

Deeping St James

Parish Council Newsletter



Summer 2022

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Jubilee Park

What a few weeks! You know that thing? You don't see a bus for ages and then they all come along at once! So it was with the Annual Parish Meeting and Making a Difference Awards – hitherto a high point in the calendar, this was the first in-person

event since 2019! Outgoing Chairlady of South Kesteven District Council, Cllr Breda-Rae Griffin came along to present the Awards to those who have gone above and beyond in the last couple of years. And

what a difficult call it was to make, when so many have done so much to make our lives easier during this perilous time! And no sooner had the chairs been neatly stacked away than it was time to prepare for the Platinum



Jubilee. Again many rallied to the call and a big thank you must go to the Clerks, Julie and Louise, the Councillors, Jon and Ben Dearden, Ian Prentice, Les Green, Stuart Render and Pennyless for making this

the most well-attended Beacon Lighting yet. We have put a Tatler-style montage together overleaf and you may spot yourself at this event of events, when tribute was paid to seventy years of Her Majesty's reign.

Looking to the future please see inside for details of the Summer Playscheme, a Parish Footpath Walk, a Skateboarding event and the return of the popular 'Bark in the Park' the Deeping St James Dog Show!



l-r Cllr Steve Gilbert, Cllr Breda-Rae Griffin

What a night!







Amrit Mistry

This year the person voted to have most made a difference was Amrit Mistry. A Paul Harris Amethyst Award Winning Rotarian, Amrit has been at the sharp end of the delivery of help during the Pandemic. He worked with the Deeping Business Support Group and with Feed Deeping, he has been involved in the building of the Sensory Garden at the Community Centre and at the home of a disabled boy, organised raffles, helped on the Santa Sleigh and then climbed to Everest Base camp to raise funds for St Barnabas and Marie Curie! Nominations were also received for Cub leaders James Orford, Heidi Latronico-Ferris, Pete Neal, Lynda O'Neill and Kim Bush. Margaret Flegg was nominated for her contribution to catering over many years in DSJ and Steve Fisk for his tree planting and for establishing Millennium Wood. Elizabeth McWilliams has served the people of DSJ well as a volunteer with Citizens Advice.



l-r Kim Bush, Margaret Flegg, Elizabeth McWilliams, Cllr Breda Griffin, Lynda O'Neill

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l-r William Le Sage, Oakley Bateman, Simon Bateman, Cllr Breda Griffin, Tony Plunkett, Justin Gray, Michelle Bateman, Edith Bateman

Feed Deeping have been described as the 'backbone of support for the people of The Deepings during the Pandemic'. While the Food Bank maintained the service they continue to offer, a group of Round Tablers, Lions and Rotarians joined forces to set up an organisation which proved a lifeline to many in very difficult circumstances and which continued for many months.



l-r Louisa Crowson, Cllr Breda Griffin, Cassandra Wales, Sue Barker

Inspiration, dedication, enthusiasm and service are all words used to describe those nominated for the person to most make a difference in the course of doing their job. Nikki Benjamin and Sue Baker were both nominated as they stood down from their roles at the Deepings School, having clocked up 54 years of service at the School between them. Cassandra Wales was nominated for the enthusiasm that she brought to her work at the Deepings Youth Group and Louisa Crowson for her work at the Deepings Library. It was Clive Hankers for his work at the Old Bakery which has proved an integral part of DSJ in these difficult times who took the Award.



Clive Hankers



l-r Amber Davis-Bradshaw, Holly Davis-Bradshaw, Ben Sanford, Cllr Breda Griffin, Corey Cuthbert, Oakley Bateman and Edith Bateman

Millie Mills was awarded the title of the Young Person (aged 11-19) to most make a difference for the work that she undertook in the cemetery as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. She carefully researched the task and sympathetically cleaned headstones and enhanced the graves. Also nominated were Oakley and Edith Bateman for the work that they did with the Feed Deeping Group, Rhiana Smith and Holly and Amber Davis-Bradshaw were all nominated for the gifts they made and distributed to surprise people on their daily walks. Ben Sanford and Corey Cuthbert were nominated for the contribution they made to the Deepings Youth Group.



Millie Mills



l-r James and Claire Price, Alan Judge, Cllr Breda Griffin, Brian Goodliffe, Jon Dearden, Mike Newell, Anthea Prentice

When the going gets tough the tough get going - and that's what the individuals nominated for those to most make a difference did during the Pandemic. Alan 'Fred' Judge entertained with his daily informative posts on facebook while James and Claire Price entertained with their weekly 'stuck on the sofa' quizzes. Jon Dearden and Mike Newell were the front men who delivered the Deepingaton and raised thousands for charity as well as entertaining with weekly facebook discos which had a following throughout the country. Caz Bruce worked tirelessly at the Exotic Pet Refuge without the invaluable help of volunteers who were not allowed into the Refuge. Anthea Prentice set up the online group 'Deepings Grocery Help' and Brian Goodliffe took the Award for the volunteer work he did and continues to do helping elderly and vulnerable residents.



l-r Cllr Breda Griffin, Andra Fisher and Liz Waterland

It is well known that the Deepings are blessed with many volunteer groups who oil the wheels of the community and make it such a nice place in which to live. Nominated for the Community Group to most make a difference were the Lions and Rotary with help from Edward Prentice, Steve Fisk, Stuart Bish and Ricky Fox who provide the Santa Sleigh each Christmas. Also nominated were the Deeping Mens Group who supply medical equipment to help those in need, the Deeping Lions for the Carnival, the Duck Race and recently spearheading the transformation of the Sensory Garden at the Community Centre and those who volunteer as part of the Deeping Foodbank. The winners on this occasion were the Deepings Library Volunteers who are involved with ever more interesting initiatives not only to make our Library one of the most successful in Lincolnshire but to keep Deeping reading!

Words from the chair

The past three years as chairman were interesting to say the least.

One of the challenges was to keep services going during the pandemic, and even now there are many things which are not as they were prior to 2020. We have endeavoured to maintain all the services we are responsible for day to day. The clerks have done an amazing job in the limited time they have available and can only express my thanks and appreciation for all that they do.



Cllr Kate Shinkins-Hoppe

Technology continues to advance, but the legislation and legal framework the parish council must work within doesn't allow meetings to be held via video conferencing. Most things must still be agreed face to face.

It has been a privilege to serve this community and to be able to participate in The Making a Difference Awards



Cllr Steve Gilbert

carried out at The Annual Parish Meeting held on 9th May. It was also very encouraging to see so many people at the Lighting of the Beacon on June 2nd, a truly memorable occasion.

It was unanimously agreed in our May Council meeting, that Councillor Kate Shinkins-Hoppe should become the new chair. I will continue to support Kate and the council in my new role as vice chairman.

Cllr Steve Gilbert

DEEPING YOUTH GROUP

The Cross School DSJ
11-17 Years
Tuesday 5.15 - 7.15pm
Thursday & Friday 7-9pm
£1 per session

Music Disco Films
Pool table Fun
Wii Chilling
Table Football
Games Tuck Shop

Fun
Trips
Friendship

Enquiries to
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We are on Facebook & Instagram

Feeling the fuel price pinch?

As of August 1st the Delaine 301 302 Spalding-The Deepings-Stamford service will call at London Road/Vine Street for Spalding Town Centre and will then continue onto the Springfields Outlet Centre. Monday - Friday every hour throughout the day.

DELAINE
BUSES

SPRINGFIELDS
OUTLET SHOPPING & LEISURE

Footpath Walk

Thursday 1st
September 7.00pm

Meet at the Old Rose Inn Frognall

Refreshments available after the walk



Summer Playscheme

Each Summer Deeping St James Parish Council provides activities for children who attend junior schools within our community.

This Summer we are delighted that both Madcaps and Our Forest Garden are each providing a scheme offering a range of activities.



The fun starts off at Our Forest Garden offering two sessions each day between Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July. Mornings run from 9.30am to 12 noon, followed by the afternoon session from 1pm to 3.30pm. All these sessions are outdoors with plenty of room to explore, dig, climb, play in the mud kitchen and meet the chickens.

Sue and her team at Madcaps then offer morning sessions from Monday 8th to Friday 12th August. This will be a week of varied and fun activities, including



sport, art and crafts and many more, ensuring everyone has the best time.

As a first for the Parish Council, we also have an additional offer this summer – working with Ellie Sandall and her Artivity workshop offering a range of visual art forms, including drawing, painting, textiles, sculpture, printmaking and collage. Each session is 90 mins and will run during the afternoons of the week commencing Monday 8th August to Friday 12th August. These are funded by the Parish Council and booking forms are available via your child's Primary School.

If you think this is something for your child/children please enquire through your DSJ Primary School where application forms will be available. Alternatively if you live in DSJ but your child is educated elsewhere you are still eligible and can apply by emailing clerk@dsjpc.co.uk

Cllr Kate Shinkins

Nomination



Julie Fortnum

Clerk to DSJ Parish Council has been nominated Clerk of the Year in the Shining Stars Awards 2022 organised by Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils.

HERITAGE CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANT

St. James Deeping Signal Box Group are looking to appoint a qualified Heritage Construction Consultant to complete an assessment of the salvaged signal box materials and to produce the necessary specifications to allow the construction to proceed.

Within the scope of this project the Heritage Construction Consultant will:

- Complete a thorough evaluation of the reclaimed Signal Box materials to determine the proportions which are suitable for reuse. (it is the ambition of the Group to retain and re-use as much of the original signal box material as possible. The potential for repair should be considered and like-for like replacement be recommended when necessary).
- Draw up necessary specifications for suitable replacement materials and provide cost estimates.
- Produce all necessary drawings, plans and specifications to allow the reconstruction

of the signal box and provide necessary cost estimates.

- Provide specifications for loading with input from a structural engineer where necessary. This should include both floor loadings, and for the installation of the signal mechanism.
- Provide mentoring to support the Trustees and volunteers with the development of the capital project.

The project will take place between August 2022 and December 2022.

Contractors should provide a breakdown of their time allocation as part of their tender submission.

The maximum fee available for this work is £6000 excluding VAT.

Deadline for submission of tenders

27th July 2022

Interviews held 1st – 3rd August 2022

Appointment confirmed 8th August 2022

The successful candidate will be appointed on the basis of relevant experience, understanding of the brief, availability of resources, and value for money.

TENDER SUBMISSION

Tender submissions should include:

- Proposed methodology and timeline
- Details of relevant skills, experience and qualifications
- Two relevant examples of work
- Two references.

Tenders may be submitted as follows:

BY POST (maximum 40 pages overall)

to Stuart Hall, Chairman St James Deeping Signal Box Group, 149 Station Road, Deeping St James, Peterborough PE6 8RH.

or **BY EMAIL** (maximum file size 10MB) to stuarthall149@gmail.com

If you have any queries or require further information, please contact Stuart Hall in the first instance - telephone 01778 342218.



DEEPINGS RAFT RACE 2022

Sunday August 7th

Theme for this year...

BACK TO THE 80s



HAVE YOU BUILT YOUR RAFT YET?

It's not too late to enter a raft - application form on website.

- Get a team together - Minimum 2 people, Maximum 8
- Persuade a few from your local to enter the **PUB RACE**
- Younger people can have a go at the shorter **YOUTH RACE**
- Let's have some Girl Power in the **LADIES RACE**
- Promote your company by entering the **BUSINESS RACE**
- Get creative with your design for the **FUN RACE**
- Anything else can go in the **MAIN RACE**

Raft building tips on our website - build to match our theme and dress up for extra fun but plain rafts are OK too!

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Annual Deeping Fun Family Dog Show

A BARK IN JUBILEE PARK!

Twixt Thackers & Crowson Way DSJ
Sunday October 2nd 1.30 -4.00pm

no need to be a pedigree.

As long as you love your dog bring 'em along! They do not need to do anything just look their most beautiful.

Entries £1 per class:
Golden Oldie, Best Rescue, Lookie Likie, Dog with the waggiest tail, Dog with the best eyebrows, Cutest puppy, Handsomest male, Prettiest bitch, Most talented dog, Most obedient dog, Best in Show.



WOODY HEIGHTS



DATE FOR YOUR SKATEBOARDING

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2.00PM

WOODY HEIGHTS LINCHFIELD ROAD DSJ

DIARY

BBQ - MUSIC AND MUCH MORE TBA