

Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter

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Deeping St James blacksmith William Bennett, left goes to War.

Deeping St James remembers

This November marks the centenary of the end of the First World War and with a national programme in place entitled 'Battle's Over: A National Tribute' there will be a lot to read about in the press.

This Parish is taking part in the Tribute with a Music Hall and songs of the day (see back cover for details) and on Sunday 11th November from 18.00 we will be inviting you to gather with us to commemorate the event at the Beacon on Jubilee Park which will be lit along with a thousand other beacons up and down the country.



There is a programme of events including the opportunity to join in with some communal singing as well as hearing the trumpet sound the last post in an evocative tribute which will be heard up and down this island of ours. At 19.00 the beacon will be lit and you will walk home to the sound of bells as they welcome in the peace.

This year as well we will join with our colleagues in Market Deeping at the opening of the garden of remembrance at Riverside Park (opposite the Library) at 3.00 pm on Sunday 4th November and on Sunday 18th at the closure of the garden. We will also be joining with

parishioners at the Priory Church at 3.00pm on Sunday 11th November when there will be a Service in Church to mark this auspicious occasion.

Judy Stevens

This summer has seen a craze for some young people on bikes to disrespect the rules of the highway. This has given way to a lot of concern for their safety and for those that get in their way. The Council would ask everyone involved the young people and their parents to respect the road and other drivers as the consequences of not doing this are unthinkable. Please turn to page three and to a poem by Si Fox a resident written in response to these actions.



Deepings Raft Race 2018

Another successful year for this longstanding local event! We had 42 rafts this year, up on the last few years but visitor numbers were down somewhat. After checking with other events in the region run at around the same time, they too were low on numbers. It appears the weather was "too good" at 30 degrees! Some people stayed at home in the shade and others had headed for the coast. That said, great fun was had by all. As usual there were some spectacular rafts, designed to fit the Heroes & Villains theme and many rafters were in fancy dress to compliment their craft. A huge Thank you to all the sponsors (see raft race website for details) and our volunteer marshals without whom the event could not take place. Due to the very generous sponsorship, income from raft entries and stalls, we will again be able to make some very significant donations to local good causes. Final details will be announced shortly. As usual, bucket collections were disappointing. Considering this is a free event to attend, based on estimates of the number of spectators, we probably only had on average about 25p per person donated, but a big thank you to the few who did put notes in the buckets.



Image: Bill Fisher

Also, don't forget to put next years date in your diary, Sunday 4th Aug 2019 and look out for the SKDC Lottery coming soon, you can choose to join and support the Raft race.

Finally a big thanks to all those who voted for us in the Deepings Business Awards (Social Enterprise category), we are shortlisted and keeping our fingers crossed!

Andy Pelling



My name is Christine Halls and I was co-opted on the Parish council. I am married with three grown-up children and two grandchildren. I have lived in Deeping for over 24 years and since retiring have been involved locally, I am also a police volunteer and at the beginning of August we had an open day which I helped to organise and which surpassed our expectations. I am also a Trustee of Deeping Youth Group. I look forward to covering my duties as a councillor and helping Deeping St James carry on being a great community.



Andrew Bowell

Police Station volunteer, Cllr Christine Halls commented, "We opened the doors of the Police Station and the public flooded in! We had a brilliant day - thanks to all!"



Chloe Simmons winner of the DSJ Parish Council Award for Contribution to the Life of the Deepings School.

SIGNAL BOX PROGRESS

The project to rebuild St James Deeping signal box is moving forward. The ground has been cleared, ready for building work to start in a few weeks' time. One of the biggest obstacles was a massive tree trunk, which had to be cut up and removed, as it was in the way of the foundations.

Much of the building work will be undertaken by students from New College Stamford, who will learn new skills, working with traditional materials including lime mortar. They will be supported by Princebuild Ltd as project advisers. We are very grateful to these organisations for their assistance in what is very much a community project. We hope to have the majority of the building work finished by next summer, then we will fit-out the building as a heritage centre and working museum. For more details, visit our website www.stjamesdeepingsignalbox.org.uk

Tim Stevens

Summer Playscheme 2018

Each year Deeping St James Parish Council funds a Playscheme which is organized for the benefit of the children attending the Primary Schools within the Parish. This year it took place every weekday morning from Monday 13 August to Friday 24 August 2018 and was held at Linchfield Community Primary School where an average 95 children attended each session.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank the School Management Team, for allowing it to go ahead, whilst a major building project is underway. Further thanks go to Claire King, Treehouse before and after School Manager, and her dedicated team who brought together a very special event.

During my visits I saw children having a huge amount of fun with so many activities on offer including making slime, playing outdoor sports, designing shopping bags, IT opportunities, glitter and glue and outdoor water fights!

All the children were incredibly well behaved and this again is a credit to the team and the high level of organization which enabled staff and children to enjoy the fun in a safe and relaxed environment.



Kate Shinkins-Hoppe



Following a very successful Duck Race in September the Deeping Lions presented a cheque for £3000 to Faye Nan from the Lincolnshire & Notts Air Ambulance team.

Words from the Chair

SKDC have adopted a policy to improve tourism, and the Deepings have been classified as a Gateway Town for the District. Visitors to the area spend money which creates employment and ultimately increases wealth.

We put on some wonderful events in the Deepings; Beer Festival, Carnival, Raft Race, Duck Derby and Literary Festival which all attract visitors, together with some outstanding sports teams. The secret to success is to ensure these visitors enjoy their experience, tell their friends, and return again. SKDC are investigating initiatives that will help in this respect, but we all have a part to play.



Allotment Show winners! Best plot: Alan Patrick. 1st Di and Pete Wheatley, DSJ Parish Council Chairman Andrew Howell, Jilly Hamilton and Allotment Society Chairman, Geoff Hurst.



A clean and pleasant environment is welcoming to visitors, and the Parish Council works hard to try and achieve this, but we could do so much more with your help.

A lot of tax payers money and time is spent cleaning up litter, and vandalism, both of which are avoidable and unnecessary, and a blight on our landscape.

Could you spare a few minutes every week keeping the front of your property clear of litter? If you have teenage children do you know where they are at night and what they are doing?

Lets all work together to maintain Deeping St James as a great place to live, as well as a welcoming destination for visitors.

Andrew Howell

Smashing bike ride...

I pour myself a double, the first of more to come
I need to wipe it out my mind, I need it to be numb
It was just another normal night, as I drove back to my house
To see my kids, to block out work, to cuddle with my spouse.
Spotify was playing Queen, 'The seven seas of Rhye'
My mind wandered to some paperwork, I rolled my eyes and gave a sigh
My boss was asking too much, I was tired and slightly narky
The autumn nights were pulling in, the air was getting parky.
I thought about the facts and figures, needed for tomorrow
I don't know if I could get it done, I needed time to borrow
But as always, like the fool I am, I said that I'd get on it.
Then out of nowhere BANG! There was a kid across my bonnet.
Metal screeched and ripped, as I rode across his bike
And I watched in abject horror as we careered into the dyke.
Through someone else's eyes, I watched the world revolving
A gang of kids of bikes appeared, the horror kept evolving
I swear go God I hadn't seen them, riding down the street
I swear to God I hadn't heard them, I kept hear myself repeat
A witness said they'd owned the road, popping wheelies, doing tricks
Goading all the drivers, and getting on their wicks!
But apparently, I didn't slow, I didn't miss a beat
I just hit the kid in front of me, and threw him from his seat
No helmet, lights, or common sense, of these he was devoid.
And now he's lying motionless, with both our lives destroyed.

Si Fox

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings take place on the last Thursday of the month 7.30pm at the Institute, 38 Church St., members of the public are very welcome to attend and an open forum takes place in the first 30 mins of the meeting.

BATTLES OVER
Deeping St James Parish Council

BE A PART OF THE NATIONS TRIBUTE

Come to Jubilee Park twice
Thackers and Crowson Way on
Sunday 11th November 2018

Gather from 18.00 - there will be refreshments and an opportunity to join in with communal singing

18.55
The Last Post will be played along with 1,000 others at this time across the UK

19.00
WW1 Beacon of Light - the beacon with thousands of others will be lit to signify the end of the darkness of War and return to the light of peace

19.05
The Church bells will ring out for peace as we return to our homes

*March no more my soldier ladle,
There is peace where there once was war.
Sleep in peace my soldier ladle,
Sleep in peace, now the battle's over.*

★ **DSJ PARISH COUNCIL PRESENTS** ★

100 YEARS ON!

MUSIC HALL

TO COMMEMORATE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR

★ ★ ★ ★ WITH ★ ★ ★ ★

TINDERBOX

AND

THE NOTABLES

SONGS FROM
CONDUCTOR SARA WOOLHOUSE

★ **THE DEEPINGS SCHOOL,** ★
PARK ROAD, DEEPIING ST JAMES PE6 8NF

7.30PM SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER.

PLEASE COME IN THE FASHIONS OF THE DAY!

TICKETS £10 TO INCLUDE PLOUGHMANS

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PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES AND SMILE SMILE SMILE **BAR**

Emergency / Disaster
Your Community needs you!

If we had to cope with an emergency or disaster could you help?

Could you help with a tractor, boat, trailer, or mini-bus?
Are you responsible for a large hall?
Do you have access to blankets or sleeping bags?
Can you offer specific skills or medical knowledge?
If so, we need you!

Please contact us leaving your name, telephone numbers and details of how you can help.

The details will be used to make a plan for the Deepings to help us to be ready in case an untoward event happens.

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