

Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2017

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Deepings Library Nov
4th 10am -noon
Cllr Mike Ward

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Image: Christopher Halley

DSJ sign the Charter for Trees Woods and People

Led by The Woodland Trust, more than 70 organisations from across multiple sectors have joined forces to create a Charter for Trees, Woods and People that will guide policy and practice in the UK, and the Parish Council is proud to be a Charter Signatory.



The new Tree Charter will be launched on 6th November, at Lincoln Castle, on the 800th anniversary of the influential 1217 Charter of the Forest. The Tree Charter aims to protect important trees and woods, as well as planting for the future. It will also promote the natural health benefits of trees, as well as providing a thriving habitat for diverse species of native wildlife. Over the summer the Parish Council have collected 170 signatures for The Tree Charter, and in return the Woodland Trust will plant a tree for every signature collected.

Closer to home Oakwood Financial Services ran a buzzer game at the



Deepings Beer Festival and matched all attempts to create a fund used to donate fifty trees each to the Parish and Town Councils which will be planted in the area this Autumn. This will be done on Saturday November 18th - if you would like to help plant the trees please call 343266 or email clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com.

In support of this the Parish Council have launched their own competition to find DSJ's favourite tree - residents are asked to take a picture of their personal favourite and send with their contact details and a brief description of where it is and what it means to them to the clerk by April 27th 2018 (address above) - there will be a public vote at the Annual Parish Meeting in May when the winner will be announced.

Cllr Judy Stevens

Deeping St James Allotment Show 2017

Another very successful 12th Allotment Show was held on site on Sunday 20th August which saw an increase in the number of exhibitors and attendees over 2016.

The aim of the show is more of a social event where plot holders and their families can get together and chat to each other about anything including growing produce.



It was great to see so many children there and sitting out in glorious sunshine, eating barbequed food, with a drink in hand; what could be better?

Of course there is also a competition element and it was good to see two relative newcomers winning. With the most points- Mr and Mrs Wheatley, The Best Plot judged by the Parish Council was won by Mr Catt and Tony Jackson won the Best in Show competition. The awards also included very generous vouchers provided by Helpston Garden Centre and Waterside Garden Centre .

With a negligible waiting list, why don't you apply to the Parish Council for a plot?

Our aim is to create a friendly and helpful atmosphere where regular advice bulletins help our members to produce fruit and vegetables which taste so much better than any you can buy in the shops at a fraction of the cost!

Geoff Hurst Chairman DSJ Allotments Committee



This year's Playscheme was hosted by Jimmy D's Staff at Deeping St James Community Primary. From 7th to 11th August, we saw approximately 85 children attend each day. The programme was full of a variety of activities, including a visit from Starlings, where the children were invited into a solar spectacle, visiting planets and finding stars. A drumming work shop created a great deal of interest with rhythms bouncing off the walls. Sports sessions with our Sports Coach, dance workshops and a huge range of daily craft activities, linked our popular beach theme, meant there was something for everyone. The Parish Council fully funds the Summer Playscheme each year. The cold wet weather experienced on at least two days didn't detract from the fun and great atmosphere.

Cllr Kate Shinkins

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

The late great Dr Rev Martin Luther King once said: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

This is also true of the Parish Council, as we live in challenging and controversial times.

The County Council and District Council are continuing to cut the services that we have enjoyed over the years, as they struggle to balance their budgets. Some of these services can be taken on by the Parish Council, but this will require an increase in the Parish share of Council Tax. One such service that we will be taking on in the future is grass cutting in the Parish.

As a body Councillors have to do the best for the people they represent, whilst obtaining best value for money, as well as balancing the budget.

We cannot therefore take on all the services that we are losing, and some people will be disappointed. Difficult choices will have to be made, and we are always reluctant to raise our share of Council Tax.



Andrew Howell greets a family from Perth at this years raft race.

We all therefore have to work together for the benefit of everyone in our community to ensure no one suffers and standards are maintained.

When making decisions we must never forget: "The people are the masters, and we are just your servants."

Cllr. Andrew Howell



ST JAMES DEEPING

During the summer months many of you will have seen the “Support Our Signal Box” stand, promoting the scheme to rebuild our historic Box. Progress has been good and re-building should start late September.

Stamford College are still heavily involved in our plans and to support them, Princebuild builders have volunteered to come on board to project manage the project. Two local builders, Bob Broughton and Peter Robinson have also kindly offered their help to supervise the students when required.

Thank you to all who have supported us so far and if you would like to become involved in preserving our local heritage, please contact stuarthall149@gmail.com.

Cllr Stuart Hall



Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed back Claire Tucker who designed the Deeping St James sign as a student at Stamford College in 1994. Here she is pictured with her son and Andrew.

Skatepark replacement

The removal and replacement of the 14 year old skate park at Woody Heights started on 11 September 2017, and if the weather is favourable, work will be completed within 10 weeks. During the construction phase the area will be fenced off and will be unavailable for use.



A third of project cost is being funded by the Landfill Communities Fund administered by WREN, supported by Deeping St James United Charities. Other funding was obtained from the parish council tax precept, donations from students at The Deepings School, individual donations at community engagement events, SKDC planning section 106 contributions, LCC Councillor Big Society Fund.

Once completed there will be an opening event, please follow Deeping St James Parish Council’s Facebook page for further information or contact the Parish Clerk on 01778 343266 or clerk.dsipc@btconnect.com

Mike Ward, DSJ Parish Councillor

As part of the development of the Deepings neighbourhood plan we are organising a series of “character assessment” walks. These walks will identify the specific character of different areas of the Deepings and will provide a basis for trying to ensure that any future developments respect the area and enhance, rather than detract from, the existing character. The Deeping St James walks will take place on November 25th 2017. If you would like to participate please meet us at the Institute, 38, Church St, DSJ at 10am for refreshments, before heading off on the walks. The walks will be guided by a Parish or Town councillor. There will also be Market Deeping walks and these will take place at a date to be confirmed. Further information will be available at www.deepingsfirst.org.uk from mid October. We hope to see you on the 25th.

DEEPINGS FIRST.

Cllr Mike Ward

GRASS CUTTING within DSJ

Next year the Parish Council is taking over the responsibility of cutting the grass verges and some other areas of land from Lincs County Council. During the first year the Parish Council will be working in partnership with Market Deeping Town Council and appointing a contractor to carry out the work that is required. This year, like many other Parishes, we have seen the regularity of the cutting reduced which has resulted in unsightly overgrowth of weeds/grass/bushes along our roadsides. Our new contract will nearly double the number of cuts done this year and hopefully make "THE DEEPINGS" looked loved and lived in.



Grass cutters of Jubilee Park, Glendale will be replacing bulbs they cut this Spring!

support of our contractor, a better service will be delivered then has been offered this year. As the year unfolds, improvements will be seen in areas that have been neglected in the past and they will be regularly maintained. I would like to point out that a lot of work over the last 12

years, has been carried out by the Community Payback team, who have been attacking "Grot spots" around our Parish, and hopefully making a big difference to you all. To them I give a big thank you. In a couple of months we will be planting 400 Daffodils along the river bank, to add to the same amount planted last year, plus some additional crocuses on other open spaces in the parish. What a wonderful sight it was in the spring, lets hope it will be a mass of colour next year.

Cllr Brian Barber

Please remember, this is the first time the Parish Council has undertaken such a role and there will be teething problems, but we are hopeful that, with the full



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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.



Find us on Facebook - search: **Deeping St James Parish Council**



The annual Making a Difference Awards come round soon - if you know of a person, child or a group that has gone the extra mile for people in DSJ this year then don't forget to nominate them by April 30th.
clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com

This year is the centenary of Passchendaele fought by the Allies on the Western Front between July and November 2017. It was a particularly bloody Battle known for the horrific conditions caused by torrential rain and ensuing mud. It also saw the loss or injury of a third of a million Allied troops. Those from DSJ lost in the Battle were; John Bingham, Charles Cook, John Freeman, Thomas Lyon, James Russell, Frank Sanderson, Thomas Smith and Herbert Smitheringale. John Eldred, one time resident of Horsegate died in the battle aged just 22, Harold Patman whose parents had the George & Dragon in Eastgate lost his life in August while Charles Savage of DSJ was killed later that year at the Battle of Cambrai. On Sunday 12th November there will be a Remembrance Service at the Priory Church at 3.00pm. If you can it would be a fitting tribute that as many of us attend that service to remember those that left our village never to return.



CROCUS PLANTING! SATURDAY 14TH OCTOBER 9.30AM

Meet at The Beacon

Jubilee Park

twixt Thackers & Crowson Way

Children accompanied by adults especially welcome



Organised by the Friends of Jubilee Park in partnership with Deeping St James Parish Council

More information please call Judy Stevens on 348859 or email judy.stevens1@btopenworld.com

Carols in the Park
Friday 22nd December
7-8pm
Jubilee Park twixt Crowson & Thackers Way Deeping St James

Friends of Jubilee Park in partnership with Deeping St James Parish Council, The Salvation Army and Churches Together funds to Friends of Jubilee Park & the Salvation Army