



l-r Carol Harrison, Jan Fisk, Jan Hurst, Lora Edwards, Carol Parkhill, Ann Meyer, Kate Drewett, Natalie Nachaeva, Paul Carrington and Ian Prentice

Making Deeping a better place!

At the same time as the Deeping St James Annual Parish Meeting, the annual Making a Difference Awards, take place. Members of the public are encouraged to put forward the citizen, group, young person and person who has most made a difference in the course of doing their job.

With a community that is rooted in volunteering it is always a difficult job to choose who should receive the accolade. This year the citizen to most make a difference was Ian Prentice, who has consistently been on hand to help the Deeping community in good times and bad. The young person to receive the award was Edward Grooby for the work that he has done at the Deepings Library as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Age Concern was the group to most make a difference to people's lives, and Carol and Steve Williams were selected for the work that they do while running the micro pub, The Thirsty Giraffe. Given a special award and £500 was Pam Mansfield, who on 9th August will celebrate 50 years of running the Exotic Pet Refuge in the village. Thank you all!



Edward Grooby



Liz Waterland



Pam Mansfield



Steve and Carol Williams

Deepings Neighbourhood Plan Group: an update

Deeping will continue to grow, and the Group aim to help secure the right sort of growth in the right locations. The Deeping Neighbourhood Plan (DNP) Group can't block nationally enforced housing targets, so they demand high-quality design, the safeguard of vital open spaces, lobby for the affordable housing we need, and help along new employment growth. Infrastructure is lacking but the Group press hard for delivery.

Getting Things Done & Listening

Alongside monthly meetings, sub-groups regularly engage with County and District Councils and developers. They held public consultations at the Christmas Market and at the Community Centre in April, online surveys regarding (a) their vision and (b) local business needs. They hosted two public meetings to collate residents' concerns over proposed housing in Deeping Gate, submitting them directly to Peterborough City Council.



Being Heard

The Group actively reviews local planning applications, and DNP policies are now regularly cited in South Kesteven District Council's work. The Group are also keeping a keen eye on the delayed second supermarket, park upgrades, and cycling routes. They've successfully secured a commitment to a stretch of the Deepings Green Walk right inside the planned new 80-home development at Towngate. They recently engaged with a local developer to secure better walking and cycling connections into an expansion of the Northfield Industrial Estate.

Shaping the Bigger Picture

This year, they made major contributions to the SKDC Local Plan revision, the SKDC Design Code, and the local Cycling and Walking Plan. With information on both SKDC's and Peterborough City Council's new housing sites expected in the next few months, they are already updating the DNP to ensure it remains fit for purpose.

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The DNP Group operates under the joint authority of DSJ Parish Council and MD Town Council.

Parish Cllr Gordon Smith, Chair of DSJ Planning and Transport Committee and Vice Chair DNP Group.



l-r back Bob Titman, Mim Slater, Sue Titman, Julie Fortnum. front Dick and Anthea Wray

Deeping St James Parish Council recently installed a bench at the cemetery in memory of Nancy Titman nee Swift it is inscribed 'Nancy loved Deeping St James as much as Deeping St James loved her'.

The benches at Manor Court Gardens originally installed by DSJ United Charities have now been restored by B&R Fabrications on behalf of DSJ Parish Council and reinstalled by their maintenance team.



Words from the top

Phil Neville lives in the heart of DSJ, a stones throw from Jubilee Park having moved to the area in 1982. His children went to Market Deeping Community Primary School and Phil became Treasurer (well placed for this role as his full time work was in Barclays Bank) and then Chair of the PTA. Since he and his wife, Lulu retired, Phil has been keen to become more involved in the community and as well as becoming a member of the Rotary Club, he joined the Parish Council 21/2 years ago. He is an environmentalist and seeks to make the environment a keystone of the councils activities. It is of no surprise then that he is a founder member of the Deeping River Action Group. If you are in a similar position to Phil and would like to become a Council member there is a vacancy at the moment - please contact the Clerk on clerk@deepingstjames-pc.gov.uk



Concerned about emergencies?

The Deepings has a Community Resilience Group have your back and have a plan with the support of the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum.

What Is the Community Emergency Plan?

The Community Emergency Plan is a locally developed document that identifies:

- Potential risks that could affect our area.
- Key community resources and facilities.
- Local volunteers who may be able to assist during an emergency.
- Communication arrangements for sharing important information.
- Procedures for supporting residents when normal services are disrupted

Be prepared!

Here flooding is considered an upmost risk – arriving quickly and disrupting daily life. Even a few inches of water can damage the structure of a home, appliances, and important documents. By working together, staying informed, and looking out for our neighbours, we can help make our community more resilient.

How You Can Help

- Consider the risks that may affect your household.
- Keep emergency contact details readily available.
- Prepare a small emergency kit including a torch, batteries, first aid kit, medications, and essential supplies.
- Keep important documents in a waterproof container.
- Check on neighbours who may need additional support during severe weather or other emergencies.
- Stay informed through official weather warnings and local communications.
- Install flood barriers or door seals where needed

When flooding is imminent

- Listen to official alerts and follow authorities' orders.
- If asked to evacuate, do so early; take your kit and prescriptions.
- If you stay home, turn off utilities if told to do so and move to higher floors if water rises. Practice how to turn off gas etc.
- Move valuable items to upper floors or high shelves if you can.
- Identify multiple routes to higher ground.
- Plan for pets and elderly or disabled family members.



Aqua-Sac® is a revolutionary alternative to traditional sandbags for emergency flood protection.

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The Group are interested in hearing from residents who may be willing to assist during an emergency, whether by helping with communications, checking on vulnerable neighbours, providing practical support, or sharing local knowledge.

For more information about the Plan, volunteering, or the work of the Community Resilience Group, please get in touch:

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Summer! and there are three playschemes funded by the Parish Council for children from DSJ Community Primary or Linchfield Academy. Each offering something different - creating with Artivity (3rd-7th August) or learning bushcraft with Our Forest Garden (27th-31st July) both based at Swines Meadow and offering morning or afternoon sessions.

Sue and her PLAY team at Madcaps (Market Deeping Community Primary) offer a wide range of fun activities on mornings from 10th to 13th August. Application forms are available from DSJ Primary Schools. Apply early as spaces book up quickly!

Kate Shinkins-Hoppe

Chair of Recreation and Open Spaces



IT TAKES ALLSORTS TO MAKE A COUNCIL



CAN YOU BE ONE TO HELP US TO MAKE OURS?

Call the Clerk for more information and come along to one of our meetings to see the broad range of projects that we are involved in!



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Full Council meets on the 3rd
Tues of the month 7.00pm at
The Institute, 38 Church Street,
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Annual Deeping Fun Family Dog Show

A BARK IN JUBILEE PARK!

Twixt Thackers & Crowson Way DSJ
Sunday 19th July 2.00-4.30pm

**No need
to be a
pedigree.**

As long as you love
your dog bring 'em
along! They do not
need to do anything
just look their most
beautiful.

Entries £1 per class:

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Lookie Likie	Best Child Handler
Most Fabulous Fella	Dog the Judge would most like to take home
Loveliest Lady	Best Rescue
Cool Pup (6 months - 1 year)	Best in Show



CAUTION! HEDGEHOGS

