

Deeping St James

Parish Council Newsletter

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Over the past few weeks artist and storyteller, Rose Croft has been working in the community on a project funded by SKDC through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Hosting events which have explored the deep connections within the Deepings through zine-making events, river walks and story circles she has gathered local stories and woven them into a new fairytale of the Deepings.

This story has inspired the mural which has been installed at Jubilee Park, rich with shared experiences and everyday details. The fairy story will be available to pick up at the Deepings Library and Rose will be reading the story

at Storyfest on Saturday 31st May (1-4) at the Deepings Community Centre.

Have you noticed that the village has been host to many golden daffodils this Spring? Thanks to the Councillors who have been busy planting, the bloom team and all of those who tend their front gardens to make such a pretty spectacle. Thank you! Also due are thanks to the River Action Group, Friday Knights, the Scouts and the many of you who pick litter up as you walk - those of you who drop litter and don't pick up after your dogs please remember that it is your job not theirs!

Judy Stevens



Words from the Chair

What a busy time this has been - I think I would probably describe this as the year of the Grants. Working with SKDC and the Government's Shared Prosperity Fund, we have been successful in obtaining funding to help us with improvements to (1) the wild area in Jubilee Park, (2) the planting of the Community Orchard in St Vincent's Close, (3) the planting of hedging and wild flowers in our Cemetery, (4) funding to help us start the community engagement process and consultation about how to improve Jubilee Park, and (5) also obtaining funding for consultation with Sustrans about how to improve cycling and walking in the Deepings. (6) We were also successful in obtaining the funds to purchase 8 new notice boards which will be used around the community - keeping everyone up to date with our latest information. (7) Whilst writing this on a sunny day, it is important also to remember one other Grant - working with the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum, a group of our Councillors, together with some from Market Deeping too, have created a local Resilience Group to help when our communities are threatened by Flood - the Grant we obtained enabled us to purchase new flood defence equipment.



Applying for this funding takes time and of course there is no guarantee of success, as many other communities are also submitting their bids. Our Councillors worked to identify those projects which would benefit from this possible source of extra money. As Chair, I am proud to say that our level of success has indeed been impressive and thank those Councillors - and our Clerks - who have given time, and a great deal of energy and determination to complete their applications.

Kate Shinkins-Hoppe Chair

Each year the Parish Council works with local providers to ensure that the Summer Playschemes, financed completely by the Parish Council, are able to run. Arrangements are already in place for the Summer of 2025 with the Forest School, Artivity and Madcaps to provide three weeks of fun, offering a wide range of activities. Each Scheme offers something different and the feedback the Parish Council



receives from each one, reassures us that the children really do have a great time. So, if your child loves to make a bow and arrow, cook over an open fire and simply be outside then Forest School might be the one. If you have a budding Picasso who enjoys colour, paint and texture then Ellie at Artivity will keep your child busy. Sue at Madcaps offers the largest of the three Playschemes and with her army of Staff is able to accommodate up to 100 children a day - with such a wide range of activities - sports, craft, dance, cooking etc etc there really is something for every one. The application forms for each Scheme will be issued during June and July so if you cannot easily access what you need please ring 01778 342266.



Kate Shinkins-Hoppe Chair of Recreation and Open Spaces

New Councillors

I was co-opted onto the Parish Council in November 2024. I have lived in the Deepings since 1981, mostly in DSJ as I currently do, with my wife. I have recently retired from working in Financial Services all my working life. When my children were of school age I was treasurer and then Chairman of Mkt. Deeping County Primary School PTA and also a Parent Governor. I want to help improve the local environment and am a founding member of Deepings River Action Group. I have recently joined the Deepings Rotary Club and am keen to become involved in projects that will help improve the Community for all of us.



Phil Neville

We moved to Market Deeping 29 years ago and our children attended local schools and still reside here. So as a family we have special connections with the Deepings and I look forward to making a contribution to the community. I have had experience with the construction and motor industries and have developed numerous projects locally and hope to bring this experience to the Parish Council. My hobbies include motorcycling and being a skate steward volunteer for over 45 years.



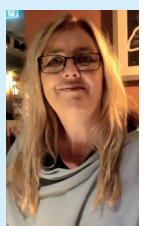
Kevin Burdock

I'm excited to have recently joined the Parish Council having lived in Deeping St James since 2017 with my wife and daughter. I greatly value its strong sense of community and beautiful surroundings. As an environmental manager for the railways, I am passionate about sustainability and protecting our local environment. I look forward to working with fellow councillors and residents to support initiatives that enhance and preserve our parish for future generations. Please feel free to reach out - I'm eager to listen, learn, and help make a positive difference.



Owen Laws

My name is Sue Leader and I have lived in Deeping St James for over 30 years. I worked at the Charity 'Sense' for 13 years followed by 21 years within the NHS. My hobbies include volunteering for a food charity, gardening, dog walking and travelling with my husband throughout Europe by motorbike and more recently in our camper van.



I have become a Councillor so I can be more involved in my local community.

Sue Leader



With funding from SKDC's Making Space for Nature project, the Parish Council was successful in obtaining funding to plant a mixed native hedge in the new cemetery along with two areas which have been planted with wildflowers.



Recently the Parish Council has installed a 5m double sided climbing wall at the Hereward Way Play area, while two table tennis tables from UK Shared Prosperity Funding via SKDC have been installed at Woody Heights and the play area at Churchfields Close.



Jubilee Park

Since the transfer of ownership of Jubilee Park from SKDC to the Parish Council we haven't let the grass grow under our feet! In fact to the contrary our new contractors have been (so far) cutting the grass to a good standard. We were delighted with the 293 responses that we have had to the Survey we sent out to residents in January with

lots of helpful feedback and brilliant ideas. Phase 1 in the improvements we are making to the Park has included a 'Wild Area' as a step towards net zero and bio diversity goals. Approx 600 woodland plants have been set and a new wildflower



meadow has been seeded. This has been funded by the Make Space for Nature programme at SKDC. As part of Phase 2 of the improvements to the Park, a new older children's play park is planned between the current play park and the Wild area. Currently funding is being sought. Events continue on the Park and recently a SKDC organised for a 20metre Whale to take up residence as a means to help children learn about the impact of plastic on the environment. Other events are planned for the summer. Thanks are due to all who pick up after their dogs on the park and a polite request to do so by those who don't! Recent vandalism on the Park is being addressed with the use of CCTV evidence (yes the cameras do work). For further information or to get involved please email clerk@deepingstjames-pc.gov.uk or call 01778 343266

Gordon Smith



Over the past year a group of volunteers from the Parish and Town Council have been working on an updated community emergency plan. A list of the most vulnerable including care homes and almshouses is combined with a list of helpers including farmers, local businesses and councillors, along with securing the use of a building if we should need to use it for displaced parishioners. These are the Community Centre and the Priory Church Hall. Equipment including redirectional barriers and a pump have been purchased with UK Shared Prosperity Funding via SKDC. We continue to supply bags and sand at hoppers at the Methodist Church, the Priory Church Hall, Stowgate Road and Millennium Wood. We urge those who live in homes that are prone to flooding to explore online the equipment that can be purchased to help mitigate the effects of flooding.

Kay Townsin

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE AWARDS

MONDAY 28TH APRIL 7.00PM
Priory Church Hall, DSJ



2024 finalists

Find out more about the Parish Council and celebrate the achievements of others!

Guest Speaker.
author and
TV presenter
Ajay Tegala

A shared moment of celebration

VE Day - 80 years on
Jubilee Park

Join us for the lighting of the beacon (9.00pm), music and more!

Evening 8th May



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Parish Council

Council Meetings are Tues 19th March
Tues 23rd April &

Tues 21st May 7:30pm - 10.00pm

The Institute, 38 Church Street,
DSJ, PE6 8HD.

Annual Deeping Fun Family Dog Show

A BARK IN JUBILEE PARK!

Twixt Thackers & Crowson Way DSJ
Sunday 27th July 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:

A Class for every dog whatever their description!

PET STOP



DEEPIINGS FUN DAY SUN DAY

13th July 2025

12 - 5.00 p.m

John Eve Field (Opposite Tesco)

LIVE MUSIC STAGE

TOM STONE SHODDY WODDY LEGACY OF VICTOR NORMAN

REAL ALE & CIDER BARS

CRAFT STALLS HOOK A DUCK

BARREL TRAIN COCONUT SHY

STREET FOOD ICE CREAM DOUGNUTS

FREE KIDS ZONE FUN CHARITY STALLS

SOMETHING FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

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