Down Memory Lane:
Circa 1950?
Maypole dancing and the crowning of a Mayday Queen took place at schools and villages all over the country at that time. In Exton there was always a collection for Dr Barnado’s home. In the photo above: Sally Hill, Chippy Castle, Janet Carrier, Yvonne Bell, Ann Castle, the Queen was Angela Castle, Dorothy Wallace, Gwyneth Sparks, Heather Secker
COMEDY NIGHT!

Comic poet, humourist and singer

"THIS IS NOT ONLY CLEVER BUT I THINK IT’S VERY FUNNY"
[MIKE HARDING]

"HIS HEAD IS WELL AND TRULY LOCATED IN PLANET BARRATT. CLEARLY A PLACE OF WONDERFULLY BIZARRE INSPIRATION"
[COVENTRY TELEGRAPH]

"ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PERFORMERS YET. HIS AUDIENCE WAS WITH HIM FROM THE MOMENT HE BEGAN"
[WRITE ANGLE, PETERSFIELD]

"ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING"
[BEMDLEY BOOK WEEK]

"MIND-BENDING POETRY"
[TWICKFOLK, LONDON]

ROB BARRATT

Saturday 8 June 7.30pm
Tickets £10 from www.exton-village-hall.com
Bring your own drinks!
VINTAGE LANDROVER FOR SALE

January 75 reg Series 111
V8 TAX & MOT Exempt
Non runner

Good for a project?

£3000 ono

Tel: 07960286171: Pete
TEA FOR TUESDAY
Our next community ‘T’ for Tuesday is on **Tuesday 14th May, 2.30pm – 4pm** in Exton Village Hall. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Donations of homemade cakes are always welcome. Contact Bernadette 01572812956/07858484918

EASTER LILIES
Ann Bell sends a huge thank you for the lilies donated and says they were particularly beautiful this year and a delight to arrange.

EXTON PLAY PARK
How disappointing to be asked by the Parish Council to send a message to the village to say that the Play park has to be ‘closed’ due to the vandalism surrounding the protective equipment put in place while repairs are in hand. One item, chained to prevent use due to serious safety concerns, was actually undone! The users would not have thought it so amusing if the frame had toppled over on them.

Whoever is responsible should be ashamed to spoil the pleasure of others and in such a tiny community like Exton it is disappointing. The culprits probably know the other children who like to go in and use the equipment in the holidays or other times when they can. Why would you deprive them of the opportunity? As for the financial impact well of course home owners know the monies involved are paid for by the whole community. Several parents have been in touch to say how upset their children were, some had not seen the notice on FB and email and therefore had turned up in anticipation of playing only to be told they could not enter. Assuming this was done by persons still ‘living at home’ it is to be hoped that should their family realise they are housing the likely vandals they will have ensured this will not happen again. Offers of help to keep the area looking good would be more useful?
EXCITING NEWS - FILM CLUB AND NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE COMING TO THE VILLAGE HALL SOON!

In the coming months the hall will be starting up two exciting new ventures. Firstly we're starting a Film Club which will host monthly screenings of movies, from the latest releases to fantastic classics. There's no membership fee for the club, but there'll be a small charge at each screening for refreshments and a raffle. Members will have an input into what is screened and will be able to bring guests who will hopefully become full time members themselves.

Our second initiative is even more exciting as we will be signing up as an approved venue for National Theatre Live screenings. This will bring the very best live theatre productions right into Exton, featuring star actors including Benedict Cumberbatch, David Tennant, Michael Sheen and many more in plays both modern and classical. No need to travel to Stamford, Peterborough or Corby - see it in Exton at a bargain price! Coupled with our Comedy Night on 8 June - see advert for details - it's all happening in Exton!

If you'd like to join the Film Club and / or are interested in NT Live please join our mailing list by email to extonvillagehall@gmail.com
MARKET OVERTON BOWLS CLUB
Bowling Green Lane, Market Overton, LE15 7PH

OPEN DAY
10am to 4 pm
Sunday 26th May

You are invited to come and try bowls in lovely surroundings, we supply all equipment, but please wear flat shoes - all ages WELCOME!

Free Entry/Tea/coffee

FUN, FITNESS, FRIENDSHIP, BOWLS HAS IT ALL!
ANOTHER SCAM?

Telephone numbers 02038085105/5185: Allegedly the caller was from ‘Diesel Emissions? Had all the details of my car registration and my name and age of car, [no doubt because I have recently been looking on line at car insurance sites?]. Thinking this is likely another rubbish call I was very abrupt and advised the caller to get to the point of the call as I was short of time. He actually tried to tell me that the manufacturer of my car was having to pay compensation for all cars manufactured since the year my car was first registered and it did not matter if I was the original owner or second or third owner, because the vehicles did not conform in some way. The next sentence tells you where this was going – “I just have to check one or two details with you before we can make arrangements regarding payments [or similar words]”.

At that point I blocked the caller. I admit it’s a new one on me. Doubly annoying as they keep ringing!!!!

ELECTION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER LEICS

Polling takes place Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} May 2024 in the Village Hall 7am to 10 pm. Please remember you need photographic identification to vote.

No doubt residents are getting texts and emails regarding Spring covid vaccinations, if you are in the right age group? There seem to be ‘walk ins’ available as opposed to making appointments which may suit some people better.
Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Year 4 Residential

Our Year 4 children have just returned from their residential in Norfolk. This is a great opportunity for the children to develop their independent skills, try out new activities and test their resilience. They have had a fantastic time exploring, amongst other things: ziplining, a high treetops trail, biking, archery and completing a vertical challenge! The children were great ambassadors for the school, and it was lovely to hear how kind and polite they were, as well as how well they did in facing fears and giving things a go.

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.
Signs have been erected on the Exton Estate to warn dog walkers that it is **not** ok to walk dogs and not ‘pick up’ neither is it ok to pick up and then leave the plastic bags for the stock to eat when grazing which can be equally hazardous.

Sadly there have been a number of calves stillborn this season as a result of the mothers catching ‘**neospora**’ from dog poo !!.

This is all pretty horrific and upsetting for those involved caring for them.

True animal lovers would not need telling.

Hopefully the signs will raise awareness of this horrible disease and walkers will respect why the rules are in place.

Stick to the public footpaths and keep your dogs on leads so you can see what they do.

Unfortunately we know there are many visitors to the village who will not see this Newsletter.
ST PETER & ST PAUL PARISH CHURCH, Exton

MAY SERVICES
Sunday 12 May 11.15am Morning Service
Sunday 26 May 11.15am Holy Communion

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING will take place after the church service on 26th May. The church accounts for 2023 and a report on church activities for 2023 will be presented and Church wardens will be elected. Everyone is most welcome to stay after the service for this short meeting. Refreshments will be served in Church following our services. Please do stay for a cuppa and a chat.

REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL – forms can be obtained from the Church (or Bernadette Wallace – Electoral Roll Officer) if you would like your name entered on the roll.

FROM THE PARISH CHURCH REGISTERS
Katie and Georgina Heckels Confirmation by the Bishop of Peterborough at Peterborough Cathedral. Easter Saturday 30th March 2023
**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. Copies in the church or please contact Bernadette 01572 812956/07858484918

**GENERAL QUERIES** can be directed to the  
[Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com](mailto:Cottesmorebenefice.office@gmail.com) or one of the Churchwardens  
Bernadette Wallace 01572812956/07858484918  
Edward Heckels  [extonchurchrutland@gmail.com](mailto: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. We regularly welcome 20+ children with their parents/carers and would like some extra help. Either setting up before the session or making a cake! If anyone would like to help at the group please do contact Bernie 07858484918.

**REMEMBRANCE POPPIES**  
Although Remembrance Sunday may seem a long way off the Church Council have thought about making a display of knitted or crocheted poppies in the church this year to enhance our celebrations. We would like to ask the ‘crafty’ people among us to contribute to this. Many patterns can be found on the internet for poppies and it would be lovely to come together as a community to produce this display. The people who fought in the wars and gave their lives for us came in all shapes, sizes and colours; thinking about our display – we anticipate that the poppies made will reflect this diversity. Red poppies; a symbol of both Remembrance and hope or purple poppies; a reminder of the animals that died in war. Just 2 ideas to maybe get people started. Please contact Bernadette, Ed or Sally via the church email address [extonchurchrutland@gmail.com](mailto:extonchurchrutland@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**  
There will be no regular Sunday services.  
However a Mass will be held on special feast days  

**Friday Latin Mass at 7pm** will continue unless prevented by bad weather
**HISTORY OF THE EXTON FEAST**

**29 June** is the feast day of Saints Peter & Paul, the two patron saints of Exton parish church, in honour of their martyrdom in Rome. Historically, the following Sunday was when the village celebrated what was called the “Exton Feast”. There are references to the Feast in records dating back to the 18th century but the history of the celebrations probably goes back much earlier. The extracts below are from “Exton Remembered”, the memoirs of Herbert Robert Wilton Hall, who was a school master in the village in 1876. “The ‘Feast’ was the one domestic festival of the year in those days, far outshining even Christmas. Three weeks before the Feast, Exton was given over to that kind of domestic discomfort very dear to good housewives, viz: turning every room in the house inside out, and upside down. Every room must be whitewashed, or, in some cases, repapered, and there was much washing and scouring and polishing: and the good man and boys of the household were worried and harried into turning out and cleaning up outside barns and hovels, and tidying up of gardens. The best housewives, who had had their regular ‘spring-cleaning’ not many weeks before were as much smitten with the cleaning-up fever as the most slatternly and happy-go-lucky. But the ‘Feast’ idea was a good one ….. in that it kept up and fostered the idea of ‘home’, and all that home stands for. Those away from the old homestead tried to come home for the Feast and if they could not come they wrote home and sent some little present, and many kindly remembrances to the ‘old folks at home’. In the latter part of the week before Feast Sunday the Village began to fill up with folk. How so many got there was a mystery and where they were bestowed when they had arrived was a greater mystery still. There were two or three gingerbread Stalls set out on the Green and a cocoa-nut shy, and an antiquated and decrepit round-about known as ‘the flying horses’. This was no brilliantly painted steam roundabout with organ and other effects: the mechanism was worked by the proprietor himself, with the aid of such small village boys whose over-flowing energies could be beguiled into the service by the bribe of a ride round now and again. Exton School Children had their annual treat on one day in this week in the Vicarage grounds. Altogether, it was a homely, pleasant time, and I made the acquaintance of several folk who had been brought up in Exton, who found their way there for the ‘Feast’”. Our ancestors chose the Sunday following 29 June as their feast day because Saturday was a working day. We are lucky to have Saturdays off as well these days and so the village hall is booked on Saturday 29 June for a tea party from 3pm to 5pm to which the whole village is invited, reviving the ancient tradition of the “Exton Feast”. 

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Exton Parish Church

invites you to

afternoon tea

to celebrate

the Exton Feast

from 3pm to 5pm

on Saturday 29 June 2024

at Exton Village Hall

All Welcome  Free of charge

Donations of cakes, pastries etc appreciated

Please let us know you are coming by emailing extonchurchrutland@gmail.com or by returning the form below to Bernadette Wallace, 18 Vicars Close, Exton, Rutland LE15 8AW.

Please reserve .............. places at afternoon tea on Saturday 29 June 2024.

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Our thanks to Peter Taylor who has volunteered to look after the War Memorial garden. Currently the annual display of cowslips are blooming.

CATMOSE SPORTS CENTRE, OAKHAM
A meeting was held Thursday 18th April and the Rutland County Council voted to close the Sports centre much to the dismay of its many members.

THE CUCKOO
Glad to say I heard it once in April so far?

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE
Exton Church is collecting unwanted new and used candles for the Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership to recycle and send to Ukraine for heating and lighting.
Drop off in the church porch we will organise the delivery

MANY THANKS TO THE SCHOOL FOR PRINTING THE NEWSLETTER
Contributions to the JUNE Newsletter should be with the Editor by 20th MAY.
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BEAR WORKSHOP
FRIDAY 31ST MAY, 4PM-6PM

Join us for some May Half-Term fun and build your own Barnsdale Bear with us.

Tickets include a bag to take your Barnsdale Bear home, an outfit, a birth certificate, a sand art activity, dinner for the kids, and a welcome drink for you too.

Friday 31st May

4pm-6pm

£30pp

Payment is required at the time of booking

The Barnsdale, The Avenue, Exton, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8AH,

01572 724678 , reception@barnsdalerutland.com