



Mr Cllrs Phil Dilks, Jill Thomas, Judy Stevens, Jackie Smith, Christine Halls and Peter Moseley

It's good to care

Pictured above are four DSJ Councillors collecting our Best Kept Village Award from the Chairman of SKDC and Cabinet Member for the Environment Peter Moseley.

But the Award is actually for every time one of our parishioners who picks up some litter while out walking, it's for those who look after their gardens and make them a spectacle for bypassers, it is for dog walkers who act responsibly and clear up after their dogs, it is for the individual who reported a serious act of fly tipping at the Lakes, it is for the dog walker who quickly acted when barrels of oil were deposited in the river and put our treasured wildlife in danger.

We are so fortunate in DSJ to have the Friends of Jubilee Park, the group who plant our containers, those who attend our clean up days, the young people from DYG who painted out ugly graffiti at the Lakes and the volunteers who maintain the award winning Lakes. Let's hear it for them!



Cllr Steve Gilbert and wife Christine at the Deeping Youth Group Awards

And let's respect their efforts by acting responsibly ourselves! In the light of high winds could we also try and put bins out at the latest possible moment and keep them facing away from the wind if possible? With heartfelt thanks for all you do!

Cllr Judy Stevens

During the Corona Crisis if you need to be in touch with DSJ Parish Council please email or call rather than visit - 01778 343266 or email clerk.dsipc@btconnect.com



WORDS FROM THE CHAIR

Am I the only one, or has anyone else got social media overload? Social media is great when you see a good news story, or want to stay in touch with friends or family. Unfortunately, today, there is so much information being posted on so many different platforms; this will include irrelevant advertising, pictures of plates of food, pets doing silly things, jokes and lots of personal opinions being posted to try to get us to think better or worse of someone else! As chairman of the parish council, I don't get time to search for, or read all the articles relevant to Deeping St James, so, If you have a concern about something in the parish, please contact the appropriate authority directly, as posting your concern on social media may not get the appropriate attention. Contact details can be found on the DSJ Parish website. <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/deepingstjames/>



Cllr Steve Gilbert opens the 17th exhibition of the Deepings Camera Club

Our council meetings are generally (not during this period of social distancing) held the last Thursday of the month and start at 7:30pm with a public open forum, please come along and meet

your local councillors. District & County Councillors will also be present. Details of our Annual Parish Meeting will be circulated as soon as possible.

Cllr Steve Gilbert

An extra £1 a month...

Services provided by your parish council will cost the average Deeping St James household an extra £1 a month from April.

Last year, the parish council managed to keep the increase in the amount you pay to a minimum. Once again, this year the 15 parish councillors who freely give their time have worked hard preparing the budget making sure everything the parish council do adds real value for your money.

But as government funding to county and district authorities has reduced year on year over the past decade, Deeping St James Parish Council has faced the choice of losing valued local services – or finding cash to help them survive.

That's why the parish council invest more of your money for instance in the library, the youth group and the ever-popular summer play scheme, all thankfully saved. The parish council have also taken on more grass cutting and provide a weekly skip to keep the village ship-shape following withdrawal of external funding.

All this is on top of the many existing and increasingly costly services provided by the parish council from providing and managing allotments, bus shelters, benches, dog waste and litter bins (and emptying them each week!) to looking after the burial ground, skate park and play areas, planting bulbs, trees and hedges and supporting many community events.

The bottom line is that the average increase for a full year for parish council services will be £12.09 per Band D property

Cllr Phil Dilks



Appeal for those who served

Do you know any Deeping residents who served in the Armed Services in World War Two? We'd like to honour them to mark the 75th anniversary of VE-Day in May.

We are trying to locate WW2 veterans like locals Peter Foxon and Ted Roberts both aged 96 who recently met to share their stories.

RAF airman Ted landed at Normandy and was working on a Dutch airfield when Victory in Europe was declared on 8th May 1945.

Royal Navy sailor Peter was at sea in the Far East where the war against the Japanese waged for another four months after VE-Day.

If you know a veteran (male or female) who was part of the War Effort please call 01778 348859 or email fairdealphil@hotmail.com

New Councillors

To those who don't recognise me I am Peter Robinson and have lived in Deeping St James for 37 years with Ann my wife. we have two sons both of whom have flown the nest. I have been offering a local handyman service for the last seventeen years and have met newcomers to the area as well as the young and more mature in old and new property. The growth of the Deeping St James in the last thirty years has changed the character of the village and the Council service is even more important now to encourage community activity. I have served as a Scout Leader, I help out at the Library and am an active Friend of Jubilee Park, Signal Box Group and I am a committee member of my local church.



Peter Robinson

I have lived in Deeping St James since I was 4 and went to school at the old Cross School. I married Chris at the Priory Church 43 years ago and both my daughters were married there as well. I retired from a local Bank 4 years ago due to ill health but I am definitely enjoying the freedom. I love the outdoor life and some people will know me from walking my crazy dog around and about in Deeping. Our other love is boating on the Norfolk Broads where we spend as much time as possible in summer months. I am looking forward to this new challenge as a Councillor on DSJ Parish Council and hope to make a contribution to our lovely community



Wendy Lilley

Deepings Neighbourhood Plan

Early in 2016 a group of individuals made of up Councillors from Market Deeping and Deeping St James and some volunteers from within the Community, started work to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. Now, some four years later and a great deal of work it is almost complete.

The Plan provides a planning framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of the area. The Plan also aims to promote projects of social, economic and environmental improvement.

There has been many public consultations during the lifetime of the Plan, the most recent ones taking place in the latter part of 2019 – held in the Market Place in Market Deeping and in the Church Hall in Deeping St James. The Parish Council hopes that you have taken the opportunity to express your views by taking part in the questionnaires and the public meetings.

The Plan is now ready to move to the next stage of the process. Having been involved in its production, working alongside the group of committed individuals and Councillors, we now believe the Plan has achieved its purpose and once the Plan has been passed by the Independent Examiner, I hope you vote "YES" at our Referendum.

After the Referendum, the Plan moves to its Delivery Stage. This is very important as the Plan is a working document and must not be confined to a "shelf". Therefore included in the Plan are proposals to amend our current Constitution so that our working group can continue with the ongoing responsibility of implementing, monitoring and formally reviewing all the objectives.

As a member of this group I firmly believe that the future of the Deepings will continue to be at the heart of everything we do.

Kate Shinkins-Hoppe

Vice chair of the Parish Council and a Project Lead with the Neighbourhood Plan Team



John Parsonage erects an owl house on behalf of Deeping St James Parish Council



Deeping St James Parish Council

Invite you to walk the footpaths in 2020



- **Thursday 4 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 welcome on the walk but not allowed in the nature reserve.
- **Thursday 9 July, 7.00pm** - meet on the green outside the former **Rose Inn, Frognall.** This walk will take approximately 1.5 hours.
- **Tuesday 15 September, 6.00 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.

All welcome to join us - light refreshments available afterwards
 For further information please contact:
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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Suspended during this period of Social Distancing



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Hello

I am a local neighbour

If you are self-isolating, I can help



My name is:

I live at:

My phone no. is (include Landline):

If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:

Picking up shopping

Posting Mail

A friendly phone call

Call or text me, I'll do my best to help you (for free)

Urgent supplies

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution, share only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2 metre distance). Wash hands after handling deliveries. Items should be left on the doorstep.



LOVE DEEPINGS

