

# Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter



Making a Difference Awards 2018

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Winners all!  
l-r 1-4 Forget Me Not Club, Harriet Spriggs, Bob Parmenter, Betty Fenech,  
David Blessett, Janette Wickens, Forget Me Not Club

## It takes a village

**Deeping St James again held their Annual Parish Meeting to a packed house at The Deepings School in the presence of Lincolnshire County Council Chairman, Cllr. Andrew Hagues and South Kesteven District Council Chairman, Cllr Bob Sampson. Representatives from the Woodland Trust were on hand to give the keynote speech, delivered by Kaye Brennan while Janette Wickens presented the Making a Difference Awards, which have now become part of the Deeping St James annual calendar of events.**

It isn't until you leave Deeping and go to another town or village that you realise just how exceptional this community is in terms of the vast array of activities and support is on

hand for its residents. Down the years people here have volunteered to provide all kinds of services, some of which are essential and others providing the 'nice to have' things that make daily life easier and better for their neighbours and friends. It takes a village to raise a child said Hilary Clinton in her book of the same name - well in the case of Deeping St James it takes a village to provide for the needs of residents from the cradle to the grave. It is something that we do exceptionally well and so while we can all give ourselves a collective pat on the back, the Parish also like to single out those who have gone the extra mile in the previous year for a special mention. So it is with great pleasure that Deeping St James Parish Council give to you the 2018 nominees and winners of the Making a Difference Awards!



*Pet dog Sossy made headline news when on a morning walk she came upon someone who had become ill off the beaten track and with the quick thinking help of her owner, baker, Clive Hankers saved a life!*



# Words from the top!

It was a great honour to have over 130 people at our Annual Parish Meeting that was held in the Deepings School, including Councillor Bob Sampson Chairman of SKDC, and Councillor Andrew Hagues, Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council.



*l-r DSJ Cllr Mike Ward, LCC Chairman Cllr Andrew Hagues, DSJ Chairman Andrew Bowell*

Janette Wickens from The Woodlands Trust presented the "Making a Difference Awards", and her colleague Kaye Brennan gave an interesting talk about the "Charter For Trees" which was signed by the Parish Council last year.

Other speakers were Pam Byrd of Deepings First who gave a brief overview of the Deepings Green Walk project, which is part of the Neighbourhood Plan, and Andrew Norman, the recently appointed Head of Visitor Economy at SKDC.

The real stars of the show however were the talented children of Deeping St James Primary School Band who had peoples feet tapping with their musical rendition of the classic Alan Merrill number "I Love Rock 'n' Roll", and Creedance Clearwater Revival's first hit "Proud Mary." *Cllr Andrew Bowell*

Calendar Girls raised over £13,000 for charity from sales and brought a touch of glamour to these proceedings!



Making the Deepings Library the most successful community Library in Lincs



DSJ WI has been providing companionship, education and fun for 65 years!

Age Concern - Giving lovely treats to the elderly of the Deepings.



The Forget Me Not club have remembered those who would enjoy some company on a Sunday monthly for over 30 years!



The Swimming Club - Teaching and encouraging young people to swim competitively at a regional, national and international level.

Foodbank volunteers provide an increasingly vital fall back



Lions - helping those in need with grants and in a hands on way and staging lots of well loved Deeping events



One of the largest Raft Races in the UK but not without these guys!



Priory Players - Established by Tess Blessett after the War this show is still on the road!!





Oiling the wheels of Age Concern - Bob Parmenter and Betty Fenech



Kate Redhead The captain of the Priory Players Ship!



Macie Chapman's bookmarks raising funds for Great Ormond Street who are treating her younger brother.

Harriet Spriggs cycled the Coast to Coast to raise funds for Root4Ryley



Sharon Roberts and team for raising over £25k at the Summer Ball

Tayla-Mai Tomlinson - a very successful year as President of Interact



George & Theresa McDonagh raising funds for Peterborough Breast Care Unit with an annual tea party.



Jan Fisk - Years of vital background support for the Priory Church and the Priory Players



Esme Hughes made bracelets selling them for charity



Louisa Crowson - expertly co-ordinating the Deeping Library volunteers

Exemplary site manager at The Deepings School for 24 years - David Blessett



Chosen by the attendees at the APM - DSJ's favourite tree belongs to Lynda and Stuart Hall of Station Road DSJ! It will now go forward to Britains favourite tree competition held by The Woodland Trust



Vicky & Gervais Seymour have fostered 22 under 3 year olds since 2010



# DEEPINGS DOG SHOW

*A bark in Jubilee Park*



**TWITX THACKERS & CROWSON WAY  
DEEPIING ST JAMES**

*It's a great afternoon out!*

REFRESHMENTS, STALLS AND LOTS OF FUN!!

**SUNDAY 17TH JUNE**  
CLASSES START AT 1.00PM PROMPT

- Cutest Puppy
- Golden Oldie (over 7 years)
- Most endearing rescue dog
- For Fathers Day - 'One man and his dog!' Sponsored by Deerpoots with a special prize from Hopbackle Brewery! Handsomest male
- Dog with the waggiest tail
- Best young handler (aged 8-18)
- Dog that the Judge would most like to take home
- Prettiest female
- Dog most like its owner
- Best twosome (or more)
- Best in Show



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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 DEEPIINGS CARNIVAL AND PARADE**

**SUNDAY 1ST JULY JOHN EVE FIELD**

PARADE COMMENCES AT 7.30 FROM JUBILEE PARK, DSJ

**Bike Battle UK**

**Fens Falconry**

A variety of arena acts!

**Beer Tent**

Take afternoon tea with us!

**Craft & Charity Stalls**

**Fun Fair**

**Car Boot Sale**

## Deeping St James Parish Council

Invite you to walk the footpaths in 2018

- **Thursday 7 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 5 July, 7.00pm** - meet on the green outside the former Rose Inn, Froggnall. This walk will take approximately 1.5 hours
- **Tuesday 24 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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