

Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter



Summer 2016

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Liz Waterland (Friends of Deeping Library), Lisa Goodchild and Morgan Underwood receive their Awards from Nicholas Watt MBE

What have you done today to make you feel proud?

So sang Heather Small. As Summer 2016 draws to a close we can all look back and feel proud - not least because of the outstanding achievements of Team GB in the Rio Olympics. Closer to home we have a reason to feel proud as well. Proud of the numerous individuals in this community who make a difference to others. Back in May the Parish Council were particularly proud to award just some of those people and groups at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Morgan Lily Underwood made a difference to child cancer sufferers when she had her beautiful locks cut off to make wigs for them and so doing raised

a handsome £2000 for the Charity. She received the award for the young person to most make a difference. The Friends of Deeping Library were recognised for their ongoing work to make the

Deepings Library a vibrant, well used facility at the very heart of our community. Lisa Goodchild received the award for outstanding and dedicated service in the course of doing their job. She is a key member of the management team at the Deepings School. The Citizen

to most make a difference was Carol Precey. This for her years of hard work as Chair of United Charities, member of the Bloom committee, champion of the

Credit Union locally and a member of the Deepings Friendship Group. Frognall resident, John Fisher was posthumously given an award collected by his wife Rosemary for his contribution to village life. His positive outlook was an inspiration to young and old alike. Bob and Maggie Clack recently retired from the Church Street Post Office were also thanked for their hard work and dedication.



Carol Precey

So back to you! What have you done today to make you feel proud? Plenty! And we thank you! Keep up the work of making Deeping St James a great place in which to live and if you know of a friend, neighbour or colleague who you think deserves to be recognised by the Council then please don't forget to nominate them when the forms are published early next year. *Judy Stevens*



Rosemary Fisher receives award on behalf of her late husband John



River Welland Footbridge

Deeping St James Parish Council's River Welland foot bridge project in conjunction with The Northern Footpath Forum aims to fill an important gap in the accessibility to all local communities on both sides of the Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire border.



The local communities most likely to benefit from the bridge include, Maxey, Glington, Newborough, Northborough, Peakirk, all of the Deepings, Crowland and Peterborough and the many interested parties including U3A, numerous youth groups and members of the Ramblers Association who reside there.

This footbridge will give individuals

and families alike more opportunities to enjoy and observe the diverse wildlife throughout the changing seasons locally. Along with the benefits to health, it will provide access to more of what nature can offer at its best in a clean, healthy and well-managed environment. The bridge will open up access across the whole area to a wide range of diverse interests. These include the local historical heritage, landscapes

and open up the whole area to everyone in the area on both sides of the River Welland at this point. It will also provide a safe way to cross the River Welland, without trespassing on the adjacent railway lines.

This footbridge will once again, allow us all to walk the same routes people walked nearly one thousand years ago.

Jim Blessett

TRANSPORT MATTERS

We regularly receive complaints from residents about speeding traffic. To remind motorists that it's 30mph in Deeping St James, we have a "reactive" speed reminder sign, and several "passive" signs, displayed at strategic locations around the village. We will be obtaining a second reactive sign, to reinforce the message. We ask all drivers, for safety's sake, please slow down and drive carefully through the village.

Another issue that causes concern is bad parking. We get reports of vehicles blocking pavements, or parked near junctions or across driveways. The parish council has limited powers to tackle the problem directly, but we can pass on details of incidents to the relevant enforcement agencies. So again, we ask drivers to think before they park. Is your vehicle well clear of junctions and access points, and not on the pavement? It's no great hardship to walk a short distance to your destination, so please consider the needs of others when you park, even if it's only for a short time.

We are installing a new bus shelter at the Linchfield Road bus stop. Most of the principal bus stops in the village now have shelters, which help to keep passengers dry whilst waiting. Hopefully this will encourage more people to use the buses, which provide a good service. The parish council website Transport page has full details of bus times. Did you know you can travel easily by bus, not only to Peterborough, but also to Stamford and Spalding?

Tim Stevens

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR



"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses."

A very simple quote from Abraham Lincoln, highlighting an issue of perspective.

In Deeping St James, we have 15 Parish Councillors, who are all volunteers. On the last Thursday of each month we meet to discuss and make decisions which will have an impact on how our village is 'judged' by residents and visitors.

I would like to express my appreciation for not only our Local, but also our District & County Councillors, who work alongside many, many local residents and organisations who help to make our village a better place to live and work. Particularly, I would like to thank the organisers of the Deepings Carnival, Raft Race, Dog Show & Beer Festival. These events along with many others have drawn huge numbers into the village and help to raise the profile of our village in this region. You may have also noticed, that we've appeared in more press articles recently. Could this be because we've recently invested in a new chain of office? (Don't worry Wayne – we're not planning to become a Town!). Whatever the reason, it's always helpful to raise awareness of all the events and goodwill which exists within our local community. Long may it continue! "Thank you – We couldn't do it without you"

Steven Gilbert

(Chairman of Deeping St James Parish Council)



Have Your Say!

By now you will be aware of Deepings First, the joint Deeping St James and Market Deeping Neighbourhood plan. The plan, when completed will be proposed to the local community, through a referendum in Autumn 2017. Over the next few months we need to define, refine and develop the content in order to ensure that the final plan represents the views of the majority of the community.

A steering group with representatives from both parishes has been established and this group's role is to guide the development of the plan, ensuring that the content truly reflects the community needs. A first questionnaire was distributed in June and responses are currently being collated in order to identify common themes and areas of interest. These topics will be explored and developed for incorporation into the final document. From other neighbourhood



plans several common topics that should be covered have already been identified, including Education, Housing, Economics, Environment and Transport.

Thank you to those who have already expressed their views. For those who haven't yet done so, please complete a questionnaire and send it in,

as your views are really important to us. Forms can be obtained from the Parish offices, the Deepings Community Centre or on line at www.deepingsfirst.org.uk Deadline for completion is September 16th!



Mike Ward



Playscheme

This summer the Playscheme, provided by the Parish Council, was organised by Claire King and her team at Linchfield community Primary School. With a full quota of children a varied programme of events was provided. Only one morning was affected by rain, perfect for those who enjoy sports, whilst there was plenty to do inside for those preferring arts, dancing and craft based activities.

Kate Shinkins



Are you a gardener? Do you like fresh organic fruit and veg?

The Parish Council provides Allotments to rent, which are situated down Hall Meadow Road. Here you can make friends and develop your gardening skills as well as producing fine food for your table. Don't worry if you are a novice, as there is an Allotment Association whose members are always willing to help and give advice. You might even win a prize in the annual Allotments Show, this year presented by Daphne Ledward.

If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact Kathy Bowles at the Parish Council offices.

Andrew Bowell



Deepings Dog Show 2016

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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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DEEPIING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES



If you want to meet your local councillor to discuss an issue where you live then attending a surgery is a way to get their help.

COME & MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

1st October
5th November
3rd December

Councillor Phil Dilks
Councillor Judy Stevens
Councillor Steve Gilbert

Please telephone the Parish Clerk on 01778 343266 to arrange an appointment, or drop in on the day.



DEEPIING 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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