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Useful telephone numbers

Emergency	999
Suffolk Police (non-urgent)	101
NHS Direct (medical or dental)	111
Crime Stoppers UK	0800 555 111
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999
Electrical emergency (Including power cuts)	105
Anglian Water Emergency	0800 771 881
Burwell Surgery	01638 741234
Rookery Medical Centre	01638 664338
Orchard House Surgery	01638 666887
Oakfield Surgery	01638 662018
Exning Community Church Hall	07516 438133
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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.

Dani Kilsby-Steele

Dani moved to the village in 2019 with her husband Oli. She enjoys walking with Archie the Border Terrier, horse riding and hockey. Dani and Oli welcomed their baby in November and look forward to meeting more families



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

It's hard to believe that we are now one year on from the local election where I became your District Councillor.

One reoccurring issue I've been dealing with is out-of-hours work by Persimmon. I understand that they have a profit motive to work as much as they can, especially with the long summer days ahead of us, but the standard working times are there to protect local residents and must be adhered to.

If you see construction work outside of these hours, please let me know.



8am-6pm Mon day to Friday and 8am-1pm Saturday

No Sunday Working

I'm also working on paths in the Village. I'm happy to report that I have spoken to the specific officer at Suffolk County Council who is dealing with the Burwell-Exning cycle path. Some funds from developers have already arrived and we hope to get the rest shortly. Designs for the cycle path are quite advanced, and will see a path on the Southern verge of the road.

I've received a commitment in principle to upgrade the path from Prince Close to Stepping Stones to a gravel path, hopefully providing a mud-free method of getting from that part of the village to the Nursery and School. Funding for this is currently the issue, but we have several possible solutions.

Last year I volunteered for the cross-party Grounds Working Group to try to sort out the issue of grass cutting. We came to the simple conclusion that the service had been cut too far, and we needed another grass cutting team for the District. Following our recommendation and additional £220,000 has been made available to buy equipment and hire additional grounds maintenance people. Hopefully this year you will see a marked improvement over last year.

Finally, I can confirm that the new 5-year local plan has been adopted and includes **no new land** for housing in Exning. The Allotments are safe and the field north of Burwell Road will stay a field, for now. While we desperately need new houses in West Suffolk I feel that over the last 10 years Exning has done it's part, and the Local Plan Working Group agreed with me.

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Conservation and Green Spaces

Bringing Fresh Life to our river



Spring Update - May 2024

Our river is very special to us all whilst also being of international importance as its water is abstracted at Monks Lode and used on Wicken Fen which is a Ramsar Site (a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, 1971). The National Trust, who own Wicken Fen, value this water better than other local sources, stating that "it is used on Sedge Fen for its cleaner, calcareous water which protects and preserves this unique remnant of undrained fen habitat".

In the Duck Pond, volunteers in waders have been busy strategically placing coir rolls (made of sustainable waste from coconut shell husk) on top of the brushwood faggots (that were installed last year), to speed water flow and protect the banks. The rolls have been planted with plug plants and wire mesh has been temporarily installed to deter the ducks from nibbling them. It is anticipated that it will take at least two years before there is a good coverage of foliage but we hope to get some wetland flowers later in the summer which will encourage the insects.



Volunteers planting coir rolls with aquatic plants in the Duck Pond

A variety of chalk stream aquatic plants have been used including; Water Forget Me Not, Flag Irises, Marsh Marigolds, Purple Loosestrife, Yellow Loosestrife, Meadow Sweet, Water Avens and Branched Bur-reed and these will be closely watched to see how they fare with the conditions. Do have a look when you are next passing.

With the winter rains, the amount of water and flow has surpassed anything that most village residents of the last 50 years have seen. The level in the Ducks Pond was up to 51 cms in late February. The natural cycle of groundwater levels reflect the periods of the year. In a 'normal' year these conditions occur from October/ November until April/May, so the ground water levels start to rise in the autumn reaching their annual peaks in April or May. Thereafter, these water levels decline again until recharge



commences the next autumn. The installation of the faggots and coir rolls along with the faster winter flow has dramatically cleared large areas of silt to reveal the chalk and gravel river bed. It is hoped this will continue with the addition of further gravel that will help oxygenate the water and encourage further plant growth and Invertebrates. Mosses are already establishing themselves on the river bed near the bridge.

As well as following what the flora is doing, do check out the bird, fish and mammal life - have you seen the Water Vole, Kingfisher, Little Egret, Yellow Wagtails as well as the ever present Moorhens and Mallard Ducks and ducklings? Water vole activity has been seen in the Lesser Pond Sedge. Sticklebacks (3-4 cm) can now be found swimming by the gravel in both the Duck Pond (by the bench) and at Brookside.

This project has only been possible with generous grants from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation's Anglian Water Flourishing Environments Fund and Exning Parish Council. If you would like to support our on-going improvement work and management of the river, select 'donate' on our website www.exningnewriver.com.

What's growing? On the Exning allotments with Phil

We are following Phil on his allotment journey, hoping to inspire others to pick up a trowel and a bag of seeds. You don't need an allotment to start your own home-grown journey; even containers are a great place to start.



What's new on the allotment?

A bigger alternative allotment came available at the end of last year. I couldn't resist an upgrade, so we have now moved our shed and greenhouse to the new plot which is twice the size!

What are you up to at the moment?

In the greenhouse waiting to go out, I have runner beans, French beans, cabbage, Brussel sprouts, peas and sweetcorn.

Outside, I have planted leeks, early potatoes, lettuce, carrots, radish, shallots, and red onions which I grew from seed.

What are you harvesting just now?

This is a quiet month for harvesting, but we are still picking last year's leeks.

What is a challenge at this time of year?

Waiting to see if there will be any late frosts. My greenhouse isn't insulated so if nighttime temperatures fall below two degrees, I could lose a lot of young plants. It's also difficult to know when it is safe to plant outside; I will probably wait until we are well into May.

Any tips/secrets you are willing to share?

I grow marigolds each year to plant around the allotment. Slugs love to eat marigolds; I plant them as a sacrifice for the slugs, so they eat these plants rather than my vegetables!

Do you have any projects at the moment?

I am preparing my runner bean beds. For these, I dig trenches and add manure. I then put up canes which will support the plants as they grow. This structure will become a permanent fixture for future years; I will replenish the manure as needed.



If you have any questions for Phil, to be asked in the next edition, please email Editor@exning-pc.gov.uk

On the beat

Greetings to you all

Hopefully, you've seen me walking round the village or outside the school as I recognise the value of being as visible to you in the community as possible.

I have had two recent engagements in the primary school and gave a talk to year six pupils around drug dealing and County Lines during a national week of activity on the issue in March, and just I've also given a talk to both years five and six around online safety. Exning School is one of four schools on my patch, so I try to share my time evenly between them all.

I also visit the residents at George Gibson Close and Exning Court once a month and am always interested and keen to listen to their concerns and issues and where necessary provide them crime prevention advice and tips.

The results for the mobile speed camera in Exning for the first three months of 2024 have resulted in the following detections:

January - 199

February – 148

March – 115

For a more detailed breakdown on the crimes reported in our area and details about our team and our priorities can I signpost towards our website

<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/area/your-area/suffolk/forest-heath/newmarket/on-the-team/crime-map>

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

PC Nick Chapman

DID YOU KNOW?

Online contact can now be used alongside the non-emergency 101 service. More information on what to report and how is available on the website.



Charitable Organisations

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

EXNING BRANCH

The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community providing lifelong support to serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. From offering expert advice and guidance, to supporting recovery and rehabilitation, through to transitioning to civilian life.

The Exning Branch is part of the 180,000 membership. Last year it raised approximately £15,000 for the annual Poppy Appeal. It supports the Parish Council in the management of the Remembrance Sunday event at the War Memorial and is responsible for the Service of Remembrance in St Martin's Church. When possible we like to have a presence at village events

Members play a vital role in supporting the Royal British Legion. They share experiences with like-minded people, but most importantly, they help provide support to the Armed Forces community. From being at the end of a phone line and visiting veterans in their local area, to holding Remembrance and community events, it can help reach those who need it most.

Like many organisations we are now low in numbers and are seeking to reverse this trend. You do not have to be connected to the Armed Forces to join just agree with the aims and objects of the British Legion. Exning Branch needs new members to ensure it can carry on its activities. For more information about the Royal British Legion go to:

www.britishlegion.org.uk

Or contact: mllovegrove@hotmail.com



TIME FOR TEA AND FRIENDSHIP



You are warmly invited to join us on the First and Third Monday of each month (excluding Bank holidays) For informal chat, cake and tea, meeting friends and making new friends, held at;

Exning Community Church Hall. 2-4pm.

For further information please contact:
Christine Pearce 01638 664314. Or just come along.

Children and Young People

Exning Primary School



Year 6 Robotics Project

We have been experimenting with Fable Go and Fable Explore robots, as part of a pilot project. Our goal has been to feed our chickens using the Fable Explore, as well as trying to connect Micro Bits to show zones of regulation. At first, we were having technical difficulties with making the robots move but then overcame these problems. As part of the pilot, a few of us got interviewed and we talked about our experiences with the Fable project so far.

Some of us were lucky enough to get the opportunity to journey by train to London where we shared our experiences. We got invited by London Grid for Learning, to talk about our robotics project. The event was held in the Samsung Building and we got to have a look and try some of their technology too. We got to participate in some of the activities planned by the Fable Team. Additionally, we got to hear about the ideas of the other schools, which was really interesting and gave us more ideas for our project. All in all, we are very grateful to have been invited by LGFL and we all had a great time. We came back with lots of ideas to share back at school and everyone has been quite excited about coding the robots and seeing what they can do.

Written by Antony Luu and Lexi Lee



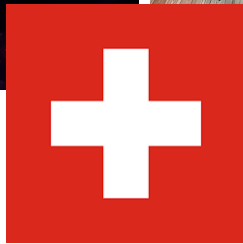
1st Exning Scouts

The beavers, cubs and scouts groups are thriving in the village, with both almost at capacity. We have a busy year of fundraising ahead as our young people work towards attending the International Scout Camp next year which is being held in Switzerland!

Look out for us at the village fete where our scouts of all ages will be running activities and games in order to raise money for their international adventure.

If you would like more information, or to join up, please email

Barry Hussey barry.hussey@exningcouts.org.uk



Exning Telephone box library



Earlier this year we explained that, due to requiring regular maintenance and to prevent antisocial behaviour, the telephone box library needed a regular librarian. Unfortunately there were no volunteers and, after a spate of book thefts we now need to consider repurposing the box for a lower maintenance project.

Suggestions can be sent to editor@exning-pc.gov.uk

Faith and Worship

From St Martin's Church

This has been my first Easter in Exning, and it has been a happy one. Indeed, it continues to be happy, because while the shops stop selling Easter eggs abruptly as soon as Easter Day is over, in church Easter continues for fifty days, till the festival of Whitsun (or Pentecost), a celebration of the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

Easter, even more than Christmas, is always a joyful time in church. Easter in Exning begins early on Easter Day morning as the children gather to take part in an Easter egg hunt and hear the true story of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

While I have only been in Exning for a short while, Dr John Pascall has been in Exning for many years, and has served as one of our churchwardens since 1998. He is stepping down, having served very faithfully and with great wisdom and kindness. I know many who read this newsletter will have known John in this capacity and will share my gratitude to John. Derek Bryant continues to serve as churchwarden, and Christine Pearce, who is also our safeguarding officer, has also been elected as a churchwarden.



Traditionally, Easter has been preeminently the time for baptisms, sometimes called 'christenings'. We are always delighted when anyone of any age wants to be baptized. In the Church of England, we often baptize babies, understanding that as they are brought up they may never know a time when they have not been aware of the presence of God in their lives. I am always happy to talk to anyone who is thinking about taking this step, either for themselves or for their child. A christening is an opportunity to celebrate, and it is the beginning of a journey of faith – joyful, Easter faith, which we love to share with our village.

Liam Beadle

Services are on noticeboards and on St Martin's website <https://www.exningparishchurch.net>

ROGATIONTIDE RUN or WALK

Beating the Bounds

A 13.5 mile (or part) circular waymarked and stewarded route following Exning's ancient parish boundary



Saturday May 25th 10am

Starting and finishing at St Martin's church, Exning.

Refreshments are kindly provided by
St Peter's church, Snailwell, with donation
(at the 7-mile mark)

To take part register with Mark Haworth on 07932 160009
mhaworth50@hotmail.com

The Beating of the Bounds walk is a circular spring walk on its fourth outing. It is a fabulous opportunity to join an organized, stewarded walk in the environs of the village and larger parish of Exning, on footpaths, tracks and occasionally roads. It crosses Heath, private land on the Exning Estate, and the Icknield Way. Waymarked by the Newmarket Joggers it is open to all, and can be walked in sections of your choice, or in its entirety of 13.5 miles.

The only requirement is to register your intention to join with Mark Haworth. mhaworth50@hotmail.com, 07932160009, who will send all the information needed, a route map showing distances, steward's locations, refreshments and what to bring. Whether you are a stroller, a family, walker or a runner it has proved a lovely outing, everyone is invited to take part.

Sport and Recreation

The Recreation Ground and Play Area

As Spring progresses and the weather warms up, we're thoroughly enjoying using our green spaces. The first elderflower is out, the wild garlic is prolific and the cherry trees have shed their blossom and the first fruits are forming.

One of our spaces is not, however, looking fresh and fine

Our village play area is nearing the end of its working life. Now decades old, the equipment is looking tired, paint is peeling and repairs are increasingly frequent and expensive. This year, the Parish Council is prioritising this important space for redevelopment and has started the process of exploring inclusive equipment and innovative designs to provide the families of Exning an engaging, healthy space for decades to come. This is a very significant investment, both in the play area and some parts of the recreation ground to facilitate access.

While the play area caters explicitly for children, the benefit derived from it and the adjacent recreation ground is broader. It's a place for parents to meet, decompress and support each other. It recognises that outdoor activity and the natural world are crucial for physical and mental health and that not all of our residents have access to private outdoor spaces. It keeps our young people engaged, encouraging them to make social connections and discouraging antisocial behaviour.

Follow us on social media to stay up to date with this project, and others.



As ever, please make the most of Exning's many lovely spaces, footpaths and facilities. Pick up your litter and your dog waste, be respectful of residents and look after our communal equipment.

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 on the 3rd Wednesday each month at 8pm in Exning Community Church Hall. It's a sing-a-long where the words are shown on a screen and the music is provided on acoustic guitars. No need to book. It's just £2.50 for the evening.

For more information including the song list for the next session, see

http://musicbuildscommunities.org/evening_fun_singing.html

We have restarted our Electric Guitar sessions on the 1st Wednesday each month. Open to anybody who plays, whether it be lead, rhythm or bass. We have a drum kit and keyboard. We have a drummer and would welcome a keyboard player.

http://www.musicbuildscommunities.org/play_electric.html

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

The Exning Duck Races 2024

The Duck Races will take place on Saturday July 13th in St Martins Churchyard, with the races on the New River.

This informal event provides a few hours of family fun, where you can buy and race a duck for prizes, enjoy a BBQ lunch, tour the sideshows, including tombolas and China Smash, and buy filled rolls, cakes teas and ice cream. The free craft table will be present as usual.

The first race for younger children will be at 12.30. Doors open at 12 noon for entries, all ducks £1. Everybody welcome.

Children should be accompanied by an adult. Donations and proceeds from the event will go to Christian Aid.

To participate with a stall or to offer help on the day, please contact Jan Lovegrove. 01638 577292. or Kathryn Schosland (kathryn.schosland@exning-pc.gov.uk) at the Parish Council.





EXNING OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 15th June 2024

12 noon – 5.00pm

In aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care

Entry to 10 participating gardens
Adults £6 Children FREE

Tickets and a map available on the day
at West's Garage, Church Street, Exning CB8 7EH

Guided tour of Exning House grounds.
Numbers limited
Teas available at participating gardens

because
you matter

St Nicholas
Hospice Care

EXNING VILLAGE CINEMA

“Showing films monthly for 12 years”

EXNING COMMUNITY CHURCH HALL

**Screenings 2nd Friday of every month except July
and August**

**Details of the coming monthly film are to be
found on notice boards and via social media**

**Doors open at 7pm and the programme starts at
7.30pm**

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, jubilee events, fetes, etc). There's a photo tour of the village and even some aerial photos taken by the webmaster from a Tiger Moth aircraft!

The information is only as good as that provided to us, so if you have a regular activity, or are organising a one-off event, please let us know. We can also help publicise your event on several local Facebook pages and Nextdoor. If the event is in Exning Community Church Hall we can let people know about it by email. So, take a look at the website www.exning.net and, if you want to know more, email us at info@exning.net or call John Saville on 07968-912046



All the cards are in your hands!

Date: June 2, 2024 Time: 13.00-16.00 Location: Exning Village Hall

You can't fix what you don't understand. Luckily, the Climate Fresk turns climate science into a game.

Played by over 1,300,000 people worldwide and 17,000 people in the UK, this collaborative workshop helps people understand the essential issues of climate change. You don't need a scientific background or any special knowledge to participate. Beginners are welcome!

This is how it works:

- The workshop is based on a 42-card game. Each card represents an element, a cause or a consequence of climate change based on the IPCC report.
- In teams, guided by a facilitator, you will puzzle out the cause-effect relationships.
- As you work together, you will lay out the cards to form a collage (which we call a Fresk) and embellish the Fresk according to your discussions and reflections.
- By the end of this process, you will have understood the big picture of climate change and its complexity.
- After building the Fresk, you'll take part in a discussion about solutions and actions.

(Please arrive on time to get the best out of the experience.)

Participation is limited to 14 attendees. The event is suitable for age 15+.

Register on Eventbrite.

<https://tinyurl.com/ClimateFreskJune2>

My name is Kristina [Smith](#) and I will be your facilitator.

If you have any questions, please contact me at

kristina123smith@hotmail.com.





INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT

EXNING FETE 2024

Saturday 27th July, Noon to 5 pm
Exning Recreation Ground

Food stalls and bar

Projects and crafts

DJ and live music

Cake competition

Tug 'O' war

Slow bike ride race

China smash

Lucky dip

Face painting

Performances

Bouncy Castles

Ice cream van

Fire engine and police visit

Coconut shy

Sack race

Hook a duck

Circus skills workshop

Bowling for the pig

Postcode lottery prizes!
(Bring proof of address)

Meet The Locals

Local 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 Graham and Rachel from Regency Cakes.

Tell us about Regency Cakes

It's a family business of husband and wife, Graham and Rachel. We make cakes for any occasion. Regency cakes started 16 years ago as a home business, but Rachel has been making cakes for over 38 years after becoming an apprentice cake baker to a small family bakery in North London when she left school at 16!



What brought the business to Exning?

As we expanded, we needed more space and so we looked for a bigger place locally. When we viewed our current location, we worked out that although it was being used as a house, it used to be a shop. We bought the property and set about returning it to a shop with a dedicated bakery where we make, bake and create all our cakes. We are excited to add some additional amenities to the village.

What's your unique selling point?

We bake all our cakes fresh for every order. We don't use any packet mixes or pre-bought goods and can tailor each and every cake to the customer.

What would you like the villagers to know more about Regency Cakes ? We also sell our own hand made savouries (sausage rolls and bacon and cheese turnovers) and pieces of cake so that you can just pop in and buy a treat for tea. We also offer fresh barista made coffee with beans from The Suffolk Coffee Company.



What is your favourite part of running the business?

We love creating special cakes to help people celebrate. The variety of cakes that we make is endless. We may be creating a wedding cake along with a bright children's character birthday cake - no cake and no day is the same!

What is the hardest part of running the business?

With the ingredient price increases it's difficult to keep things affordable for people. We know that household budgets have been squeezed (as have our own) but we try to ensure that we can offer something to help everyone celebrate their events.

Our opening hours are Mon to Fri 8:30 – 16:30 & Sat morning 8:30 – 12:30



EXNING PARISH COUNCIL PRECEPT (COUNCIL TAX) EXPLAINED

The Parish Council is responsible for a number of village spaces that need regular maintenance and sometimes replacement. These are called The Village Assets and include:

- The playground on the recreation ground (now at the end of its safe functional life)
- The recreation ground itself including equipment, grass and trees
- Historical flint walls and buildings, such as the Old Fire Station, the Old Cemetery and chapel and the cemetery walls
- Cemetery maintenance (Lacey's Lane, Exning Road and St. Martin's Churchyard)
- The war memorial
- Two defibrillators
- Mature trees (lawfully requiring regular expert surveys and maintenance)
- Light and semi-heavy equipment including horticultural machinery, trailers and tools

They are also responsible for benches, noticeboards, bus shelters, rubbish and dog bins, signs, the phone box and some fences and barriers. These are known as The Village Furniture.

The costs of maintaining these spaces has risen due to increasing costs of materials, fuel, insurance and staff as a result of national policy and inflation. But maintenance of them is a matter of public safety, as well as the desire to keep our spaces clean and functional and our village appearance, appealing. The playground itself needs full refurbishment and this obligation alone will cost tens of thousands of pounds.

These are the statutory obligations but the Parish Council does more. They

- Consult on planning
- Provide an annual Village Fete, Advent Windows, the Christmas Tree and the switch on event
- Write and distribute the Exning News
- Maintain the Parish Council Website and social media presence, communicating information to residents about issues of local impact arising from, for instance, highways work, policy changes, local organisations and events
- Award grants for local groups and associations
- Advocate for Exning at District and County Council levels
- Be an employer, with obligations to HMRC as a result

The Parish Council has no independent income except for a few hundred pounds a year from the small number of burials that take place. We are funded through council tax and we are given a portion of what is collected, known as the Precept.

The Precept is calculated based on the number of council tax-paying households in Exning. The number of households has increased due to development and that means that our Precept has also increased. The increase in the number of tax paying households is around 12%.

Historically increases in the Precept have been below inflation and the Parish Council has a reputation for prudent financial management. Funding cuts at District and County levels mean, as you will have noticed, far less resource is being directed to the things we took for granted like verge cutting and weed spraying and our spaces show it. It is likely that at least some of these services will now have to be taken on by Exning Parish Council and we need to organise our finances to be ready for that.

We hope that this has helped to explain what your Parish Council is responsible for and how to better understand the council tax invoice.

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 2024-25

Wednesday 26th June

NO MEETING IN JULY

Wednesday 14th August

Wednesday 25th September

Wednesday 23rd October

Wednesday 27th November

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Wednesday 22nd January

Wednesday 26 February

Wednesday 26th March

Wednesday 23rd April

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 received reports of the District & County Councillors. The website has been redeveloped and is being handed over in May 2024, we're sorry for the inconvenience of it being down so long. We hope you like the new information and the new look.

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

<https://forms.office.com/e/zQsdBpA2rh>

Exning News

