

Deeping St James

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Winners

Random acts of kindness make a difference to Deeping St James!

When Sharon Edwards of BBC Lincolnshire contacted me to speak on a piece about volunteering in the Deepings I knew that we were great at volunteering here but I had no idea of just how great we were! Sharon travels the length and breadth of the county in her quest for news stories and she had identified the Deepings as being top of the tree where volunteering is concerned!

So it is absolutely apt that the largest slice of Deeping St James Annual Parish Meeting is given over to the Making a Difference Awards where community members are honoured for the invaluable work that they do to make the Deepings such a great place in which to live. This

year the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, Toby Dennis presented the Awards on behalf of the Parish Council.

From an impressive selection this year the citizen to most make a difference was named as Noreen Scattergood who aged 92 has only just retired from serving refreshments for the NHS Blood and Transplant service donors for 25 years. While the young person to most make a difference was Alice Teigh involved in Interact group where as the Chairman of the group she has organised two quiz nights raising funds for Parkinson's Disease Charity. Recently established Deeping United Football offer training sessions three nights during the week and then more at the weekend. There

are currently 8 coaches and 9 children's teams and 1 adult walking football team and they received the community group to make the most difference award. Sally Donaldson was the person to most make a difference in the course of doing her job. Employed at the Deepings School Sally has started a running group as part of the Wellbeing at School initiative. She has motivated a team of staff to participate in the Couch to 5k group. In her spare time she has helped to start the Don't Lose Hope Café in Bourne.

There are in short a panoply of exceptional people living or working within our community and if you would like to see them or a group of them recognised in the 2020 Making a Difference Awards then please contact the Parish Council clerk on 01778 343266 or at clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com

Judith Stevens



Winner - individual to MAD - Noreen Scattergood

**Nominees
in the
Groups to most
make a difference
category**

The Lunchbox Club at the Methodist Church, represented here by Ann Robinson provides a meal and a social outlet to older people in the parish.



Police Station volunteers without whom the police station would not be open to the public. Not only offering this valuable service they also opened the Station for the first time for the general public last summer.



The team of volunteers that bring the Deepings the Father Christmas sleigh comprises of members from both the local Lions and the Rotary Club. Collecting money from the Deepings and surrounding areas in 2018 they raised over £10,000!



The members of Deeping First Responders have been responding to 999 calls within the community since December 2001. They have given more and more time to training in order to give the best service to the community and have supported many local events as First Aiders.



The library volunteers continue to support our ever growing library, new groups, clubs, events, care home outreach, age concern book group, baby group and toddler groups, story times, school events, local scout and guiding visits, nursery visits, adult craft club, adult games clubs are ALL run by volunteers.



For generations the Oddfellows have provided help for their members whether financial or social. In the last year the Nene and Welland branch have provided invaluable fundraising for the Deepings Youth Group through a carefully crafted programme of events all year

The group who make up The Friends of DSJ, work tirelessly to keep our village looking very attractive by seasonally planting tubs and planters around our village.



When the Youth Club lost funding from LCC this could have been the end of a vital resource for the young people of the area. The new trustees and committee came together to ensure this vital service was retained for the youngsters, giving their time and efforts free of charge so that the youngsters have a safe and pleasurable environment to meet.

Melvyn Landan joined the Deepings Mens Group in 1994 and became an assistant charity officer in 1995 and senior charity organiser in 1998. Since then, as well as issuing equipment he has been the main contact point for the DMG and has maintained all the stock records and looked after the site. Last year Steve Canham celebrated 25 years as a local Scouting leader currently: Explorer Leader, County Staged Events Advisor and Network Group Leader. Deena Burkitt has organised the Thursday Age Concern lunch for older residents for many years as well as coffee mornings to



1-r Melvyn Landan, Steve Canham, Deena Burkitt, Simon Marshall, Stuart Hall, Lord Lieutenant, Carole Bremner, Brian & Norah Littler, Noreen Scattergood (front) Brian Waterland for Liz, Sue Harris & Liz Noble, Sonia Marshall

raise funds. Simon Marshall has the voluntary role of Treasurer at The Priory Church and in the last couple of years Simon has also written a large number of funding bids in order to seek funding for the refurbishment of the church / community hall. Without Simon's dedication in finding funding the Hall – which is used by many community groups – it would have faced closure. As soon as it became public that DSJ would lose the DSJ Signal Box, Stuart Hall immediately started a campaign to save it and with a group of dedicated volunteers, he saved the box. It is now in the process of being reconstructed on a site near to its original home. Carole Bremner has worked so hard over the last year or so to gather funds for the Friends of Jubilee Park's plan to install a Trim Trail for the free use of residents of all ages. As a result of her extremely time-consuming and energy-sapping input in obtaining over £10000, the Trim Trail was installed in February, much sooner than anticipated. Nora & Brian Littler are part of a group of volunteers who

work at The Lakes spending a great deal of their time there. In addition they have been involved in other environmental projects within the community, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm. Following a successful campaign, Liz Waterland was the first Chairman of the Friends of Deepings Library and was instrumental in gathering together a large number of volunteers to enable the Library to become the success it is today. The Deepings Community Centre is organised by a Board of Trustees, led by Liz Nobel and Sue Harris, together they have spearheaded a transformation at the Centre recently changing its appearance with a new colour scheme, flooring and many other improvements. Revd. Sonia Marshall is the dedicated curate at The Priory Church. In the last year she has coped with another interregnum period at the church and remains a constant support to her congregation. Brenda Hurl (not pictured) organises the Visiting & Befriending service for Age Concern.



Nominees for the young person to age 18 were 1-r Alice Teigh, Ella Young, Evie Spittlehouse, Corey Cuthbert

Young people to most make a difference include Ella Young who works with interact to support charities such as Dementia UK and CRY. She is going to university to study midwifery and her passion to help and support people with her gentle and caring character will make her invaluable to society. Evie Spittlehouse is a volunteer at Deepings Youth Group and has been a great help for two years. Corey Cuthbert helps set up and clear up at the Youth Group, regularly using his own equipment to DJ events there. Gracie Kelly (not pictured) was nominated for litter picking at school and around DSJ.



Nominees in the Course of doing their job category were 1-r Cass Wales, Sally Donaldson and Sue Rangolam

Nominees for people to most make a difference while doing their job. Cass Wales for her boundless energy and enthusiasm. Full of original ideas to keep young people occupied and providing a shoulder to cry on or to impart words of wisdom. Sue Rangolam makes a tremendous impact in the modern foreign languages department at the Deepings School, both to support the work of teachers and especially to Year 11 students studying for GCSE exams this summer. Science teacher Abi Isherwood (not pictured) who sets an amazing example of resilience, courage, strength and determination.

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Britain's Best Walking Neighbourhood Award



VOTE FOR THE DEEPINGS

THE DEEPINGS HAS BEEN NOMINATED IN THE TOP 10 FOR BRITAIN'S BEST WALKING NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARD 2019, BUT WE NEED YOUR VOTES

PLEASE HELP US WIN

Vote at: <https://www.ramblers.org.uk>

Closing date Sunday 30th June 2019

Deeping St James Parish Council

Invite you to walk the footpaths in 2019



- **Thursday 4 July, 7.00pm** - meet on the green outside the former Rose Inn, Froggnall. This walk will take approximately 1.5 hours.
- **Tuesday 23 July, 7.00 pm** - meet at the Woody Heights skate park, Linchfield Road. This walk will take approximately 1 hour.

Please wear sturdy footwear as these are field path walks.

All welcome to join us for light refreshments afterwards The Walnut Tree Horsegate PE6 8EW

For further information please contact:
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Judging starts 27th May 2019 and continues over three rounds during July and August.