

# Deeping St. James

Parish Council Newsletter

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## Carols in the Park

Friday 20th December  
7-8pm

Jubilee Park twixt Crowson & Thackers  
Way Deeping St James

Friends of Jubilee Park in partnership  
with Churches Together and Handful of  
Harmonies, funds to Christian Aid &  
Deepings First Responders (LIVES)



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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**



Photo courtesy Lincolnshire Free Press.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS 2014

Know a local hero?

Now's your chance to nominate  
them for the Deeping St James  
Parish Council Annual Awards!

THREE CATEGORIES:

- young person to age 18
- community group
- citizen

\*all must have lived or worked in  
the village for the last year.

I WISH TO NOMINATE

Their Address .....

Category .....

50 words to describe why .....

Name .....

Address .....

Contact details .....

### Your Chance to Make a Difference.....

If you care about Deeping St James and are not shy about  
putting over your point of view, why not consider joining  
us on the **Parish Council**?

We need local residents who are willing to give a few hours  
a month to share ideas, shape policy for our village and  
help us continue to improve life here in Deeping St James.

We discuss everything from crime reduction to better  
footpaths and the upgrading of our leisure facilities and  
we are keen to encourage those with new ideas and bags  
of enthusiasm.

Full training is available and support will be given.

It's unpaid work, but a great opportunity to contribute to  
the well being of our community at grassroots level and  
make sure that we provide value-for-money,  
accountable local services that respond to the needs of  
our residents.

For an initial chat, and to find out more, please telephone  
the Parish Clerk, on 01778 343266 who is available  
9.30-12.30 weekday mornings.

We need to co-opt a new  
councillor soon, so please apply  
no later than **10th January 2014**.

Thanks for supporting Deeping St James



## Saving Deepings Library!

**The battle is on to  
save Deeping Library  
following a massive  
betrayal by Executive  
councillors at  
Lincolnshire County  
Council.**

They'd promised to listen to  
9,000 Deeping voices calling  
for a reprieve for our Library.

Instead, the nine Executive  
councillors rubber-stamped  
plans to close our library and  
sack staff. Deepings Library,  
now open 30 hours a week,  
will be replaced with a visit  
from a mobile for two hours  
a month - unless volunteers  
come forward before  
February.

Council leader Martin Hill  
blamed Deeping residents for  
failing to accept £5,167 a  
year to run the library. But  
while that might fund a  
couple of book shelves  
operated by volunteers for a  
few hours a week - it is less  
than one-tenth the cost of  
our current library .

Our community has run a  
fantastic campaign,  
highlighting the county's  
major error in failing to list  
Deepings Library as one of  
15 across Lincolnshire to  
retain council funding.

As one of the 15 busiest  
libraries serving 18,000  
residents, Deeping Library

passed all the council's  
original criteria.  
But at the eleventh hour, the  
criteria was changed to justify  
keeping council-run libraries  
in smaller places - Market  
Rasen, Long Sutton and  
Woodhall Spa!

Our community  
won't be bribed or  
blackmailed. That's  
why we'll continue  
our campaign for a  
Fair Deal for  
Deepings.

If you are interested  
in joining a new  
'Friends of Deepings  
Library' group to  
help build a

sustainable future for  
Deepings Library, please  
contact Cllr Judy Stevens on  
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at fairdealphil@hotmail.com  
The next chapter starts here!

*Phil Dilks*

County Councillor for  
Deeping St James



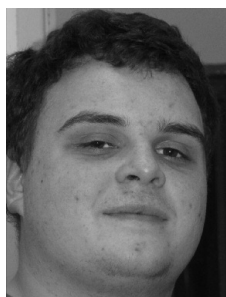
DSJ Community Primary School  
Choir sing carols for the Friendship  
Club for the Disabled.



Children from Year 4 Linchfield School visit the ancient Cross as part of their History of the Deepings project

## Youth Centre worker, Tom joins Council

Tom Waterhouse (19) is a previous winner of the Making a Difference awards and now his efforts as a youth worker at DYC and community



fundraiser have paid dividends as he becomes a Deeping St James Parish Councillor. Tom says, "It was receiving the award that made me realise how much making a difference actually means to me. I

want to be able to share my experiences as a young person with the Council. I would hope that I might be able to relate my experiences back to the young people in our community helping them understand how our community works for them too."

*Judy Stevens*

## Words from the Chair

**After 6 months in my role, I now understand why the stereotype of the "Chairman of the Parish Council" is often a person of advanced years. I was fully prepared to chair the monthly meetings, attend the various committees, and lend assistance to the Clerk. I was less prepared for the invitations to the plethora of events including the likes of groundbreaking ceremonies, dedication services, presentations, plays, meetings and many more.**

I hasten to add, before someone asks, in our Parish, none of these are at the public expense.

As I work full time and am also a volunteer in other local / community groups, I have not been able to attend as many of these events as perhaps a retired person might and I offer my apologies to those who have extended an invitation that I have had to turn down.

Some of my fellow Councillors feel that it is important to attend these functions to help raise the profile of the parish, which although larger than our neighbour, sometimes gets



treated as the poor relation. Whilst I feel the work we do behind the scenes is the most important I can see their reasoning and will try harder, but I do need to balance this

against my wife's desire to see me occasionally!

So if at some event in the future, you see a chap, younger than you might expect, who looks a little uncomfortable wearing his "medal of office", dash in at the last minute, it's probably me. Do come and say hello!

*Andy Pelling*



Let me introduce myself. My name is Candace Brent and I have recently been appointed the Assistant Clerk at Deeping St James Parish Council. I have lived in Market Deeping for just over ten years and since 2005 have been the internal auditor for Market Deeping Town Council, so I am bringing some knowledge about local councils with me. The position looks as though it will be very diverse and varied and I am really looking forward to be working with the council in promoting its work throughout Deeping St James

## Clean it up!

Responsible dog owners know how simple it is to clear up their dog's waste. It takes very little time and there are dog waste disposal bins provided by Deeping St James Parish Council.

Whilst allowing your dog to foul may only be a minor criminal offence it is one that upsets local residents, can cause serious health risks, particularly to children and can give all dog owners a bad reputation. No one likes to stand in it, so why do some dog owners ignore the law and leave it polluting our environment?

Please do not deposit your bagged dog waste on the floor if the dog waste bins are full. If no bin is readily available it should be taken home and disposed of in a normal and hygienic manner, or deposited in a litter bin.



**CLEAN IT UP!**

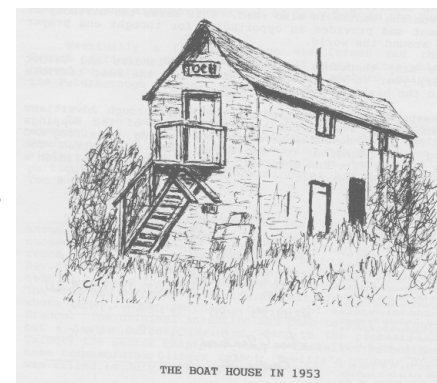
*Andrew Howell*

## Deeping St James Conservation Area

The conservation area in DSJ was first established in 1977 and revised in 1990. South Kesteven District Council is now undertaking an appraisal of not just this one, but of all the 48 conservation area in the district.

As part of this process, the Parish Council has been asked for its views on several proposed changes. The conservation area runs from New Row through Bridge Street and Church Street, some 250 metres into Eastgate, into Church Gate, St James' church, Priory Farm and the Priory itself. As with all conservation areas, the area extends from property frontages to the rear boundaries.

Within the conservation area certain properties are excluded. For



example, nos 94 to 104 Church Street are all modern detached houses and therefore deemed to be of insufficient historic or vernacular character. SKDC are also proposing to exclude other areas; nos 1-54 Stephen's Way, nos 1-5 and 11-13 Old Priory Farm, and nos 12-20 Eastgate. These proposals are the subject of dialogue between the District and Parish Councils.

At present there are certain restrictions on building development. All applications must be advertised in the local

press (Stamford Mercury), satellite dishes must not be placed on front elevations, and generally changes should be in keeping with the area and seek to enhance its character. It may be that more stringent rules will be introduced so that

planning permission is required for changes to roofs, boundary walls, gate piers, external doors and windows.

Within the conservation area there are several listed buildings. The condition of the 17th century boathouse to the rear of 2 Eastgate has been of concern for some time. Now it seem that works will be carried out shortly to preserve the building and forestall any further deterioration.

*Jim Blessett*

## Leaf them Trees alone!

**DSJ Council does its best to protect against inappropriate development. But it's not only buildings which alter our landscape but trees also effect the way our village looks. Recently many mature trees have been lost, through building developments, at the request of householders and sadly, through ignorance and without permission.**

Trees provide shelter for birds and food for bees. In autumn some provide fruit and shed leaves, excellent for healthy gardens and allotments.

As living organisms, over time trees can become dangerous or diseased. In these cases they need attention and sometimes removal but remember that all trees in the conservation area are legally protected. Planning permission must be obtained before they can be cut back, let alone felled. There are also many other trees around the village with Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) with similar protection.

If you want more information about trees in the village, phone the Parish Clerk or the arboriculturalist at SKDC. (But remember, if you see a tree acting suspiciously, call Special Branch!)

*Ashley Baxter*

## New Welland Footbridge?

**For many years it has been hoped to provide a footbridge across the Welland close to the railway bridge to enable walkers to cross safely from north to south without trespassing on Network Rail property. Deeping St James Parish Council is currently working the Northern Footpath Alliance; a group of people from Peakirk, Northborough and Glington; to make this hope a reality.**

footbridge across the Welland some 30m to the South of the railway bridge. Once complete the footbridge would be accessed from raised walkways across the flood plain, linking to the existing footpath which currently runs from Black Gate to the Railway to the South of the River and the Bridleway/Private Road to the North.

The overgrown area to the southern footpath adjacent the railway is currently being cleared by the Northern Footpath Alliance and they are also currently constructing a new footpath along the Maxey Cut from this area to the Peakirk Road.

This will eventually provide a selection of short and longer walks in some of the most beautiful parts of our area and improve access to the Nature Reserve.

*Colin Gamble*

## Bus Shelters Refurbishment

**Five of the ten bus shelters in the parish owned by the Parish Council, have recently been refurbished, the work being carried out to a high standard by the company that originally installed them. On four shelters, the original polycarbonate panels were replaced by mesh panelling. On the fifth, new polycarbonate panels were fitted. We plan to carry out refurbishment of the remaining five shelters sometime next year, probably using mesh panelling.**

It's important that passengers should have a clean and bright environment in which to

wait for their bus, and we believe the refurbished shelters are "just the ticket" (see photo). Please help to keep the shelters clean and

tidy by taking your litter home, and reporting any damage, graffiti or fly-posting by the notorious "Bill Stickers" (apologies for the puns!).

*Tim Stevens*