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Meet the editors

Kathryn Schosland



Kathryn has been an active member of the Exning community since moving here in 2010. She supports local church groups, educational organisations, and was a founding member of the Exning Neighbours Group during COVID.

Lindsay Morgan



Lindsay came to the village in 2012. She became involved fully in village life during COVID, when she helped form the Exning Neighbours Group and now takes an active role in the Parish Council and Exning Primary School.

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District Council News

Councillor Jon London

We now know more about the future of local government in Suffolk. The County council is pushing for a single, Suffolk wide unitary council, and the District and Borough councils are all pushing for a three-council model.



Currently, different councils do different things for Exning, for example the District council is in charge of cleaning roads, but the County council is in charge of repairing them. Under both of the new proposed schemes all functions (except for the Parish council) would be amalgamated under one unitary council. The main question for us is do we want it to be based in Ipswich or Bury St. Edmunds.

Personally, I agree that a whole-Suffolk council would be cheaper, but it would also mean that we would be so remote that nothing would ever get done! By way of example, the County Council has had the money to build the Burwell to Exning cycle path since before I was elected, but officers are based in Ipswich and it's out of sight, out of mind. The recent discovery that our bus route was funded by Cambridgeshire rather than Suffolk goes to show where we stand on Ipswich's priority list. You can find out more on both proposals here:

www.threecouncilsforsuffolk.org

www.onesuffolkcouncil.co.uk

More local to home I was able to speak at Development Control Committee to ensure cycle access for the new "car free" housing development on the site of Goldings Garage, Newmarket. Officers had forgotten to secure a path from the street to the cycle sheds! In full council, I have demanded District funding to help reopen the public toilets near the Memorial gardens.

Finally – I have the honour of chairing West Suffolk's Grants Advisory Committee. We distribute hundreds of thousands of pounds to charities and community groups across West Suffolk. I'd love to see more applications from Exning organisations. The call for proposals is now open.

www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/community/community-grants.cfm

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Update from the Parish Council



Summer 2025

New Council Members

EPC co-opted four new council members at our June and July meetings, further broadening our range of interests and expertise and filling our seats. We welcome Andy Hall, Akram Zitoun, Roxa Cizevsky and Carolyn Ireland, adding knowledge and skills relating to commerce and small business, the built environment, data management and primary level education to our team, as well as enthusiasm and a tremendous regard for Exning.

Annual meeting

The annual meeting was held in June this year, which is an opportunity to share the work of the Parish Council, our priorities for the next financial year and some of the challenges faced.

Chair Lindsay shared successes in branding and visibility, with council assets (including Steve the Village Keeper) increasingly identifiable due to the green and black EPC duck! She highlighted infrastructure improvements for bus users and pedestrians, and ongoing work with Suffolk County Council to identify parking and speeding interventions that could address some of the village challenges. New financial strategy is seeing a greater return on the precept, helping to secure the future of the council and make large projects possible.

We also heard from our grant recipients. Phil represented the Exning New River Association and Ken spoke on behalf of Exning Tennis Club. They described how EPC grants have supported their respective work to help secure the village as a beautiful, healthy and family friendly place to live.

We reflected on the events that bring us together like the Christmas tree light switch on, the beautifully curated Exning Phone Box library, the midnight flits to the planters during sweltering weekends to keep the bedding plants watered and, come rain or shine, the Village Fete!

Frustrations were highlighted. The Rosery is increasingly dilapidated and a solution that satisfies the challenging conditions of planning regulations continues to be elusive. Antisocial behaviours seem to be increasing, from dog mess on our streets to broken glass in our play areas. We navigate the complexities of devolution and the impact on council services, trying to

predict the local impact of decisions presented through political lenses.

The council remains committed to addressing these difficulties as well as building on the year's success. Come along to a Parish Council meeting to find out what we are working on or to raise an issue that we might be able to progress on your behalf.

Devolution

Devolution means the transfer of powers and funding from national to local government. Those of you on social media will no doubt have seen the One Suffolk Campaign. The campaign being promoted by the current county council, costing around 5% of their total budget, describes their preferred configuration where a single unitary authority for Suffolk is proposed to replace the current layered structure of district/borough and county councils. Stated advantages to this include fewer staff and therefore fewer costs, with a unitary authority based in Ipswich. There would be an elected Mayor from May 2026.

An alternative position, but without the ad campaign, has been proposed by district councils and comprises 2-3 unitary councils to deliver services to different parts of the county. You can read more about that proposal here:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/devolution-and-lgr>

Exning Parish Council does not have a stated position on the best arrangement moving forward and in any case will continue to exist whatever the new structure. However based on our geography at the edge of the county, our village/rural/agricultural status, and the frequency with which we are already overlooked for services to which we are already entitled, our voice will be used to ensure recognition, organisational memory and ongoing consideration of the needs of small and rural communities like ours in broader infrastructure plans, which must be deliverable and sustainable.

It's important to note that this is not a decision on which there will be a public vote. Residents can contribute a view on the proposals via the survey links below (and given by Cllr London in his update) and we urge you to do so:

<https://onesuffolkcouncil.co.uk/residents-survey/>

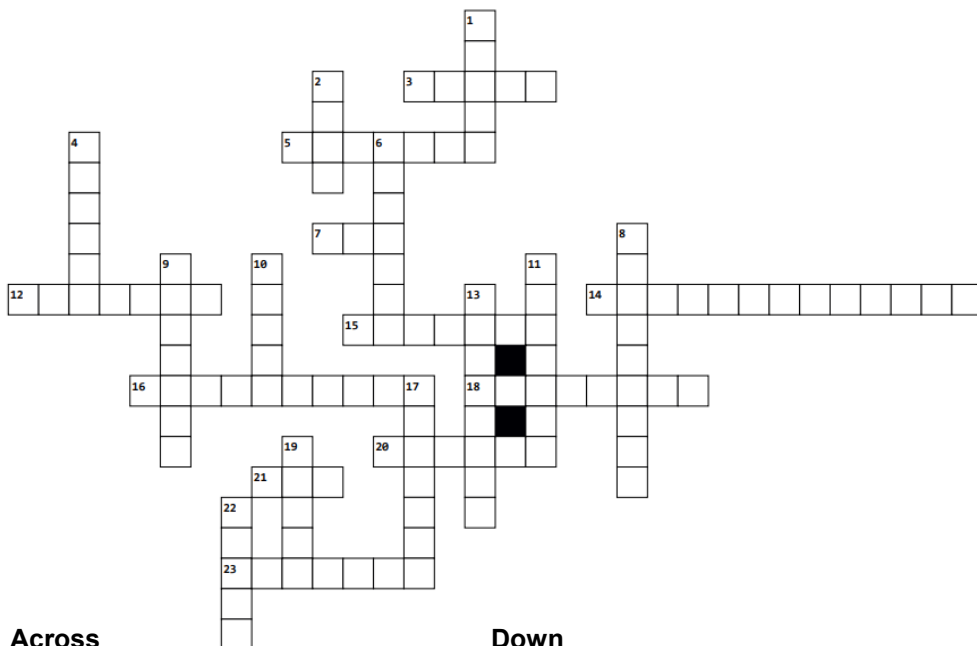


<https://midsuffolk.govocal.com/en-GB/projects/have-your-say->



Exning Fete Prize Crossword

Due to the early finish we didn't get to give away all our prizes! Take a photo of your completed crossword and send it to editor@exning-pc.gov.uk. The first three correctly completed grids will win one of our great local giveaways.



Across

3. DJ ----- Love kept us dancing
5. Donated the 'Pig' for which you bowled
7. Number of bouncy castles supplied by Lily's Inflatables
12. St ----- Our local church who made a fine cuppa
14. Exning's young people earning some summer spends
15. Newmarket Fire ----- who were welcome due to risk of flood!
16. The dance group who put on a mesmerizing display
18. Used to ensure a smashing time
20. Trampoline fitness group
21. Slap the --- before it escapes
23. Some of us were lucky enough to be

Down

1. Thoroughbred tipples locally produced
2. how to catch a duck at Exning fete
4. The type of wire used for the electrical maze
6. ---/-/--- or 'Pull The Rope' as described by Councillor Grzech
8. ----- Jim's, who kept the drinks flowing as fast as the rain
9. Preloved items to keep Exning Primary School pupils looking sharp
10. Italian dish created with Passione!
11. Local estate agent sponsoring the games
13. The ancient art of hunting with birds demonstrated by our feathered visitors
17. Exning's First who went cononuts!
19. John Bakez them
22. Big cat popular with face painters

Exning Village Fete

Saturday 25th of July heralded the fourth annual village fete, run by the Exning Parish Council, and supported by our District Councillor, Jon London.

All of the favourites were back including a hard fought tug of war battle, bouncy castles, circus skills workshops, sustainability corner and the postcode lottery.

Plus, we had the addition of the incredible Fens Falconry, who had some rather gorgeous birds to visit, as well as putting on two spectacular displays.

We also had a young entrepreneur section this year, which showcased some of the many skills that the youngsters of Exning, and surrounds, possess.



Unfortunately, rain did halt play but before that happened ((Bounce)) still bounced, FDC still danced, rats were smacked, ducks were hooked and people still made the most of the wonderful food and drink available.

We are very grateful to our main sponsor, EweMove, to all of the businesses who donated prizes, the volunteers who gave up their time, our District Councillor, our stallholders and food and drink vendors, and all of you who attended.



Conservation and Green Spaces

Bringing Fresh Life to our river



August 2025

Support pump Due to the lack of significant rain over winter and spring and the high temperatures in May and June the Seven Springs dried up in mid-June. The river is currently entirely reliant on The Environment Agency pumping from the Snailwell Borehole. The pump is on for fifteen hours spread over a 24 hour period. It is hoped that this new, more consistent, regime will reduce the buildup of silt that has happened over previous years.

As you will have seen there is now a data logger in the Duck Pond. This currently monitors water temperature and TDS (dissolved solids) and will help us monitor 'pollution events' that tend to happen during heavy rain.

Duck Pond The Jockey Club, when they stripped out the National Hunt jumps at the end of the season, kindly donated over 100 birch faggots. We are very grateful as they are ideal for placing between the bank and coir rolls to provide a base for the aquatic plants to fill in these areas (see below).



Several mornings were spent by volunteers making hessian bags and filling them and coir rolls with 500 recently purchased aquatic plants (partly funded by the plant sale) which included: irises, purple loosestrife, grasses and reeds. The bags and rolls have been placed in the Duck Pond on the birch faggots and into the gravel berms.

There has been a noticeable increase in the dragonflies and butterflies seen this year along with sightings of the kingfisher and swan mussels.

Swan Lane - As part of the management of the wildflower area it was trimmed in late July and raked. Due to lack of rainfall and high temperatures there was little growth and few flowers, except bindweed, this year. Hopefully it will be a little more colourful in 2026.

The Importance of Seven Springs and the New River



Exning New River Association presents a special talk about the importance of chalk streams and the geological and ecological reasons why the Seven Springs are so important.

Steve Boreham is a trustee of the Hobsons Brook Project in Cambridge and has organised BioBlitz and citizen science projects to help inspire local volunteers.

We will also present our water testing results, to show the health of the New River.

Dr Steve Boreham
Geologist & Ecologist

Friday 3rd October

7pm

**Exning Community
Church Hall**

**Retiring collection to fund future projects for
the Exning New River Association**

Exning
NEW RIVER 

If you would like to support our on-going improvement work and management of the river, details are on our website

www.exningnewriver.co.uk

Exning (and other) Events

BOTTISHAM & BURWELL PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Our club meetings have ceased for the summer break, but quite a number of our members enjoyed a Club Outing to Felixstowe on Sunday 8th June. The weather was very kind to us with plenty of sunshine, although very windy and a little chilly near the Container Port. Images captured not only at the Port but at Landguard Fort, Dovercourt and Pin Mill will be entered in our projected digital competition for The Metcalfe Trophy to be held on 30 September 2025.

We now look forward to our new season which commences on 9th September. This will be a social celebration of last season when we welcome new and returning members and Cups and Trophies will be presented to the award winners of our annual Print & PDI competitions. Members' prints and projected digital images from last season will be on display during the evening.

We have lots to look forward to in our new programme which runs from September to May and some of the highlights are shown below:

16 September: An Introduction to Deep Sky Astrophotography by Max Dobres, which will be held on Zoom.

23 September: An Evening of Panels by Chrissie Hart of Ipswich & Colchester Photographic Societies. Chrissie loves producing printed bodies of work and has produced numerous panels which have won awards at her local club which have also gone on to win the Chelmsford 4 C's Annual Panel Competition.

21 October: Passion for Scapes by Kevin Pigney, Burwell. A digital presentation on Zoom by this local professional photographer.

28 October: Dalmatian Pelikans of Lake Kerkini by Alison Jenkins of Ware & District PS.

We meet Tuesday evening from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at Swaffham Prior Village Hall (except the third Tuesday in the month when the meeting is on Zoom) and welcome new members. Visitors can attend a lecture for a small entrance fee of £4.00, including refreshments. Annual subscription is £55.00 per Adult, £30.00 per Student, plus a weekly attendance fee of £1, including refreshments. For further information please contact our Secretary, Debra Bennett by email at secretary.bandbpc@gmail.com or

Tele: 07722 388770.

A vibrant poster for a Summer Fest Saturday event. The background is a bright blue sky with yellow and pink triangular bunting flags at the top. Large yellow and pink balloons are scattered around the central text. At the bottom, there are illustrations of a cupcake with yellow frosting and a strawberry, a pink-frosted donut with colorful sprinkles, and a pink and white ice cream bar. The central text is on a yellow rounded rectangle.

STEPPING STONES

CHARITY NUMBER: 1028589

SUMMER FEST

SATURDAY

23rd August

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EXNING VILLAGE CINEMA

presents

THE PENGUIN LESSONS (12) FRIDAY September 12th, 2025

Starring: STEVE COOGAN AND JONATHAN PRYCE-

This true story revolves around Tom Michell, a young English teacher, who finds a penguin struggling in an oil slick and decides to help it. He names the penguin Juan Salvador and smuggles it across the border to Argentina, where he works at a boarding school. The penguin becomes a mascot for the school and transforms the lives of those around him.

BLACK BAG (15) FRIDAY October 10th, 2025

**Starring: CATE BLANCHETT, MICHAEL FASSBENDER, MARISSA ABELA, NAOMIE HARRIS, REGE-JEAN PAGE, GUSTAF SKARSGARD and PIERCE BROSNAN
PHILLIP MEACHAM TOM BURKE**

George Woodhouse (Michael Fassbender), an MI6 spy tasked with investigating a group of his coworkers, one of whom has supposedly leaked top-secret code with the potential to destabilize a government. Woodhouse, however, is faced with a difficulty, his primary suspect is his wife Kathryn St. Jean (Cate Blanchett).

EXNING COMMUNITY CHURCH HALL

Doors open 7pm Performance starts 7.30pm

Refreshments available

Adults £5 Children (under 15) £4

Family ticket (2 adults/2 children) £14

www.exningvillagecinema.website



THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE CINEMA

A new curator needed

It was in January 2011 that the village cinema was launched with the screening of Mama Mia which had an audience of 60. Since then we have regularly been screening films for ten months every year.

There is no doubt that this community event has been an asset for the village not only as a source of entertainment but also a meeting point for friends and neighbours.

I, supported by a small group of helpers, have been organizing the Village Cinema since its inception some 14 years ago, but now feel the time has come to hand over the reins.

I would very much like to hear from a willing person who is keen to take over the lead to ensure the continuity of this satisfying and fun activity.

Unless a replacement is identified before Christmas the Village Cinema will close in January next year. Contact can be made using the details below.

Michael Lovegrove

07775 696637

mllovegrove@hotmail.com

Murder Mystery Evening

The cast of Strictly Murder are returning to Exning Community Church Hall on Saturday November 15th with a new production. The evening presents an opportunity for some conviviality, while attempting to solve who committed the vile crime.

Tables of a maximum of 8 maximum, 6 or 4 will be bookable in October. Shared tables are possible for smaller numbers. Watch for advertising in the village and on Exning Facebook page.

Exning Events

Music Builds Communities



If you enjoy singing, even if you don't think you can sing, come along to MBC "Singing for Fun", usually the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 8 pm, Exning Community Church Hall. It's a sing-along where words are shown on a screen and music provided on acoustic guitars. No need to book. We request a donation of £2.50 for the evening (cash or card). During 2025 we'll be singing songs which were No#1 hits in that month from 1952 onwards. Singers will choose the songs, so expect a mix of pop, rock, folk, country, traditional and showtunes. On September 17, we will have our annual "Last Night of the Proms" with four traditional favourites preceded by a "Trip around the UK" with songs based on UK artists' hits. For more information and upcoming events, see: http://www.musicbuildscommunities.org/evening_fun_singing.html

Our "Electric Guitar" sessions take place in ECCH on the 1st Wednesday of each month. Open to anybody who plays, whether it be lead, rhythm or bass. We now have a drummer and an occasional keyboard player. See http://www.musicbuildscommunities.org/play_electric.html

For more information about MBC and its activities, see the website www.musicbuildscommunities.org, email to info@musicbuildscommunities.org or call John on 07968-912046

Exning.net

Exning dot Net (www.exning.net) is a website about Exning Village.

- It is a way for you to find out what is going on in the village over the coming month(s) and is available to promote your event for free!
- It also has links to various organisations' own websites and Facebook pages (or we can provide a web page where there isn't one).

There's a section about the history of Exning, and pages of photos of past events held in the village (e.g. duck races, commemorations of world wars,

If you organise a regular activity or one-off event, let us know. We can also help publicise your event on several local Facebook pages and Nextdoor (see <https://www.exning.net/publicity.html>). If held in Exning Community Church Hall, we can let people know about it by email. Look at the website and, if you want to know more, email us at info@exning.net or call John Saville on 07968-912046

On the buses

Seven brand-new Tiger bus routes launched on 27 May by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, improving public transport across the region with faster, more frequent services and better connections for our communities.



Great news for Exning residents: The new Tiger 4 service connects Exning directly to Newmarket and Addenbrooke's, while the Tiger 5 offers onward travel into Cambridge city centre and Soham. Thanks to the new Hoppa fare, you can now make a single journey by changing between T4 and T5 at interchange points along the route for seamless, affordable travel.

Here's a quick overview of all the new routes:

- **Tiger 1 (Huntingdon - Cambridge):** A fast, hourly link into the city via Fenstanton, Swavesey and Longstanton. Ideal for commuters, students and residents seeking a quick and direct connection.
- **Tiger 2 (Newmarket P&R - Madingley P&R) & Tiger 3 (Fulbourn - Grantchester):** These new services link key sites around Cambridge including Addenbrooke's, sixth forms and colleges, science parks and hospitals avoiding city centre traffic.
- **Tiger 4 (Newmarket - Addenbrooke's) & Tiger 5 (Soham - Cambridge):** Serving East Cambridgeshire, these rural routes improve access to Cambridge from Fulbourn, Burwell, Swaffham, Soham and Exning!
- **Tiger 7 (Wisbech - Chatteris):** Hourly buses connect underserved Fenland villages like Manea and Christchurch, running early morning to late evening.
- **Tiger 12 (Longstanton P&R - Sutton):** A new rural route linking Sutton, Earith and Willingham to the guided Busway at Longstanton, perfect for onward travel into Cambridge.

To view timetables or learn more information on the routes visit:

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/tiger-bus-routes/>



Or scan



Meet the Locals Business Q&A

Each edition, we run a Q&A with a local business owner. If you would like to take part, please email editor@exning-pc.gov.uk. In this edition, we caught up with John of John Bakez Cakez, who joined us at Exning Fete.

Tell us about John Bakez Cakez. John Bakez cakez is a new home bakery in Exning where all my cake creations are baked fresh and created on the day, giving a fabulous, fresh, moist and soft bake that is full of flavour!

What brought your business to Exning? Exning hasn't always been home but we have travelled the UK running public houses for a little while. But Exning is now home and has been for 2 years, and what a great move it has been with a fabulous community.

What's your unique selling point? JBC bakes cakes fresh to order and I can deliver cakes to your door within 24-48 hours of ordering, full of flavour.

What would you like the village to know about JBC? Here at the Bakez Cakez household we are a family of 5. My partner Beth is very supportive through the tough and complicated bakes and we have 3 boys who definitely keep us on our toes. I learnt to bake some great cakes in a previous job role that I had in Newmarket and it has continued on from there.

What is your favourite part of running your business? The best thing about JBC is listening to what people think of my creations, and to see the smiles on so many faces. However, I also listen to my customers to get an understanding of requirements and am happy to try new ideas.

And the hardest part? The difficult part about all this baking is being a diabetic and having to sugar watch, it's difficult at times but all my flavours of cakes have come from my customers suggestions and palate. Luckily, all the neighbours love to be my cake testers!

Life hasn't always been great because I have had 3 mini heart attacks so health can sometimes get in the way, but I never let it deter me from a challenge. If you would like to see cakes I have made, I have a facebook page John Bakez Cakez and I also have TikTok Jbakezcakez.

If you would like to order any cakes, from muffins to birthday cakes, then please do get in touch.

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transport@thevoluntarynetwork.org

01638 664304



Burwell Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG)

The next meeting of the PPG will be

6.30pm

Tuesday 14th October

Burwell Day Centre



All welcome. If you would like to attend the PPG for the first time, or if you can't attend in person but can join via Microsoft Teams, then please contact

cpicb.burwellsurgery.admin@nhs.net

Exning Handyman: Reliable Home and Garden Services

Need help with home maintenance or garden care? Exning Handyman offers professional, affordable services to keep your home and outdoor spaces looking their best. Services include:

Garden Care: Grass cutting, hedge trimming, weeding, and general maintenance.

Household Maintenance: Painting, window cleaning, and low-level gutter clearing.

DIY Assistance: Flat-pack furniture assembly and small security upgrades.

Specialized Services: Jet washing for patios and driveways, and small tree trimming.

No job is too small! Whether it's a one-off task or regular upkeep, Exning Handyman is here to help.



Children and Young People

Sustainability at Exning Primary School

The SWISH project

This grant funded community project held our first major event at the fete, where volunteers put out high quality, often premium-branded clothing and took in swaps or simply encouraged people to help themselves. Unfortunately we managed just an hour before the heavy rain meant that we needed to pack up but in just that hour, we saved over 10 kg (22 lb) of clothing from landfill. Imagine the impact of the full afternoon!

Due to the popularity, the People Shelter in the front playground of Exning School continued to host the SWISH stock into the summer holidays. We'll update on the total weight saved from landfill and the plan for the next event in a future edition.

Preloved School Uniform

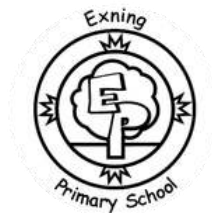
The Preloved School Uniform also made it's now regular appearance at the fete and we were pleased to welcome back regulars as well as parents of children from the surrounding schools who stocked up on the non-branded items. We suggest a donation of 50p per item but will never refuse uniform to a child in need of it, whatever the circumstances. Despite the inclement conditions we raised £42, which is at least 84 items of school uniform back in circulation for the new term!

Throughout the school holidays, the Preloved School Uniform is also available on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays in the school corridor, from 8.30-10.30 or otherwise by appointment.

Please consider preloved over brand new, especially for grey items. We have huge stocks of trousers, shorts and pinafores but also summer dresses, PE kit, branded polo shirts, jumpers and cardigans. Occasionally we have branded book bags, PE kit bags, fleeces, raincoats and hats.

Sewing Bee

The Exning School Uniform Sewing bee was also displaying the beautiful items our talented sewists make from the end of life uniform. These are available to purchase and each is unique. The bees will be busy preparing for Christmas now, making their signature Christmas decorations and small gifts, which will be available at the Exning School Christmas Fete.



1st Exning Scouts

Exning's Scouts won the day at the fete this year with an impressive tug-o-war victory! Young people from all of the groups came together and raised a total of £390.76 for their organisation, which will be used to fund equipment and experiences in the year ahead.



The Beavers (our youngest adventurers, aged 6-8 years) currently have spaces in their group. They meet on Monday nights at 6.55 — 7.15pm, at Exning Primary School. If you would like to enquire about a space for your young person, or have any enquiry about Scouts in Exning, please contact

barry.hussey@exningsscouts.org.uk

Footsteps Toddler Group

For 0 - 4 year olds and their parent/ carer. Run by volunteers from St Martin's Church, it meets on the first and third Monday's of the month, at Exning Community Church Hall.



10am - midday.

Autumn dates:

- October 6th & 20th
- November 3rd & 17th
- December 1st & 15th

£2/adult. Teas, coffees and light refreshments no charge. Short bible story and nursery rhymes. Come and decorate some biscuits in October.



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Faith and Worship

A letter from the minister of St Martin's Church



Revd. Liam Beadle is enjoying a well-earned break and so I am taking this opportunity to say a few words. I am Revd. Cheryl Belding. Liam is the Priest in Charge for the 3 churches that come under the heading of 'Exning', St. Martin's in the village, St. Philips & St. Etheldreda (St. P&E) in Exning Road, and St. Agnes in the Bury Road. I have the role of the Associate Priest.

Many of you may remember St. P&E as the Newmarket Hospital Chapel. The hospital was initially built as the Workhouse and the Chapel a gift from local dignitaries. St. P&E boasts that It was visited twice by King Edward VII, once whilst he was Prince of Wales and once as King, brass plaques commemorate both visits. St. Agnes is described as a 'little gem' which I will not dispute except to add precious to 'little gem'. Built by the colourful Duchess of Montrose in memory of her second husband William Stuart Stirling-Crawford, the church may appear plain from the street but the interior is quite amazing.

It feels like a blink of an eye for the year to be stepping into autumn and, for me it gives a sense that nature takes a short pause between the spurt of growth from spring and all the fresh colours that season brings taking us into summer. Then that stillness of late summer before the shedding of leaves and seeds and closing down for its winter sleep.

Pausing is something I feel we need but do not do enough. We forget how to pause, look around to see the wonder of this world entrusted to us by God and charged to take care of. So much time seems to be spent making a living we forget to make memories.

I like the anecdote attributed to Henry Ford. *Ford asked an associate about life goals who replied that his goal was to make \$1M. Ford gave him glasses made out of two silver dollars, told the man to put them on and asked what he could see. "Nothing," the man said. "The \$\$ are in the way." Ford told him that if his only goal was dollars, he would miss a host of greater opportunities and should invest in serving others, not simply making money.*

The bible tells us several times not to make material goods our idol, wealth can demand exclusive allegiance. Important things in life are not what adverts tell us we need but good relationships and memories. Wealth, money, have a valid role to play but when prioritised, as Henry Ford said, opportunities are missed

So this autumn, before the final months of the year roll along, take a pause and spend some time exploring this autumn season.

On The Beat

I hope this message finds you well. As your local community police officer, I wanted to take a moment to share a few updates and reminders that help keep our village safe, connected, and thriving.

Building Stronger Community Links

A rewarding part of my role is getting to know the people who make Exning such a special place. Whether chatting at the local shop, attending parish meetings, or visiting schools, I'm here to listen, support, and work with you to address any concerns. Community policing is about partnership, and I'm proud to be part of a village that values looking out for one another.

Keeping Exning Safe

We've had a relatively quiet period in terms of crime, a testament to the vigilance and care shown by residents. That said, remember to continue securing homes, sheds, and vehicles, especially during the holiday season when opportunistic thefts can increase. If heading away, consider letting a trusted neighbour know and use timers for lights to give the impression someone's home.

Youth Engagement and Support

I've been working closely with local schools and youth groups to encourage positive choices and provide support where needed. If you know of any young people who might benefit from a chat or some guidance, please don't hesitate to reach out. Early engagement can make a big difference.

Looking Ahead

In the coming months, I'll be looking to strengthen the ties with the schools and housing providers and have plans to give some talks to The Scouts.

Contacting Me

You can contact me via the Suffolk Constabulary website or through the non-emergency number 101. For emergencies, always dial 999.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Exning a safe and welcoming community. I look forward to seeing many of you around the village.

Warm regards,

PC Nicholas Chapman Community Police Officer for Exning

Sport and Recreation

Exning Tennis Club

We have had some lovely weather so far over the summer, which has meant a lot of tennis has taken place! Our Open Day has led to a slight increase in membership and we continue to see more new families at our Family Club Nights. Our Adult Club Nights have also had an increase in attendance leading to a reinstatement of our Thursday nights, which is seeing good attendance for the first time in the last couple of years.

Our next event is a quiz night! Join us on Saturday 18th October, 7pm at the Exning Community Church Hall



Tickets are £8, which includes a jacket potato supper.

Lots of fun and prizes to be had, with drinks able to be purchased.

Tables of 6, or we can join you with someone.

For tickets please call Kathryn on 07723 366 359 or email Janet on

janetfishchairexningtennis-club@gmail.com

Please feel free to come and visit the tennis club. A friendly face is always waiting to welcome you at either our

Family Club Nights: 4-6pm, every Tuesday

Adult Club Nights: 6-9pm, every Tuesday

Find us on facebook or email Janet!

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets at Exning Community Church Hall at 7pm.

There is an Open Forum at the beginning of each meeting when members of the public may speak for a maximum of three minutes on a subject, but members of the public are welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting to observe.

Dates of planned meetings 25-26

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Wednesday 24th September

Wednesday 22nd October

Wednesday 26th November

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 28th January

Wednesday 25th February

Wednesday 25th March

Our Website: www.exning-pc.gov.uk

Here you can find information regarding your Parish Councillors and also your District & County Councillors. The minutes of Parish Council meetings are posted on there, along with the information about the responsibilities of the Parish Council and the issues that we can get involved in.

We are collecting views about the content and format of the Exning News. To complete the survey, follow the link below or scan the QR code.

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