There was a good turn out of more than 40 people for the Annual Village Quiz on Friday 22 September. Eight teams battled it out in a close contest with the lead changing frequently. In the end, two teams tied and shared the champagne prize (see below). Many thanks to all those who came along and also those who donated raffle prizes. And a particularly big thanks to Bernadette, Patricia and Kiloran for helping to organise the event....Edward Heckels

Jane and Tom holding the champagne prize supported by their teams
EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB
Are very grateful to Mick Mills for his long stint as Treasurer of the club beginning in 1990 having joined the committee the year before. Mick finally decided to retire at the recent AGM. Sue Lesiakowski has taken over the role.
33 years is certainly a long time! Mick was awarded Hon Life Membership of the Club and presented with a ‘Tea for Two’ voucher for Barnsdale Gardens as a small thank you from the club.

EXTON INDOOR BOWLS CLUB
Village Hall, Exton
Sunday evenings 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
Mick’s long service sent me looking into the club’s history and I thought I would share with some newer residents and remind some others who have been here a lot longer that the inaugural meeting of the club took place in the Village Hall Thursday 4th September 1986. Among those present apart from Mick was Vi Luckhurst who is also still a member though she has ‘lapsed’ from time to time!. The first Chairman was the late Eddie Hudson and the Secretary was the late Andrew [‘Chippy’] Castle [husband of Pat who recently left the village], they used to run the village post office at one time. Treasurer at the first meeting was Mrs Doreen Bell. They agreed to have two sessions a week, Sundays and Wednesdays at a cost of 50p per session and £5 annual membership for adults and £3 for under 18’s. These fees were amended shortly after. Funds were raised from a sale, a dance and a loan from the Cricket and sports club.

Interestingly the history of Empingham cricket club refers to matches with Exton...........

.......The History of Empingham Cricket Club from 1815
Empingham appeared to play its first game of cricket on September 18 1815 against Knowston in Leicestershire, later known as Knossington. The result was a tie. A return game was played on November 2 1815. In later years a combined team from Empingham, Exton and Oakham played against Cottesmore and records exist of combined Empingham and Exton teams playing other villages. The game continued through the years in Empingham, and in the 1870’s records exist of a match in 1873 when Empingham played Mr F Knox’s team of Exton on August 2 and won the match 23-14! An interesting feature of the game at this time was that the size of the teams depended on ability of the players and similar to the handicapping system in golf, situations did arise when one side could field 22 players and the other only 11........

If anybody has any photos of the Cricket teams or Football teams of those times please send them in.
I see from the Parish Council Minutes that two residents have intimated an interest in the vacancies for a Parish Councillor on the Exton and Horn Parish Council.

The old noticeboard is to be removed due to its age and condition.

I also noted the following:

**LLRPCL COVID VACCINATIONS** - The mobile vaccination service will park at the Fox & Hounds, October 31st 1-3pm.
Getting out and about...

Our oldest children have been to visit Rutland Museum in the past few weeks – with grateful thanks to the Friends of Rutland County Museum and Oakham Castle who funded the coach transport to enable this to happen. They had an amazing time learning about Rutland in WWII, about being an evacuee and about rationing.

Some of our School Council were also able to visit the Houses of Parliament; where they learnt more about how a bill becomes a law, as well as having the opportunity to go into both the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

In sporting activities, our footballers have been busy practising their skills, and have just taken part in the first RLT tournament of the year.

By the time this newsletter is printed, the Basketball festival will also have taken place!

Alongside the RLT annual Spelling Bee, it has been a busy start to the year. Watch this space for more activities over the coming months!

*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.*
COFFEE MORNING
The Coffee morning held at Ann Bell’s home on Saturday 23rd September raised the grand sum of £670 for MacMillan Cancer Support funds. Many thanks to all who supported this event and thanks to all the family and friends for their help.

Ann Bell, MBE

Winter Gardening Course
Join us at Growers Row Shared Garden for a FREE 6-week course on Winter Gardening.

Growers Row offers a range of horticultural opportunities with raised beds, key-hole gardens, fruit trees, and two polytunnels. The course will cover seasonal planting and harvesting, garden maintenance and safe use of tools.

1pm - 3pm Wednesdays, 4th October - 8th November 2023
Open to all ages and abilities. Transport can be arranged.

To book email info@rootandbranchout.co.uk
or telephone Alex 07929 989 432
DAN AND FAY HOWISON
In the last edition of the Newsletter there was an obituary for Dan and the funeral was held on 6th October followed by a ‘Celebration of lives well lived’ in the Village hall. The family had arranged an emotional journey using photographs on a slide projector covering all parts of their interesting lives. The Village Hall was packed and several speakers related their own personal memories of the couple.

Dan and Fay would have been extremely proud and I am sure the family appreciated how they had touched so many lives. One or two friends were away on holiday or had other engagements, who under normal circumstances would have attended including Lord Gainsborough who tendered his sympathies via Ann Bell.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – EXTON CHURCH

The villagers were very generous in this year's Harvest Festival appeal. See the photo below from the Harvest Festival service on 24 September. All contributions are going to the Rutland food bank.
ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH

November Services
Saturday 11 November 10.45am Remembrance Service at the Village War Memorial to include a 2 minute silence at 11am

Sunday 12 November 11.15am Remembrance Service
Sunday 26 November 11.15am Holy Communion

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.

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

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.

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.
ST PETER AND ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH

Christmas dates for your diary

Saturday 9 December
A morning of cleaning, sweeping and polishing to prepare the church for Christmas.
We will be gathering at the church from 10am to 12.30pm.
Cleaning equipment and materials will be provided!

Sunday 10 December
Morning service at 11.15am

Sunday 17 December
Carol service at 3pm followed by seasonal refreshments

Sunday 24 December
Carol Singing with guests at The Barnsdale, Exton Avenue, LE15 8AH. Gathering in the lobby of The Barnsdale from 5.45pm for a 6pm start. All volunteers welcome!

Monday 25 December
Christmas Day Holy Communion with the Rev Anthony Oram at 10.30am

Sunday 31 December
Benefice service at 10.30am at Cottesmore church

Join us to celebrate Christmas!
extonchurchrutland@gmail.com
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Mobile Post Office service, at The Green, every Friday from 1.15pm to 2.15pm.
‘T’ for Tuesday

Our next ‘T’ for Tuesday gathering will be in the small room of Exton Village Hall on **Tuesday 14 November.** 2.30pm – 4pm

Everyone is most welcome to join us for Afternoon Tea and a chat with friends. If you would prefer a ‘cake away’ please contact Bernadette 01572 812956/07858484918

Donations of homemade cakes are always welcome!

Aren’t we lucky to hear the owls so clearly in the village, they are particularly noisy this time of the year?

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Information/adverts/ entertainment/news/ welcomed by the Editor free of charge. It is appreciated if the contributions are sent in plenty of time. Should anyone in the village not already on the email data base wish to be included please forward contact details to the Editor annetteoliver63@gmail.com Or by hand to 20 Stamford Road

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE DECEMBER NEWSLETTER BY 18th NOVEMBER please – remember there is no January edition**

The delay in issuing the November edition is due to school holidays

‘Thanks to the School for printing the Newsletter’
A big thank you to all of the people in Exton who generously gave to a collection for our kind and thoughtful post man Andy who unfortunately for us has had to take on a new round in Uppingham.

Good luck to you Andy and thank you, we will miss your cheerful deliveries in our village.

Spare a thought for others if you are having fireworks – please Warn your neighbours

A set of car keys reported missing on the walk round Exton Estate – Please get on touch if you have found any.  [Ed]