

Deeping St James enters Britain in Bloom 2010!

Come and hear

Jeff Bates of East Midlands in Bloom
tell how YOU can get involved.

7.30 pm, Tuesday 12th January,
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Local politics and YOU...

- Organising road traffic by introducing traffic calming.
- Providing bus shelters.
- Supplying street lighting and CCTV cameras.
- Providing safe play areas.
- Facilitating contact with the community and appropriate authorities.
- Providing litter and dog bins.
- Looking after the cemetery.
- Providing and maintaining allotments.
- Improving leisure facilities.
- Campaigning for affordable housing.
- Commenting on proposed plans.
- Keeping in touch with a regular newsletter.
- Part funding and liasing with the PCSO.
- And more!



If getting involved with the community seems like a worthwhile way for you to spend your spare time, you might like to consider being co-opted onto Deeping St James Parish Council.

Please put your application in writing telling us about yourself and why you want to be a Parish Councillor and forward for the attention of The Clerk, Deeping St James Parish Council, The Institute, 38 Church Street, Deeping St James, PE6 8HD email: clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com by the end of January 2010.

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Sun shines on celebrations at Woody Heights

Responding to the wishes of the youngsters in the village after public consultations, Deeping St James Parish Council is delighted to announce that it has now provided more fantastic play equipment at Woody Heights in Linchfield Road.

A Skate/BMX Park was installed six years ago, and has benefited from recent additions and alterations as requested by our young people. A Youth Shelter was installed two years ago in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council and just recently a Multi Activity Games Area has been added to the facilities with financial help from The Welland Fund.



As the majority of equipment on this site is for older children, at the request of parents with children in both age groups, a "Flying Saucer" has now been added with financial help from Lincolnshire

County Council keeping more children occupied.

The Parish council also took into consideration issues raised by some residents close to the Woody Heights area and made changes to the plans in order to try and alleviate their concerns.

Pictured is the recent open day during the half term break when County Councillor Mike Exton met with Vice-Chairman Andy Pelling and Councillor Gerd Linfords-Winsor of Deeping St James Parish

Council to mark the completion of the project and they participated in the fantastic artwork on the Youth Shelter with the help of our teenagers and

graffiti artist James Mayle from Image School.

In partnership with Lincolnshire County Council Teenage Services and Madcaps and blessed with a sunny day, there were over 100 children on site by 10am when the fun and games began with Five-a-side Football, a Penalty Shoot-out with prizes, graffiti art, and a Barbecue. It was also an ideal opportunity for further consultation with the youngsters on their continuing aspirations for the much used skate/BMX Park.

Chairman of the Youth and Community Committee Kate Shinkins said "Deeping St James Parish Council is delighted to have provided the equipment for our youngsters and to also celebrate the occasion by organising an open day during the half term week for their benefit. As this has been so successful, we hope to be having a similar day of activities in the half terms of May and October in 2010."



The Parish Council has now agreed their Precept for the next financial year. The Precept is the amount of money we request to be able to provide the essential services and other projects for the local community.

We are well aware that many members of our community are continuing to feel the impact of the national financial crisis and thus we felt it appropriate to keep our expenditure at a responsible level.

This was a difficult exercise as the Council has ambitious plans to provide additional facilities for the young people of the community; we strongly feel that providing activities for our youngsters can benefit the whole community.

In addition we are keen to continue improvements to some of the less

attractive areas of the Parish as we have done with Manor Court. We would also have liked to continue with transport improvements, especially sustainable ones.

We agreed to fund some of the above but many projects were scaled down or deferred. This resulted in a Precept that is only 5% more than last year which was 5.7% lower than the year before that, thus resulting in similar levels for 2010/2011 as we had for 2008/2009.

Parish Council Chairman Councillor Phil Dilks said:

"Last year we took sensible measures to cut our spending by over 5.7%. For the

coming year we are asking Deeping St James residents for an average of less than 20 pence extra over the year.



"By again setting our precept for next year at below 2008/9 levels, we are effectively delivering a result that is better than a council tax freeze when averaged over two years.

"In these tough economic times, I trust that South Kesteven District Council, the county council and the police authority will take

our lead and keep bills down in the coming year to help the local economy recover."

Councillor Andy Pelling (Chairman of Financial & General Purposes committee)

Chris Pearce signs up!



I have lived near the river in Deeping St. James for thirty years. My first thoughts on moving to Bridge Street were how fortunate we are in this area to live in an attractive village with such friendly people.

Both my daughter and son attended D.S.J. Primary School and the Comprehensive School. Being a teacher myself I was pleased to see them receive a good foundation which led to university and now employment in the local area. Over the thirty years I have taught in Coates, Peterborough and lastly at William Hildyard Primary and Nursery School. It has been a delight to work with young children in our community.

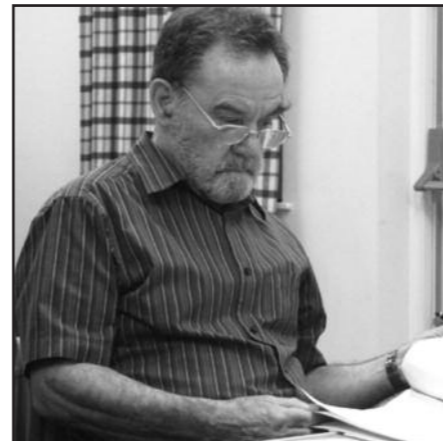


When I retired from teaching I decided to join Deepings U3A to further my hobbies and interests. It is an excellent organisation and promotes further learning but I knew I wanted to become more involved with other aspects of the

community and I was delighted to accept a position on D.S.J. Parish Council. This has enabled me to maintain a link with youth in the area and attend seminars to see how best to help youngsters to use their time profitably. I maintain close links with school and hope to liaise between our children and the council.

Living in the old building which used to house the Baptist Church, I see people walking along the opposite river footpath on a daily basis. It is a pleasure to note how all our open spaces are used and to have some input into future enjoyment of these areas. This interest includes the presentation and maintenance of the cemetery. Together with forming links and becoming the councillor

representative for the Red Cross, the main points described here, summarize my reasons for joining the council three months ago. I hope to put something back into the community that has successfully supported my family for three decades.



Ray calls it a day

Councillor Ray Auger has decided to resign as a parish councillor after more than 30 years service so he can give more time to his work as an Executive member of South Kesteven District Council.

Current Chairman Councillor Phil Dilks says:

"Ray was by far our longest serving and most experienced parish councillor. He was chairman three times and has been involved in many changes to our village over his three decades of service as an elected parish councillor. I hope we can mark his service to the council at our annual parish meeting in May."

We want you to 'dob in' your neighbours!

Who is guaranteed to brighten your day? Who do you rely on the most? Which person puts in most effort running your club? Or teaching your kids? Or looking after your neighbours?

The news is always full of people who do things wrong – From speeding fines to other crimes. Deeping St James Parish Council want to redress the balance. We want to put a spotlight onto the people that make our community strong by doing the things that need doing even when they don't have to. The 'Making a Difference' awards are an opportunity for you to nominate your neighbours, to herald your heroes, to vote for your volunteers.



There are three categories:

- Young Person Making a Difference in Deeping St James
- Adult Making a Difference in Deeping St James.
- Organisation Making a Difference in Deeping St James

Last year's awards were won by Joshua Tate for his assistance with the 'Jigsaw' club at the Open Door Centre, by Sheila Miller who taught swimming to generations of Deeping children and by the Deeping Mens Club for their provision of equipment for the disabled.

The only condition is the nominees are based in Deeping St James. For more information contact the Clerk on 343266.

Dates for your 2010 Dairy

12th Jan - Talk in the Institute 7.30 Jeff Bates of East Midlands in Bloom

2nd Feb - Snowdrop Planting & Supper - Priory Church Hall

11th May - Annual Parish Meeting - Priory Church Hall

27th May - AGM - The Institute

26th June - Rose & Sweet Pea Show & History of Gardening in DSJ in Words and Flowers

3rd July - Deeping Carnival

29th June - Parish Walk

7th July - Parish Walk

25th July - Teddy Bears Picnic

24th October - Apple Day Priory Church Hall

Bloomin' marvellous!



5,000 bulbs have been planted throughout the Parish as part of the Deeping St James in Bloom entry for 2010. Pictured is Council Maintenance Worker Maurice Thorpe who supervised a group of Community Payback Workers planting bulbs throughout the village.

Following the highly successful Deeping St James in Bloom lectures held this Autumn there will be a meeting in the Institute at 7.30 pm on January 12th when Jeff Bates from East Midlands in Bloom will speak on the Britain in Bloom project with hints and tips for the success of our entry!

While contemplating the bulb catalogues for the next seasons planting, please do also take some time to think of an unusal and unwanted container in your garden that you could plant up and display in your front garden as part of a visual trail to wow the judges both in the



Deeping St James in Bloom entry and in the category sponsored by the Parish Council in the Rose and Sweet Pea Show - held on the last Saturday in June. This year containers included a mug, a bath, a childs wooden trolley, a fish kettle, a rat trap, a wine box and a couple of cast iron saucepans.

Candlemas Day, Tuesday 2nd February will see the planting of 3,000 Snowdrops in the Priory Church Yard. The planting will be completed by various community groups and will be followed by a Snowdrop Supper in the Church Hall when all those involved in the project will be invited to celebrate and the Snowdrop tablecloth embroidered to raise funds by Pat Abel will be raffled. At the time of writing we are looking to source two arc lights and a

generator to floodlight the area to be planted.

If you could help in this or any other way, please do call Judy Stevens on 348859.

A TACTILE AND SENSORY EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE

The National Rubella Trust established their first house in the village over twenty years ago and now has six houses in Deeping St James and Market Deeping.

Now known as "Sense" there are currently thirty deaf-blind people living in our community with their carers. Some are able bodied, and some are more severely disabled and have to rely on their wheel chair for mobility.

IMAGINE...not being able to hear, or to see, partially or completely, and having to rely on your other senses to obtain the best quality of life there is.

In partnership with "Sense" Deeping St James Parish Council are currently establishing an allotment at their site in Hall Meadow Road. The site is now being prepared and will have a series of paved pathways around six raised beds.

Allotment Association Members are looking forward to working with the group and have offered the use of their

adjacent Club House on site. A small shed has also been obtained, and Market Deeping Town Council has also been approached for further help.

WOULD YOU ALSO LIKE TO HELP?

What do you have that you can donate to the group? Gardening tools in good condition would be greatly appreciated. Perhaps you have a bench that you are able to donate? Different smells and textures are so important – donations of plants and shrubs would be really appreciated! Sounds are important too – perhaps a small water feature or some wind chimes?

Please contact the Parish Clerk Sheila Kostyrka at: Deeping St James Parish Council, The Institute, 38, Church Street, Deeping St James, PE6 8HD Telephone 01778 343266, or email: clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com

Thank you for helping to make our community a better place to LIVE.