

Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter

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Clean for the Queen & make a difference to DSJ!

On Sunday March 6th Deeping St James Parish Council and Market Deeping Town Council will be joining together with McDonalds to make a real difference to the place that we live in.



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

When the Queen ascended to the throne, litter was not the problem that it is today. Takeaway food, smoking, food packaging and plastic bottles have all taken their toll on the environment. This year the two Councils have joined together in a nationwide initiative and we hope that you will join us. If you would like to enter as a group of neighbours, friends or a club please let us know on clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com (343266). Otherwise we will be gathering on Boundary Park next to the

Boundary Fish Shop at 10.00am on 6th and hope to see you there, The Queen has been turning up to work for the last 63 years - lets put our piece in the jigsaw puzzle of this national effort! There are those in Deeping St

James for whom making a difference comes as second nature and annually the Parish Council honour those who have most made a difference in our community. Last year triathlete, Kayleigh Adams presented making a

difference awards at the annual parish meeting. The citizen to most make a difference was Joan Dyke, recognised for all her community work and for running the local playgroup for many years, with Sam Niblock the young person to most make a difference running a local youth group. The Friends of Deeping Library were the group to most make a difference for their hard work in ensuring that the Deepings Library remains open. Who will achieve these

accolades this year? There are further details of how to nominate those in our community who go the extra mile to make this community as good as it is. More details on the back of this newsletter.



Judy Stevens

Deepings Library is reborn! **Slow down, we all live here!**

When Deepings Library closed last summer after Lincolnshire County Council pulled the plug on funding, many questioned whether it would ever reopen.

But thanks to determined volunteers supported by your Parish Council, our library is once again issuing books!

At the re-opening by TV historian Jonathan Foyle who grew up in the Deepings, more than 1,000 supporters came through the doors in just a couple of hours.

It marked the culmination of almost three years of campaigning to save the county's 11th busiest library, which was downgraded despite promises that the 15 busiest would continue to be council-run.

The campaign put Deepings on the map and gave birth to the Friends of Deeping Library group.

They realised that a library serving 18,000 residents could not hope to be successful unless funds were raised for a paid coordinator to support a rota of volunteers.

FoDL teamed up with



Deeping Community Trust to keep hope alive. Given massive local support for retaining our library, DSJ Parish Council and Market Deeping Town Council stepped in with financial support.

It is hoped that additional fundraising and renting out refurbished first-floor offices will help provide a long term sustainable future for the library that refused to die.

Initial opening hours are:

Mondays; 1.30 - 5.30

Tuedays closed

Wednesdays 11.00 - 3.00

Thursdays closed

Fridays; 1.00 - 5.30

Saturdays 9.30 - 12.00

If you want to find out about volunteering to help run Deeping Library, please e-mail friendsofdeepingslibrary@gmail.com or ring 01778 343722.

Phil Dilks

Concerns about speeding vehicles is often raised by local residents at the public forum at the start of our monthly parish council meetings.

Few local issues spark more passion than someone hurtling through our village with no regard to the speed limit.

As your local council, over the years we've responded in various ways to your concerns with poster campaigns, car window stickers, lobbying to extend speed limits and now with reactive moveable signs that register your speed and warn speeders to slow down.

So who are the guilty drivers?

Sadly, the evidence shows that many are our own residents, perhaps running late for work or an appointment, not keeping an eye on the speed, or like me sometimes, just being in too much of a hurry!

I've yet to meet any motorist brave enough to claim they've never broken a speed limit – unfortunately, I've done it and have the points on my licence to prove it!

It taught me to try to allow extra time for journeys and constantly remind myself that just creeping over the limit can be dangerous. For example, a car doing 35mph on a dry road needs an extra 6 meters (21 feet) to stop than one doing 30mph.

Most recent data collected on Eastgate revealed that over five days, 3,143 vehicles (well over half) broke the 30mph limit, 930 were clocked at over 35mph and 342 at over 40mph! Lincs Police are on the case.

You've been warned. (And so have I!)

Phil Dilks

WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

"If your actions were to boomerang back on you instantly, would you still act the same? Doing to others an act you'd rather not have done to you reveals a powerful internal conflict."

- Alexandra Katehakis

Every year The Parish Council receive correspondence from local residents, they normally fall into the following categories - litter, dog mess, speeding and inconsiderate parking.

We are very much aware that we need to keep educating and raising awareness, so that our streets are cleaner & our

roads are safer. If there are any specific areas you would like us to investigate then please let us know. Our roles can only be improved by being aware of your concerns.

In a couple of months we will be holding our Annual Parish Meeting, it would be really great if we had lots of nominations for the making a difference awards.



It would be a privilege to share examples of positive contributions to our community and we would also appreciate your feedback and if possible your attendance at the meeting.

Steve Gilbert

WORDS FROM THE VICE CHAIR

Deeping library has recently reopened, and is a shining example of what the community can achieve when they come together to work towards a common goal.

Following on from this the Parish Council is entering a new era of closer co-operation with our colleagues in Market Deeping, as we embark on two new projects: A Joint Neighbourhood Plan and regular monthly Councillor Surgeries.

So what is a Neighbourhood Plan? The Localism Act which received Royal Assent in November 2011 introduced new rights and powers to allow local communities to shape new development by coming together to say how they want their community to evolve, and where future development should take

place. To this end both the councils in Deeping St James and Market Deeping have agreed to work together towards a joint plan for the Deepings whilst retaining the separate identities of the two communities. This will involve consulting with all sections of the community before being ratified by a Referendum .

Part of the job of being a Parish Councillor is to serve the people in the Parish, and to this end the Council has decided to hold monthly Councillor Surgeries on the first Saturday in every month starting on 5th March. These will take place in Deeping Library from 10am -12noon, and will give residents the chance to talk to a Parish Councillor and to raise any issues of concern.

Andrew Bowell

Community Defibrillator

During 2015, Sharon Paul (Chair of the Deeping Sports and Social Club) donated a community defibrillator to both Market



Deeping and Deeping St James. As a central location with an electrical supply was required, the Deeping St James Defibrillator has been installed in the red Telephone box next to the Priory Church Hall. The Defibrillator is kept in a secure cabinet which is accessed by Dialling 999 to get the release code. On entering the code, the cabinet opens to release the defibrillator. When switched on, it gives clear instructions to follow to ensure the unit is used correctly. When the pads are placed on the patient, the Defibrillator runs a diagnostic check to see if a shock is required. If the check does not detect a shockable rhythm it will not deliver a shock. It should be impossible to give a shock in error. If you require further information please contact DSJ Parish Council 343266

Les Green

RING 101

The only way to get more Police cover in Deeping St James is to phone 101 whenever you see antisocial behaviour, criminal behaviour, illegal drug taking, criminal damage etc. Your call will be taken in confidence, so please don't be afraid to dial 101. If the Police don't know about it they cannot do anything, so the more people who phone in when an incident is occurring the better. If the police notice a pattern of unacceptable behaviour in a certain area then they will do something about it. If you see inconsiderate or illegal parking then please telephone Parking services on 01522 511142, or email parkingservices@lincolnshire.gov.uk. Again this is the only way to get any action on this issue.

*Andrew Howell,
Vice Chairman*

Woody Heights time to renew

Originally installed in 2003, the metal skate park was given a life span of approximately 10 years. Due to the maintenance programme annually undertaken by the Parish Council we have managed to "squeeze" some additional life out of the ageing equipment. The Council now has a working party drawn from skate park users, members of the community and the council to drive the project forward and we need your help! All funding applications require evidence of community participation - therefore we would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete our questionnaire.

Kate Shinkins Chair of Youth & Community Committee



Please complete, scan and return to clerk.dsipc@btconnect.com or pop through the door of the Institute, 38 Church St, DSJ (next to Riceland).

At the moment Woody Heights has the following equipment::

1. SKATE PARK
2. YOUTH SHELTER
3. MULTI PURPOSE SPORTS ACTIVITY CENTRE

(providing football, basket ball, netball, tennis, cricket)

We are currently working towards raising finance to redevelop the site, and we are seeking the views of residents so that we can provide the right equipment.

Do you or your family and friends use this centre?

How often do you use this area?

Once a week

More than once a week Other

What equipment do you use?

Skate Park Youth Shelter MUGA

Should we remove the Youth Shelter?

Yes No

Age

Male Female

Where do you live?

Market Deeping

Deeping St James

Other

What other sports/leisure facilities would you like to see in the Deepings?

Would you like to see the Skate Park improved? If so in what way?

Would you like to see other play equipment added to the area? If so, what?

ANY OTHER COMMENTS



THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY



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Making a Difference!



Everyday in Deeping St James someone goes above and beyond the call of duty with a kind word, a gesture that suddenly makes the world a better place to be in. Some people devote their lives to making a difference to others and Deeping St James Parish Council celebrate those individuals and groups with their Annual Making a Difference Awards ceremony to be held during the

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

On Tuesday 17 May 7.30 p.m, new Conference Centre, The Deepings School, Park Road, Deeping St James

4 CATEGORIES

Young Person (aged 11-19) to most make a difference

Citizen to most make a difference

DSJ organisation to most make a difference

To most make a difference in the course of doing their job

Whether working for the community at large or making a difference in a more personal way, provided that the nominees live or lived in Deeping St James in the last year and the organisation is based or operates here, then we want to hear from you! Nominations by Friday 22nd April 2016



Call 343266

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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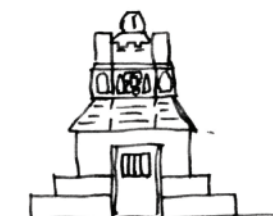
DEEPIING ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES



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
SATURDAY 5TH MARCH
10AM - 12 NOON
DEEPIING LIBRARY**

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



If you are interested in making Jubilee Park a great place for children then join us!

**Deeping Community Centre - Room 7
Saturday 20th February 10.00am**

For more information please contact Clare or Sarah
clareladums@hotmail.com or squidgit84@googlemail.com
Or see our Facebook page 'Mini Friends of Jubilee Park'