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Five Counties Park CommunityCentre North Brook Close

Greetham Inn Lane Wheatsheaf Lane Thistleton Road

Great North Road Bullfield Close Tithe Barn Row

Begy Gardens Little Lane Shepherds Lane

Chapel Yard Stretton Road Church Lane

Main Street JacobsWell Saint Marys

Oakham Road Locks Close Kirks Close

Bridge Lane Great Lane Pond Lane

Wood Lane

Can you spot which address appears twice?

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:

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| | Residents Rates £ per hour | | Non Residents Rates £ per Hour | |
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| | 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/Jubilee 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 <u>incl</u> kitchen) | 22.00 | 25.00 | 24.00 | 27.00 |
| Sports Rate | 7.00 | 9.00 | 7.00 | 9.00 |

| Single Charge Rates | |
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| 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 |



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beyond



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.

COMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Church service times for August

During August there will be one benefice service of Holy Communion each Sunday, all starting at 10.30am

Sunday August 7th - Stretton Church

Sunday August 14th - Exton Church

Sunday August 21st - Cottesmore Church

Sunday August 28th - Greetham Church

Greetham Vikings Petanque Club Open Evenings

Aug 9th, 16th and 30th

This season we are only entering one team into the Rutland League. When the team are playing away we will have an open evening up at the centre. All are welcome from 7pm. The Bar will be open.



Following the success and interest shown in our recent trip to Bletchley Park, Greetham WI are holding an open meeting. As with the trip this is open to all (not just the ladies of the village). Everyone will be most welcome.

Greetham Community Centre

Monday 8th August 2022

Speaker: Colin Lukacs Winn

***"A Sideways look at
the history of D Day"***

Doors open at 7.15pm

Speaker at 7.30pm prompt.

Entry fee to non-members £5.00



"Schools out for summer"

Bring your children along to Greetham Community Centre, let them play games and do some crafts whilst you relax have a natter with other parents. Snacks for sale Coffee & tea, cakes Biscuits etc Free juice for children Starting Monday July 25 Mondays & Wednesdays 11 till 2.30 over the school holidays Everyone welcome.

Parish Council

There is no meeting this month.

REVIEWS



Thank you those who gave to Christian Aid this May and June. A thank you to Nicole at the Shop and Post Office for once again acting as a collecting point.

£140.95 in cash was received along with £60.00 in cheques making £200.95. I am most grateful to Pat Evans who counted and checked the contributions with me. With most of this gift aided our real total will be more. Thanks to you all for your support.
Peter Hltchcox

GREETHAM CHURCH FETE

The church fete returned on Saturday 2nd July with all the activities of pre pandemic years – and more! It was well supported and despite a damp end to the afternoon £2500 was raised for church funds. Old favourites like the tombola and raffle did well and the new addition of a Human Fruit Machine provided much amusement. The annual Dog Show was a highlight and visitors enjoyed the BBQ, ice-creams (especially the salted caramel) and refreshments during the day. Many thanks to so many people – all who helped with putting up and taking down tents, those who ran stalls and games and provided teas, the ponies and the tractor and, of course, everyone who came to enjoy the day and support our lovely village church.

Jackie and Helen

GENERAL

Gathering Update

Unfortunately, our monthly article on what had happened at the Gathering is not included in this month's magazine. This is due to the deadline for articles to be printed in the village magazine, which was before the Gathering took place, so sadly we have little to report this time. However, one thing we did say was that we would publish a picture of the cheque presentation as soon as we received it, and I'm pleased to announce that we donated £4000 to the local Air Ambulance for 2021 and the picture shows Gilbert Thomas, Vicky Evans (Air Ambulance representative), Roly Easson and Martin Fairbairn, handing over a cheque for £4000 to the Air Ambulance representative who received the cheque and thanked all involved for the continued support given by the Gathering.



Greetham Churchyard gates

Thanks to David Tidd for cleaning and re-painting the churchyard gates (which he originally made), to Paul Clay for cleaning and painting the gateposts and to John Creasey for transporting the gates and re-hanging them. They look so much better!

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

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 13th July 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

PLANNING

Response from RCC regarding official complaint

In September 2022 Mick George were given permission to extend the restoration date of the existing quarry on condition that they completed 4 reports. These condition dates have not been met and GPC requested enforcement. However, enforcement action against Mick George has not been forthcoming.

An official letter of complaint has been lodged with RCC and a Stage 2 complaint response was received on 27th June. The Quarry Focus Group have reviewed the response and are still not satisfied, so are asking the

PC to approve a further letter to progress this to a Stage 2 Complaint.
JD went through the proposed letter.

Update on the Biodiversity Action Plan

DB reported that the Biodiversity Action Plan is progressing well.

The river survey and verges survey have been completed.

New signage for verges was suggested.

Outstanding Quarry, Warehouse and Housing Planning Applications:

2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry

S73's Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry

2021/0170/MAO Housing & 2021/0171/MAO Warehousing

2022/0647/MAF – Development of Limestone Quarry, Land North of Stretton Road, Greetham

NW Extension to Greetham Quarry

There is no further news on the NW Extension. A meeting is being arranged with Peterborough Environmental Health to review the background dust reports'

Warehousing and Housing Planning Applications

There is no further news on the outstanding warehouse and housing planning applications. RCC are keen to get these before the planning committee.

Bullimore's Quarry – No further news

A meeting was held on 28th June with Killian Garvey of Kings Chambers regarding concerns over the 3 quarry applications in the pipeline. RCC have advised that each planning application will be determined separately and in turn. GPC have asked for advice as to whether applications could be determined collectively and have expressed concerns over how a breach of a dust or noise condition could be attributed to one operator only and how would an enforcement officer be able to determine who was responsible for the breach.

Mr Garvey agreed he would be able to provide a letter to RCC along these lines, and this letter is imminent. The expenditure has been discussed and approved.

Quarry Security

GPC have raised concerns with RCC about the quality of the peripheral fencing around the quarry and the safety issue. In the past 6 weeks there have been reports of 2 deaths and 2 serious injuries in old disused quarries in the UK. These reports will be given to RCC.

KE will be walking a site visit with Justin Johnson (RCC Planning) on Friday 15th July.

Rutland Quarry Forum

The fourth meeting took place on Monday 11th July, attended by representatives of Greetham, Clipsham, Thistleton and Barrowden parishes with guest speakers from Wardell Armstrong who represent the British Steel Pension

Fund and Heritage Quarry Group. They have instruction from their clients to approach RCC about transferring quarrying permission from Thistleton Quarry to a new site opposite the existing Hooby Lane site. This is in its very early stages. However, it is important that responsibility for any breaches could be identified, which would not be easy, but they would ask their internal experts as to how they perceive this concern.

Consideration of Planning Applications

Reference 2022/0765/CAT

(Tree 4) 1 no. Sycamore – Lop branches resting on adjoining property 3B Great Lane

2 Little Lane, Greetham LE15 7NQ

Reference 2022/0758/CAT

(Tree 1) 1 no. European Beech – Raise the canopy and trim (Tree 2) 1 no. Ash – Raise the canopy and trim. (Tree 3) 1 no. Sycamore – Raise the canopy and trim.

3B Great Lane, Greetham LE15 7NG

The Tree Warden has inspected both sites and has recommended approval with a note that they should be done at the correct time of year so it does not disturb wildlife.

Decision Notice

The following decision was noted:

Application: 2022/0457/CLP

Front porch extension in keeping with existing neighbouring property

2 Tithe Barn Row, Greetham LE15 7NR

RCC have granted approval

AGENDA ITEMS

Update on the Village Shop

The Chair went through a report provided from the Working Group on the Greetham Community Shop Feasibility Project.

In summary:

Questionnaires have been sent to all households in the village to gather views on a community shop, post office and community hub.

There have been positive negotiations with the agent representing the owner of the shop and have submitted an outline of a Community Shop proposal. The commercial lease is at £7000 pa, but a licence is proposed to occupy at this stage for approximately 4 months to allow an evaluation of any community proposal – awaiting a written response.

The premises have been visited with the agent and there has been discussion on the need for refurbishment of the structural facilities. Currently the premises would not meet the minimum standards for registration as a food outlet.

There are ongoing discussions with Post Office Counters regarding equipment and exploring the requirements for transfer of the Postmistress status to a.n.other. Figures have been provided for the last 6 months of trad-

ing through the Post Office. The Post Office is considered a key feature of the community shop and it is feared that the longer it is closed the more likely it is that customers will go elsewhere. Post Office Counters will be talking with the current Postmistress in the near future. It can take up to 6 months to train a new appointee.

A financial plan has been produced with realistic figures for expenditure, but are not able to accurately predict sales. The absence of financial information is a hinderance in developing a robust case. However, useful information has been received from other Shops and there are a long list of questions for meetings planned.

The Plunkett Foundation has agreed to support the business plan. The Working Group is keen to register with the Foundation as members at a fee of £350 supported by the Parish Council – *Ref: 109/22*

The fee of £350 would provide access to support and visits to advise on feasibility.

A local radio presenter has followed the facebook threads and is keen to support with recorded interviews etc.

Offers of donations and sponsorship have been received.

Offers of volunteering from individuals – to be quantified when the survey data is collected.

The Working Group is meeting on a regular basis to respond to new information and challenges. The Group will be arranging a meeting shortly with villagers to present pros and cons and to secure a mandate for future planning.

New Project – Wind Turbine options

GM has investigated the option. There are only a very small number of companies that do wind turbines.

After discussion, it was agreed that this would not be feasible to pursue at this stage.

New Project – Report on Biodigester

AJ has provided all Councillors with a written report on her investigations. Land is needed to put the biodigester on.

This could be financed by Anglian Water or Severn Trent.

It is was agreed that a biodigester would be beneficial for the village and should carry on pursuing this.

Focus Groups

Trees, Nature and Environment

PH attended a tree warden meeting at Whissendine on 24th June, at which the delegates were concerned about verge cutting. One parish now maintains its own cutting, but receives money from RCC which only covers 50% of the cost.

There was concern raised at the encroaching blackthorn in hedges which

in the case of Great Lane gated area is encroaching towards the trees on the east side of Great Lane. The lack of verge trimming has not helped this problem. The RCC forestry officer was sympathetic to GPC concerns and is hoping to address them.

Update on grass verge policy

AJ has circulated to all Councillors a suggested policy on grass verges for GPC to adopt.

Damaged hedge at Great Lane

GPC have written to RCC Footpaths regarding this. A response has been received and unfortunately they can take no further action, but it is noted that dangerous chemicals could have been used.

Burial Ground

A request for a memorial bed for pet ashes has been suggested by a member of the public. This is being reviewed by the Burial Ground Focus Group and has been received favourably.

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

The Community Centre have set up a new venture over the school holidays called “Schools out for Summer” – for children with parents/ carers to attend. This will start on 25th July up to the end of August, Mondays and Wednesdays 11am to 2.30pm.

Items for future Agenda

Community Centre Bins – September

Grass Verge Policy – September

Consultation/Comments on New Local Plan - September

Issues to go to Highways – October

Schedule of Meetings for 2022/23

No meeting in August

Wednesday 7th September at 7pm

Monday 3rd October at 7pm

Wednesday 9th November at 7pm

No meeting in December

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.

Rutland County Council 01572 722577

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

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FOR YOUR DIARIES

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2022

The Paddock Shepherds Lane 10.30 am - 1.00 pm everyone welcome : it's not just for the ladies. There will be tea/coffee cake and raffle. Any enquiries to Sally on 01572 813639

GREETHAM SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 1st October 2022

Do you love to entertain, enjoy good food and great company?

Then come and join us for this year's annual Safari Supper.

The evening begins with a sparkling reception at Greetham Community Centre.

Followed by three courses, at three different houses, with different people at each course.

Dress code - Black Tie and Posh Frocks.

To register your interest and request a booking form, please contact Vicky on 812893, 07933 697393 or vickyp28@icloud.com

BOOKING FORMS AND PAYMENT NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

This is a fund-raising event in aid of Greetham Community Centre and Greetham's Ukraine Support Fund.

Vicky, Steph & Helen

Comedy Night 2023

Save the date Saturday 25th March 2023 put it in your diaries

Hedgehogs and snakes



Many hedgehogs have been seen around Greetham over the last few years, usually at night due to them being nocturnal animals. Some have been known to stay in hedgehog houses made by residents; these allow them to hibernate safely over the winter months. The pointed stiff spines on their backs act as a successful defence mechanism against predators. They are predators themselves being carnivorous, eating insects and other invertebrates.

Populations in England have dropped around 50% since 2000 but there are many ways we can help keep the hedgehogs around Greetham safe. This includes ensuring ponds have accessible slopes out, checking low lying vegetation before cutting or moving it. But if you want to go the extra bit you can create a hedgehog house like the one below and make access holes in fences to allow them to travel! The hole should be 15cms by 15cms

The good news is that the snake talked about in previous articles has been recaptured and successfully re-homed to ensure it does not affect local wildlife.

If you have any hedgehog news please email us at hodson001@gmail.com



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Thanks to our anonymous donor who has kindly sponsored this month's newsletter.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by SATURDAY August 20th please

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Ready for the Summer

As I type we have one more week of school to go. Our Year 6 are away on their residential, and at the end of this week, we bid them a fond farewell as they move to their new schools and their next educational adventure.



Our school motto is 'Explore and Grow'. Every one of our Year 6 children have embraced this motto, and we have enjoyed going on this journey with them: whether they joined us in EYFS as a shy four year old; or later in their schooling, moving into the area.

Our school embraces the individual, and their individual needs, truly helping each child to develop and grow into wonderful young people who are confident in who they are, with a positive attitude and thirst for learning. Hopefully we send them on their way with some life-long memories.

We look forward to welcoming ten children into EYFS in September to begin their journey. Have a good summer and see you in September!

If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website– 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@ritschools.com.