

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER APRIL 2022

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*AND NOW 2022*

## **New Jubilee Room for Hire!**

Following the successful refurbishment of our lovely 'light and airy' Jubilee Room, we are now able to take bookings for this great new space. Please get in touch with any enquiries:

Tel: 07500 079780

Email: [greethamccbookings@gmail.com](mailto:greethamccbookings@gmail.com)



## **New hire fees from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022**

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Hall	15.00	18.00	18.00	21.00
Hall with Bar	19.00	22.00	22.00	25.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	23.00	26.00	26.00	29.00
Meeting Room	12.00	14.00	14.00	16.00
Meeting Room with bar	15.00	18.00	18.00	20.00
Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm	18.00	22.00	22.00	24.00
Whole facility (not incl kitchen)	22.00	25.00	24.00	27.00
Sports Rate	7.00	9.00	7.00	9.00

Single Charge Rates	
Kitchen - reheating	5.00
Kitchen - preparation/cooking	10.00
Stage	25.00
Sound System	25.00
Field (includes changing rooms and showers) - Adults	30.00
Field (includes changing rooms and showers) - Youths	15.00
Table Cloths - Round per cloth	10.00
Table Cloths - Oblong per cloth	6.00
Lights	various
Table Hire - Residents only per item	1.00
Orange Chair Hire - Residents only per item	0.50



Greetham Community Centre  
Fun-Family-Friends

## **Everybody needs good neighbours**

Friends of Greetham Community Centre came together on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February to view the new facilities and discuss the help and support needed going forwards in order to make sure that our Community Centre continues to go from strength to strength and is able to constantly adapt to the needs of the village.

We were overwhelmed with the attendance on the night, a huge thanks to all who took time out of their Friday evening to come along and find out a bit more about our future plans (although we are sure the free drinks helped).

We received lots of brilliant ideas for different events and clubs to consider in the future, but we will still need help to bring these ideas to life. We are a small group of Trustees and need the support of the community in order that we can continue to offer the range of activities that we do.

Moving forwards into 2022, please do get in touch if you are able to offer any support in general, we are specifically looking for stall holders and servers for the Jubilee Celebration event on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Please do get in touch with the Events Team if you would like to help and we can get in touch regarding more detailed plans.

The GCC Events Team

Roly, Katy, Robin & Ande

## **Tennis Interest**



Do you enjoy being outdoors and getting some exercise? Do you want to get involved in something new? We have a group of very willing Tennis players in the village who would like to gain interest from other enthusiasts in the community.

Following the recent refurbishment of our fantastic new multi-sports court, we have been considering ways to optimise the use of the court for people in the village and tennis appears to be a sport that has some interest behind it locally.

It's very early days and will depend on interest and so if this is something that you think you would be interested in please do get in touch.

## **Skate Action Greetham**



We are looking for some older children/teens in the village who would like to get involved with some projects around the skate park area. We really need input from users of the current area in order to make sure that any future projects are going to add value to our space. We already have an exciting project planned for a little later in the

year and would love to get some involvement from those who know what they are talking about!

## **Greetham Jubilee Celebrations – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**



It's set to be a fantastic day with plans well underway to make it a day to remember. We are looking for lots of help during the day, as well as participation in our Royal Parade along Main Street.

We are looking for Stall Holders, Float Dressers, Servers, Lifters & Carriers and all sorts of stuff in between. If you would like to get involved please do get in touch with a member of the GCC

Events Team who will be very grateful of the support.

Also, if you are a local group or club and would like to organise your own float/parade, please do let us know so that we can add you to the list. The parade will leave Church Lane at around 2pm and head down Main Street and up to the centre where we will be holding a bring and share 'street' party. There will also be lots of fun games and of course a Tombola and the BAR WILL BE OPEN ;)

With live music throughout the day and evening, don't forget to bring your dancing shoes along too! The event will run from 2pm until 8/9pm.

## **Greetham Jubilee Family Disco – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 4pm – 6pm.**

Come and join Disco Steve for a fun filled evening with plenty of dancing, fun and prizes to be won. Hotdogs will be available on the night and the BAR WILL BE OPEN!

This is a free event so no tickets necessary, please just come along and enjoy yourselves :)

# Greetham Community Centre

Are you looking for a new challenge?

Would you like to get more  
involved in your local village?

Can you spare a few hours each  
month?

We are looking for  
new Trustees for our  
fantastic Community  
Centre team!

For more information please contact;  
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[scemaindy@hotmail.com](mailto:scemaindy@hotmail.com)

Greetham  
Community Centre  
Trustees



## Tree Planting

The avenue of trees from Cottesmore to Greetham and onwards towards the Ram Jam roundabout has been completed.

To commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Greetham Parish Council has also purchased a number of flowering cherry trees and these are in the process of being planted at the Community Centre.

**Please Note - The Community Centre booking address has changed. It is now -**

**[greethamccbookings@gmail.com](mailto:greethamccbookings@gmail.com). Telephone**

**numbers remain the same - 01572 812389**

**(Answerphone only - leave a message and we will get back to you asap). Mobile - 07500 079780**

## **COMING EVENTS IN APRIL**



### ***Craft Group Meetings***

April's meetings will be on:

• Tuesday April 5th • Tuesday April 19th

We will be in the Community Centre Meeting Room from 9.30 – 12.30. It costs just £1 for each hour you are there.

We are a very friendly group. Bring your own craft or let us know if you would like to learn something new. We have a range of skills between us and are always happy to share them. All are very welcome. Please ring if you have any queries. Gill Hodson 813902



## GREETHAM DUCK RACE

*Easter Monday*

Village Green - Greetham

Come along and sponsor a duck and see if your duck crosses the finish line first!

### ***Easter Saturday Cake Sale April 16th***

**10-12pm Shepherds Lane**

Please bring cakes for the sale to Helen at 8 Shepherds Lane by Good Friday evening or bring one and buy one on Saturday.



### ***Parish Council***

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday April 13th 2021 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.00hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 18.20 hrs.

Join us for a  
**Charity Ceilidh**  
Friday 29th April 2022  
Greetham  
Community Centre  
from 7:30pm  
**Bar Open**  
- No Food -  
With Music by  
**McGOO**  
Tickets £5.00 available From  
the Village Shop and members of CDeGoo



## Greetham Bowls Club Needs



If you have ever wanted to try bowls,  
please come along to our;

**"Have a Go Day"**

**Sunday 24th April from 2pm**

**All you need is flat shoes; we'll provide bowls for  
anyone who wants to try!**

**Come along and have a go!!**

*The Club Web Site can be found at:*

[www.greethambowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.greethambowlsclub.co.uk)

*and we are located next to the Greetham Community Centre*

*Contact 07952538573 if you would like any additional information.*

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM** **SERVICES APRIL 2022**

Sunday April 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Our World service with guest Speaker Helen McGarrigle on Storybook Dads
Sunday April 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Breakfast Service
Palm Sunday		- breakfast from 9.00am
Maundy Thursday April 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>Thistleton Church</b>
*Good Friday April 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.00-3.00pm	3 hour devotion
Sunday April 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Easter Sunday		
Sunday April 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion

\*The Annual Good Friday Cross Walk starts at Clipsham Church at 7.45am and finishes at Greetham Church at 3.00pm followed by refreshments at the Plough. All welcome for all or part of the walk to all the churches in the Benefice.

**ALL WELCOME**



## ***Village 'Clean-up'***

The parish council is very grateful to the many people who keep our village tidy. We are planning a 'Tidy-up' day on **Saturday April 9th** meeting at the Community Centre at 10.00 am to clear up any remaining litter before the grass verges grow. All help welcome.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The following Parish Council report is extracted from the full minutes. Copies of the full minutes may be found on the village notice board and the village website [www.Greethamrutland.com](http://www.Greethamrutland.com)

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### **GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Minutes of Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm held at the Community Centre**

#### **PLANNING**

##### **Update on the Biodiversity Action Plan**

DB is currently making arrangements for the first meeting next week. The project is on track and Stage 1 (desktop study and scope of plan) is expected to be completed by mid-March.

##### **Consideration of Planning Applications**

##### **Planning Application 2022/2039/CAT**

Proposal: (T1) 1 no. Conifer tree – Reduce and reshape by not more than 3 metres and trim to shape 1. (T2) no. Conifer tree – Reduce and shape by no more than 2 metres and trim to shape. (T3) 1 no. Ash tree – Reduce and reshape by not more than 2.5 metres.

Locations: 3 Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG

The tree warden has visited the site and has no objections.

Approval agreed to support the application.

##### **Planning Application 2022/0237/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of maintenance shed

Location: 14 Five Counties Park, Greetham Inn Lane, Greetham

The Planning Focus Group has met to look at the application. It would appear to be a mirror application of the one previously submitted a few months ago. Contact with the Planning Officer has to date been unsuccessful.

It was agreed that this application cannot be reviewed until more information is made available.

##### **Decision Notice**

##### **Application Number: 2020/0842/MAF**

Proposal: Importation of inert waste to facilitate construction of a motor cross track comprising a 700-metre-long track and associated banking, berms and jumps. Installation of an administration office and visitor wel-

fare services, 34 car parking spaces, bike servicing area, new landscaping, access and water attenuation basins/ditches.

Location: Proposed Motor cross Site, Great North Road, Greetham RCC have refused planning permission. A full explanation of the reasons listed can be found on the RCC Planning Portal.

All objections have been taken into account.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Annual Village Meeting date and invites**

The Annual Village Meeting is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Main Hall at the Community Centre.

The Chair suggested that a representative from each Focus Group give a talk for 2/3 minutes.

The Community Centre and Greetham Church will be invited to give presentations.

### **Environment Focus Group to plan Village Spring Clean**

Thanks were noted to the 2 volunteers from the village for clearing up the vast amount of rubbish in Wood Lane.

It was agreed for PH to arrange a village spring clean in April.

### **Focus Groups**

#### **Fix my Street and Highways**

Update on Fix my Street and Highways issues

The report has been updated and circulated in advance of the meeting.

Nothing has been added since the last meeting.

PH has drafted a letter to Rupert Matthews, the Police and Crime Commissioner following their reply of 23<sup>rd</sup> February which failed to address any of the problems raised at the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January

All approved of the proposed strong response letter.

#### **Trees, Nature and Environment**

Snowdrops are being ordered to be planted around the village.

Volunteers needed to plant snowdrops.

#### **Burial Ground**

The new burial ground gates have been purchased and will be installed shortly.

The water meter location for the burial ground and access is an ongoing problem. It cannot be found due to the large amount of overgrowth covering where it is thought to be.

AJ agreed to loan a metal detector to try and locate it.

#### **Community Centre – Coordinator: KE, Members: KE, JD**

KE reported that the CC project is now complete.

Most of the alterations have been funded by grants and S106 money.

A very small proportion has come out of the GPC budget for the year ended 31.3.22.

The application for a further grant with BIFFA has been submitted and a decision should be made in the next few weeks. If successful, an extension to the skateboard park is proposed.

### **Reports from outside bodies**

Rutland North Beat Report for February

Burglary (Business) – Ryhall, Stretton

Assault – Cottesmore x 2, Langham

Theft from Vehicle – Langham, Greetham, A1 x 4

Theft of Motor Vehicle - Burley

Criminal Damage – Egleton, Ryall x 2, Burley

Theft – Stretton, Cottesmore, Great Casterton, Ryall x 2

Public Order – Cottesmore, Great Casterton

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

## ***NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH***

***Rutland North Neighbourhood Police***

**Leicestershire Constabulary** 101

Through the force website – [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk) and following the link – Your Community.

**Rutland County Council** 01572 722577

**Crimestoppers** 0800 555111

**URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **CHURCH PLANT SALES**

**May 14th** there will be a plant sale in Shepherds Lane both from 10.00am-midday.

Can all gardeners continue to pot up spare plants for the sale in May. Contact Karen on 812808 for spare pots or more details

### **CHURCH FETE SATURDAY JULY 2ND 12-4.00pm**

A bit earlier than usual so put it in the diary now

## Sparrows in the village

After last month's article on barn owls, we have had a few reports of owls from you. There are multiple owls (species unknown) in the buildings at 45/47 Main Street. Also, some tawny owl boxes have been installed - however, no evidence of nesting yet. Hopefully in the future there will be more owls nesting around the village in the various nest boxes.

Speaking of nesting, there are lots of sparrows throughout the village (often seen in bushes around Great Lane and the Wheat-sheaf). Two species of sparrows inhabit the



UK, the house sparrow (right) and the tree sparrow (left). After some investigation we concluded that the sparrows in Greetham are primarily house sparrows. House sparrows are larger, and do not have the tree sparrow's signature brown spot on

their cheeks. Also, the male and female are different (unlike the tree sparrow); the female is grey-brown, while the males have white cheeks and are a darker brown.

House sparrows normally mate for life! They tend to nest between April and August. They do so in crevices on buildings and readily take to bird boxes, typically having between 2 and 3 clutches a year! In nesting colonies, the nests can be less than a foot apart. So nest boxes can be made in rows (shown right); it is actually recommended as unfortunately they are a declining species.



If you are aware of any other concentrations of sparrows or any sighting of tree sparrows in the village we would like to hear about them. Please email [hodson001@gmail.com](mailto:hodson001@gmail.com)

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## MAY NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox*

***by Wednesday April 20th please***

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ*  
*email: [greethamnews@aol.com](mailto:greethamnews@aol.com)*  
*01572 812585*

Thanks to the Shoestring Theatre Company who have kindly sponsored this month's newsletter.





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and tearooms



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## **Exton and Greetham CE Primary School**

*Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton*

### **Lights, Camera, Action!**

*Last week we enjoyed having a visit from Toilethorpe Youth Drama and an accompanying film crew who worked with Years 4, 5 and 6 to teach them more about the world of television and how things are filmed. The children had a fantastic day creating and editing their own short news clips, learning how to use the cameras, sound equipment and editing suite, as well as exploring some of the roles of people 'behind the scenes'. The day finished with an opportunity to*



*look at how drones are used in filming – and filming the whole school on the playground from above! More pictures can be found on the school website.*

***A huge thank you to Resilient Rutland who funded the experience.***



*If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website– [www.extonschool.co.uk](http://www.extonschool.co.uk).*

*We are always happy to show prospective parents around the school. Please contact the school office on the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at [extonoffice@rltschools.com](mailto:extonoffice@rltschools.com).*