

Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter



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Here they are - the people to most make a difference in DSJ in 2016/7!!

Once again the people of DSJ has come up trumps with a awe inspiring array of individuals who have worked tirelessly to help make DSJ a better place in which to live!

At the annual parish council meeting held in May this year we were delighted that local artist and children's book illustrator, Ellie Sandal was able to be present these prestigious and highly contested awards. This year the individual to most make a difference was Judith Allen. The list of good works that Judith has undertaken is awe inspiring; a long time member of WI she is currently the treasurer, She has been fundraising for Thorpe Hall for 25 years and during that time has raised the princely sum of £150,000 with book sales at all major events held in the Deepings and elsewhere. She supports many craft groups as a member and as a teacher and volunteers at the Thorpe Hall café at least three full days a week. and also heads up the team supporting residents at the Laurels Care Home! Janice Bullock has been working with children in the Deepings for over thirty years at the Carousel Nursery. On her retirement she missed the children and has taken up the role of Teaching Assistant at Linchfield while also being one of the founders of the hugely successful Little Linchfield Group for pre-schoolers and their carers on Tuesday mornings 9.30 - 11.00 am at the



DSJ also hosted the awards for the winners in the Deepings Literary Festival competition. First prize went to Molly Clegg of Murano silver and was presented by Judge and Author, Hilary Spiers.



school. Dave Vandome heads up the team that keeps Deeping Lakes the award winning destination that it has become in the Deepings - rain or shine there are a group of dedicated volunteers at the Lakes every Tuesday morning; coppicing, tidying, weeding, building, creating a haven for wildlife of which we can all be very proud. Tom Hutchins who made a presentation at the meeting was voted the young person to most make a difference. For three years he has engaged with the Skate park improvement group, stuck with it when the going was tough and has now seen his efforts come to fruition with the funds raised for the Park.

The Council were delighted to welcome Cllr Bob Sampson, the newly elected chairman of SKDC as guest of honour and summing up he was visibly moved by

the depth and quality of the volunteer effort that goes into make DSJ such a nice place in which to live!

Nominees this year were in the Person to Most Make a Difference category; Judith Allen, Louise Magness, Kevin Barber, Nick Ash, Elliott Cooper, Cameron Hare and David Henderson.. Person to Most Make a Difference in the Course of Doing their Job; Janice Bullock and Raechell Last. Group to Most Make a Difference; Deepings Lives First responders, Deeping Lakes Nature Reserve Volunteer Group, Little Linchfield Parent & Child Group, Priory Players and the Deepings Literary Festival, The Young Person to Most Make a Difference; Alfie Clifton and Harry Anderson, Tom Hutchins, William Schelpe, and Leo Markey.

If you know of someone who goes above and beyond to make life better for others in DSJ (they don't necessarily have to live here) then please nominate them in the 2018 Making a Difference Awards.

Judy Stevens

New Councillor

My name is Hilary Hosking and I moved from London to Deeping St James in November 2015 with my husband and two cats.

I was made redundant in July 2015 from my job in the rail industry during re-organisation and decided to take early retirement. This has given me ample time to become a volunteer at the Exotic Pet Refuge, Nene Valley Railway and Braeburn Lodge Care Home.



I have always been involved in local politics and, whilst appreciating that the Parish Council is a-political, I believe my experience in dealing with people from all backgrounds will help me in my role as councillor.

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



We are all living through a period of change at the moment. Having just had the County Council elections, we are now in the middle of a General Election campaign, and Brexit negotiations are due to start shortly.

The Parish Council is no different, with the election of a new Chairman, Vice Chairman and new Committees, and shortly we will be electing new Chairs for the committees.

I am both honoured and humbled to be elected as the new Chairman of the Parish Council, and would like to thank my fellow Councillors for putting their trust in me and allowing me this privilege. I am also pleased to announce the new Vice Chair is Cllr Mike Ward, who has been working very hard on the Skate Park renovation project.

One of my aims during the next year is to increase the profile of Deeping St James within SKDC and the County, and to ensure that we maintain and develop the services and facilities that we all rely on. So if you see me out and about please come and talk to me as I will be interested in hearing your views.

Cllr Andrew Bowell

Summer Playscheme is financed by Deeping St James Parish Council and this year it will take place at Deeping St James Community Primary School in Hereward Way. This year Playscheme will run for one week, commencing on Monday 7th August, offering morning and afternoon sessions.

Jimmy D's out of School Club will be offering before and after Playscheme child care if required.

A varied and busy programme has been arranged. Full details are available on the application form - which is now available. If you have not received a copy through either Deeping St James CP School or Linchfield CP, please contact Jimmy D's Office on 01778 382562

Kate Shinkins



When you see this sign on the hedge of the Deepings Library 10-12 on the first Saturday in the month it means that a Market Deeping Town Councillor and a Deeping St James Parish



Councillor are available inside to try and help with any local issues that you may have.

Community Payback Team

After a year without them, it is a pleasure to seeing the Payback Team back, repaying society by keeping OUR, "Deeping St James Village", looking good.

They started about 6 weeks ago, clearing Church Walk from top to bottom, it's a pleasure to use this ancient walkway now. They then moved into the Cemetery, clearing overgrowths from graves, weeding pathways, cutting back trees/hedges and generally tidying up the area.

Lately, we have moved them out into the village to tackle "grot spots". They started by clearing the pathway alongside Deeping St James Primary school, from Hereward Way to Manor Way, what a difference that has made. Last week they attacked the area at the end of Broadgate Lane and Spalding road. This hadn't been cut since the houses were built on Charities Farm orchards.

We have plans in place for them to move around the village carrying out future improvements. ie all the pathways/walkway/alleys within our boundaries, Lynchfield Road/Towngate East junction, where it is dangerous to drive out due to the overgrowth of weeds and hedges blocking the view.

With the County Council doing less and less for our village, it's make sense to use the payback team to help us out, whilst not only doing good for our Parish, but hopefully for themselves.

Keep up the good work, and thanks.

Cllr Brian Barber

St James Deeping Signal Box

On Monday 22nd May the Support Our Signal Box Group held a public meeting at The Goat Inn, Froggnall. Among those attending were John Hayes MP, who has supported our campaign from the beginning, and a representative from Stamford College Construction Department, whom would like to involve as many trades as possible, to discuss how we now progress to Phase 2 of the rebuilding programme.

The visitors were told that the purchase of the land is now complete and the transfer of the land to Deeping St James United Charities was in hand. This transfer will enable the Group to have sufficient funds to start the building programme.

The Stamford College representative explained the need for a Project Manager to oversee the process and after discussion, Bob Broughton offered his help in this, if others could come forward to share the responsibility. Peter Robinson has since offered his help in this matter but we could still do with one other person. Fund raising was also addressed with a list of grant associations that could be applied to and the need to appoint someone dedicated to this task.

The meeting ended on an optimistic note that much has been achieved to attain our goal.

If you would like to help in any way, please e-mail the Chairman of the Group at stuarthall149@gmail.com.

Stuart Hall



The 6th August 2017 will see an all British theme for this year's Deepings Raft Race. That should provide some great scope for wacky raft designs, so you may see floating Spitfires or Black Cabs, maybe a water-going red telephone box or a peddle powered Marmite jar!

Crews (and spectators) are encouraged to dress for the occasion too, so dig out the bowler hats, Union Jack mini-dresses, or come as John Bull, Winston Churchill or maybe even the Queen!

To add to the fun, we are holding a cake baking competition (details on the website), mini rafts built by children using recycled materials, a



treasure hunt, fun fair and lots of stalls. So please put the date in your diary and come along to support this great community event - remember it's free for spectators!

Last year the event raised almost £7,000 for local good causes, with your help let's see if we can beat that in 2017.

The Raft race committee would like to thank all of our sponsors, a full list will appear in our brochure and on our website and this includes Deeping St James Parish Council who helped with the cost of insuring the event. The Chairman of the Council will be opening the event around 11am.

Andy Pelling



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Invite you to walk the footpaths in 2017



- **Thursday 8 June, 7.00pm** – meet in The Nature Reserve Car Park, Station Road/Crowland Road. This walk will take approximately 1.5 hours. Please note dogs are not allowed in the nature reserve.
- **Thursday 6 July, 7.00pm** - meet on the green outside the former Rose Inn, Froggnall. This walk will take approximately 1.5 hours
- **Tuesday 25 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.

Light refreshments will be available afterwards at The Walnut Tree, Horsegate, Deeping St James.

For further information please contact:
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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 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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THE DEEPINGS CARNIVAL & PARADE

THE VIKINGS ARE COMING!!

**SUNDAY 2ND JULY - JOHN EVE FIELD
12.00-5.00PM**

PLUS:

- CRAFT & CHARITY STALLS
- BEER TENT
- MARQUEE EXHIBITION BY ART & PHOTOGRAPHY GROUPS
- LIVE MUSIC
- ARENA EVENTS
- DOG AGILITY DISPLAY
- FUN FAIR
- BARREL TRAIN RIDE

BATTLE OF BRITAIN FLY PAST

PARADE COMMENCES AT 11.15 LEISURE CENTRE CAR PARK VIA HORSEGATE AND GODSEY LANE