a 2m trench to allow the connection of a power supply, provided that this is properly marked out in advance and the trench reinstated once work is complete. ............
We all know how hard Ann Bell has worked over many years both for Village charities, the Church and other good causes and those of a National variety. The takings from her recent MacMillan Coffee morning will be reported in the next newsletter. How lovely she should be recognised by the organisation for all her efforts.

EXTON NEWSLETTERS
I am pleased to say we are after all, able to continue with the distribution of the Village Newsletters, due to Sharon Bell, Bernadette Wallace and Kiloren Heckels taking over the role that Dan Howison did alone. The village list is now split into two and a third section for the ‘out of village’ homes. Sharon and Bernie will drop off the newsletters to the kind folk in the village that put them through the letterboxes and Kiloren will take those further afield. A huge thank you – I know Dan will be looking down and will be pleased we have kept up the standards!!
If you wish your name added to the ‘on line’ list please email [Ed]
Rutland Christmas cards

Order yours NOW so they arrive before December

Four designs by Exton artist Fay Howison

Available in packs of six at £3.95 a pack

All profits to Exton parish church

Please email extonchurchrutland@gmail.com to place your orders (by 31 October)

Items for the NOVEMBER Newsletter
To be with the Editor by 19th October
By email annetteoliver63@gmail.com
Or by hand 20 Stamford Road
Adverts free of charge
THANKS TO THE SCHOOL FOR PRINTING THE NEWSLETTER
October Services
Sunday 8 October 11.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 22 October 11.15am Holy Communion

Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust (RHCPT) – Cycle Ride
Many thanks to those who helped at this event – recording visitors to the church and offering refreshments. Thanks also to Peter and Paul Hitchcox who cycled to 21 churches in Rutland and covered 32 miles. The sponsorship money raised by them will be shared between Exton and Whitwell Churches and the RHCPT.

THE NOEL BANNERS – an information booklet about the coats of arms appearing upon the Noel Banners in the parish church of St. Peter and St. Paul Exton (written by Judy Swinfen) is available for the price of £5.
Please contact Bernadette 01572 812956/07858484918 to purchase a copy.

Weddings
Saturday 9 September; Adam and Anika were married in Exton Church, followed by a wedding reception held in the grounds of Exton Hall. We wish them every happiness in their married life.

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