

# Deeping St James

Parish Council Newsletter



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image: Stuart Render

From left: Jill Thomas, Judy Stevens, Andrew Bowell, Carole Dye, Julie Bowell, Kate Shinkins, Christine Halls, Phil Dilks

## DSJ Best Kept Community!

One of the first local authorities in Lincolnshire to sign up to the Charter for Trees in 2018, Deeping St James Parish Council are continuing to support the ethos embodied in this Charter which puts trees at the heart of the community. And why does it do this?

First and foremost because trees convert greenhouse gases into oxygen and in so doing help prevent the build up of carbon and stent its contribution to climate change. Secondly when planted near rivers and streams they help prevent flooding as they reduce the amount of water entering waterways. Not only do they provide a haven for wildlife and contribute to biodiversity but they are an integral part of our landscape and



are vital for our mental health. So in celebration of Tree Week a group of DSJ Parish Councillors planted a mix of hornbeam and mountain ash trees along with some native hedgerow plants in the cemetery.

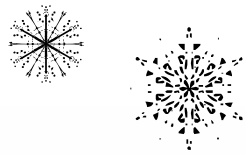
The environment is very important to

the Council and we continue to have a zero tolerance towards litter and fly tipping and support a team who plant the containers throughout the village which see blooms all year round. And this year was the year when we were recognised for our efforts and awarded the Best Kept Community title by the Campaign to Protect Rural England in partnership with SKDC! The work continues

as we plan our budget for 2020-1 and put in place initiatives which will continue this good work. To everyone that supports our litter picks, to the maintenance team who work for us everyday, the organisers of the Community Payback team and to the Parish Clerks who ensure that this work is co-ordinated a very big THANK YOU!



image: David Pearson



## On the buses ...

**Lincolnshire County Council has installed new bus stop poles along Spalding Road to mark the stops for the Delaine 203 Spalding and Stamford service. In particular, there is now a stop at the Broadgate Lane junction, convenient for residents in Broadgate Lane, Millfield Road and surrounding areas.**

Don't forget the Bus Information display in the Church Street shelter. This gives a summary of local bus services and information about the Call Connect book-ahead minibus, as well as useful contact numbers, for example the Deepings Practice Voluntary Car Scheme and the Age Concern minibus.

Buses sometimes have difficulty getting onto the stops, due to vehicles being parked there, making it hazardous for passengers to board and alight. This is a particular problem at Horsegate (Benedict Court). So we ask motorists, please consider the needs of bus passengers and park well clear of the bus stops.

*Tim Stevens*

## Training and development

**Both the Staff and Councillors of Deeping St James Parish Council are encouraged to continually develop their knowledge and skills and improve their understanding of the Councils responsibilities and obligations as well as build good working relationships and share good practice with other Councils.**

The Parish Council is a member of the National and Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, the National Allotment Society, the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management and both office Staff are also members of the Society of Local Council Clerks. All of these organisations offer training opportunities and organise networking events.

Recently Councillors and Staff have attended training courses covering powers and duties, policy and procedure, financial management, Cemetery management and compliance, allotment management, planning and neighbourhood plans and freedom of information and data protection regulations as well as attending a number of networking events with other local Councils within Lincolnshire.

Through attending training and networking the Parish Council can continue to offer the best service possible to the residents of Deeping St James.

*Julie Tortnam*

**Each year the Parish Council funds a Summer Playscheme for children attending Primary Schools in Deeping St James. This year the children were offered a great deal of fun and excitement every afternoon for two weeks from 29th July to 9th August.**

The Parish Council would like to congratulate Sue Bell and her team at Madcaps (Market Deeping) for providing such a huge number of activities, a very friendly staff and a totally inclusive Scheme. Whilst neither of the Primary Schools in our own Parish, were able to host the Scheme this year, and realising the Leisure Centre could not meet our needs, then Sue and her team came to the rescue.

One parent commented "Our sons (8 and 7 years old) attended the Summer Playscheme run by Madcaps at Market Deeping Community Primary School, 29th July to 9th August. They both enjoyed the experience, giving us very positive feedback after every session. What really impressed us were the range of activities provided and the enthusiasm of staff and helpers, We do hope the Parish Council will be able to support a similar scheme next summer."

I also visited the Scheme on several occasions during those busy two weeks. Each time I was met by smiling faces from children and staff and knew that everyone there was having a great time in very safe hands.

*Kate Shinkins-Hoppe*



Image: David Pearson

**As I write this it is dark, cold and wet outside, as my mind wonders back at the Summer, and look at what the Parish Council has been doing.**

Summer started in April with the Great British Spring Clean when enthusiastic local residents turned out to litter pick and to spruce up the village. It was pleasing to see young people from Deepings Youth Group also rolling up their sleeves and getting involved.

Councillors helped with refreshments at the opening of The Jubilee Park Trim Trail, which is proving to be very popular. Thanks must go to The Friends of Jubilee Park, whose members worked hard raising funds, as well as researching the different types of equipment and suppliers.

The Parish Council gazebo has been out and about at The Rose and Sweet Pea Show, The Carnival, The Raft Race, and The Duck Race enabling Councillors to engage with the community. These events give the Parish Council a chance to meet and talk to residents, to find out what is important, and where things can be improved.

The three footpath walks in June and July were again well attended. The footpaths are walked every year to ensure they are kept open. The three walks are all of different lengths and difficulties, but afterwards there is a chance for everyone to get together for refreshments at a local hostelry.

*Andrew Bowell*



## WORD FROM THE CHAIR

As we enter December with the nights drawing in, we all look forward to seeing all the festive lights in our village and our homes. However there appear to be some lights which are not being switched on! In a recent Council meeting, we were discussing road safety. I think most of us had seen cyclists (at the last minute!) at night without lights. We had also seen various local social media reports of pedestrians & joggers along the road with dark clothing.

It's a shocking fact that over 500 cyclists & pedestrians die each year on our roads.

Maybe a set of bike lights, costing as little as £2.00, could be added to your gift list this year?

The relevant points of Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations are as follows:

- Lights and reflectors are required on a pedal cycle between sunset and sunrise.
- When they are required, the lights and reflectors must be clean and working properly.



Image: Chris Halley

Cllr Steve Gilbert (left) welcomes new vicar Revd Mark Williams to the Parish

On behalf of DSJ Parish Council, Let's dream of a Christmas filled with lights, let's dream of a year that's warm and bright. A wonderful Christmas and a fantastic New Year to you and your family.

Steven Gilbert, Chairman

## Our new Councillors...

Born and raised in South Lincolnshire, I spent most of my childhood in and around Bourne, with our family business being Waterside Garden Centre. After school, already developing a thirst for travel, I spent a good part of a year in New Zealand working and exploring. I then headed to York, where I would spend seven years studying and living. Heading back to Lincolnshire, I have spent the majority of the last decade teaching in local Primary Schools. In 2013, I met my Canadian husband, in Barcelona nonetheless, and we have since settled in Deeping St. James, becoming proud parents to our two amazing children. Last Christmas, I left my role as Assistant Head in search of more balance, but somehow seem to have just as little free time - volunteering for Peterborough Maternity Voices, writing for I'd Rather be in Deeping, running several online support groups for local families, and of course, nurturing my family. My other passions include photography, cooking, and design. As a new member of DSJ Parish Council, I aim to be a voice for young families in the local area.



Zoe Kornfeld

Hi. My name's Si, and apart from being a relatively new Parish Councillor, I'm involved within the community in a couple of other ways. I'm one of the Trustees for the Deeping Youth Group, which is an amazing group giving the young people of Deeping somewhere to go and let their hair down, and I'm also one of the founder members of 'Deeping Thought & Talk', a popular community-based Facebook group which helps bring our rapidly expanding community together.



I write and perform stand-up poetry to those who'll listen, and occasionally to those that won't! I was very honoured to be asked to write and perform at the opening of the Deepings Literary Festival this year, and I've been asked to do a Christmas Poem for the Library, which has helped bring on the festive spirit!

Si Tox

I have lived in Deeping St James for nearly 6 years, with my husband Paul. We have one son, Jim, who is soon returning back home after 2 years working in Canada. I am a civil servant, working for the Department for Education in London. My previous career was as a senior leader and teacher, the majority of this time in Deeping St James. My main interest outside work is studying for a doctorate in education, which takes up a fair amount of my spare time. As a new Parish Councillor, I hope to be able to carry out my duties in a way which benefits the local community and focuses on supporting the caring culture of the very special village we live in.



Caroline Borcham

## Probation service community payback

DSJ Parish Council has worked in partnership with Probation Service providers for 10 years+ benefitting from hours of unpaid work and giving the participants an opportunity to develop skills. Currently the team visits fortnightly and completes at least 7 hours of unpaid work. Projects have included grounds maintenance in the Cemetery and Millennium Wood, clearance of overgrowth on

footpaths and on unadopted areas of land within the Parish, the installation of new railings at the Cemetery and the re-painting of others. If you are aware of an area that would benefit from a visit by the Team contact the Parish Clerk on 01778 343266.

Julie Tortnum



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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.



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**Deeping St James  
Parish Council**

# Carols in the Park

with the Salvation Army Band & The Fyzz Wallis Band

## Friday 20th December 7-8pm

Jubilee Park twixt Crowson & Thackers Way  
Deeping St James

Friends of Jubilee Park in partnership with  
Churches Together and DSJ Parish Council  
Funds to Friends of Jubilee Park and  
the Salvation Army



## The good life??



Is your New Years resolution to sample your own home grown vegetables? Would you like to draw up a chair at the table and tuck into a bowl of soup made from produce you have grown yourself?

Well 2020 may well give you that opportunity! At the moment Deeping St James Parish Council have a vacant allotment (rent just £20 per year)! If you would like to try your hand at digging your own plot - then call Assistant Clerk Kathy Bowles who will discuss the level of commitment needed and the support available from the Allotments Association.

email: [asst.clerk.dsipc@btconnect.com](mailto:asst.clerk.dsipc@btconnect.com)  
or call 01778 343266

## DEEPING ST JAMES COMMUNITY SKIP

Deeping Recycling Centre  
Station Road,  
Deeping St James  
PE6 8YB

EVERY SATURDAY  
8AM-5PM

First come first served til full  
Proof of residency will be required.

Items that can be  
disposed of include:

**BEDS, FLAT PACKED  
FURNITURE, CARPETS,  
POLYSTYRENE,  
3 PIECE SUITES ETC**

Free disposal for paper,  
cardboard, car batteries,  
clothes, plastic, metal etc.



For a fee wood, hardcore, soil,  
car tyres, computer monitors,  
TV's green waste, engine oil  
etc can be disposed of.



For more information please call 342873

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