

**GREETHAM
COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2013**
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Thank you litter pickers

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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To start this report we must offer our sincere apologies and grateful thanks, firstly to David Bland for the wonderful display at the reopening of the newly refurbished hall. The photographs and memorabilia of the centre and the village fundraising which took place to build the centre were amazing to look at.

Thank you David for all your hard work in putting this together. Secondly to the church for the loan of the P A equipment and lighting and for those people who helped to set it up. Thank you.

WHAT'S ON in 2014. Notes for your diary. Further details will follow.

JAN 24th Temple Theatre

FEB 8th Barn Dance (see further details below)

MARCH 22nd Temple Theatre

Don't forget the children's Christmas party - 21st December. Names and ages of children to Maureen and Judy as soon as possible.

We are in the process of applying for grants to buy new staging and completing the extension part of the main hall with a new ceiling and lighting.

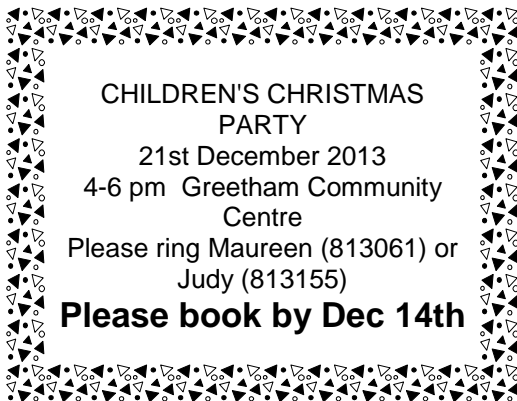
Great news for 2014, we have decided to put on a Summer Ball Saturday 28th June.

Due to the success of the Rutland Big Band last time, we have asked them to come back and entertain us for this event.

This will be a formal event with a drink & canapés on arrival followed by a sit down meal and dancing the night away to the sound of the Big Band.

Tickets will go on sale for this event in January.

Greetham Community Centre
Committee



**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
21st December 2013
4-6 pm Greetham Community
Centre
Please ring Maureen (813061) or
Judy (813155)
Please book by Dec 14th



Childrens Holiday Sports Courses at Greetham Community Centre 2014

Ages 5 – 14 Only £10.00 per day

Whether your child is here for the whole week or just a one off day then we are sure they will have a great time playing sports from dodge ball to football and cricket to athletics!

The days will be broken into sessions where the children will get to try different sports and improve their skills on those sports they are familiar with.

All coaches are highly qualified in different sports and are enhanced CRB checked as well as first aiders so your child is in very good hands.

Children will have the opportunity in winning trophies, medals and certificates at our session. These will be awarded for best behaviour, most improved and star of the day.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd January

Monday 7th to Friday 11th April

Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August

Monday 11th to Friday 15th August

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August

Visit www.premiersport.org for all the information you need

GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
BARN DANCE

SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2014

7.30 pm start

Come & join us for a great evening of dancing with the Elusive Black Dog ceilidh band.

Supper is included. Tickets £12.50

Adults: Children £5.00

Available from Maureen 813061 or

Vicky 812893

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COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Sun 1st	Christingle Service 4pm Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Wed 4th	Oak House Lunch
Fri 6th	Charity Lottery Night
Sat 7th	Christmas Fair
Sun 8th	Breakfast service
Mon 9th	WI
Wed 11th	Parish Council meeting
Thu 12th	Mobile library
Sat 14th	Deadline for January edition
Sun 15th	Evening Prayer 6pm Greetham Church
Fri 20th	Café Church
Sun 22nd	Carol Service 6pm Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Mon 23rd	Carol Singing
Tue 24th	Midnight Communion 11.30pm
Sun 29th	Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf

Christingle Carol Service

Sunday December 1st 4pm Greetham Church

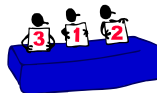
Greetham Sunday Quiz

Look out for the extra quizzes at The Wheatsheaf in December Teams of four or thereabouts. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball. **Prompt start at 9 pm.**

1st December

22nd December

29th December



Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 4th December - 1.15pm arrival. 2 courses for £5.00.

Please book in advance. Come and be a part of our community!

Oak House Residential Home - 01572 812647



Congratulations to Preston Walker and his team for winning a national award from the National Association of Care Homes. They were the winners of the Care Catering Category.

The Plough Lottery Night

'Open mic' night with the Help for Heroes lottery draw

Christmas Fair at Greetham Community Centre

Please join us for some amazing **Christmas Shopping** on **Saturday 7th December, 10.30am to 2.30pm** at the **Greetham Community Centre**. We will



Carol Singing

Keep Monday evening December 23rd free and join us on the Big Red Bus for carol singing around the village. We will be leaving from the bottom of Great Lane at 7.30pm. Do come and join us for a fun evening that will include a stop at The Plough for mulled wine and refreshments.



As of previous years our gifts support an orphanage in Boleslaviec, Poland Your financial contributions are very much appreciated. For further details please contact Peter and Clare Hitchcox 812585 or email greethamnews@aol.com

Café Church - Christmas Extravaganza

St. Mary's Church Friday Dec 20th 7.30pm

Carol Service at St. Mary's Church

This will be on Sunday December 22nd at 6pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies. **New singers are always welcome to join our choir.** Contact Peter or Clare 812585

Midnight Service at St. Mary's Church

Dec 24th at St. Mary's Church, Greetham 11.30 pm.



have lots of high quality local stall holders/companies all offering gorgeous gifts and goodies. So come along and pick up some great Christmas presents for your friends and family (as well as maybe a little treat for yourself)

Free entry and refreshments will be available for when you are all shopped out!
For more information please contact :-
The Rutland Events Company at rutlandeventsc@btinternet.com or visit their facebook page 'Rutland Events Company'. Thank you!

WI

The Christmas Dinner will be on Monday December 9th.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 11th December 2013 at the **Greetham Community Centre** commencing at 19.45 hrs. Correspondence will be available from 1920 hrs.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday December 12th. Times are approximate
Lock's Close Old People's Bungalows 14.00 - 14:15
Church Lane Near Church 14:30 - 14:50
Church Lane The Old School 14:50 - 15.05

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



January Newsletter

As usual this will be distributed before Christmas so please let me have your copy for the January issue promptly by Sat Dec 14th. Thanks to all who deliver the newsletter along with the Church News.

REVIEWS

Belated thanks!

The recent summary about the event to celebrate the reopening of the refurbished Community Centre in September forgot to mention the contribution made by David Bland in putting together a very good exhibition of posters, plans, and photos about the community's efforts that went into funding and building the centre in the late 1970s; and also to Mary Easson for showing her fascinating films of Greetham life in the 1960s and 70s. So thanks to them both!

Litter Report from your Parish Council

A very successful Village Tidy Up was carried out by a small committed group of volunteers. Fourteen large bags of rubbish were collected from the highways, byways and open spaces of Greetham and it was felt that compared with previous years there has been some improvement. Please do help us by picking up as you go. If we all pick up one bag or packet once a week that would be about 31,000 less pieces of litter a year in our lovely village. We challenge you to try and make this happen and hope with a bit of luck we could see a litter free village.



Dog mess however is on the increase again! Unfortunately a hot spot is the Community Centre field where our children play and footballs are chased. Probably a few dog owners are spoiling the reputation of other dog owners in this village. Using the "numbers game" again, one dog visiting the field every day for relief will produce 365 piles of waste. If say, there are ten wayward dog owners in the entire village who visit this field, then we would be

graced with 3,650 piles of unacceptable waste. Not only are the few letting us down, but they are also threatening the health of our children due to the dangers connected with dog faeces. Please report to any Parish Councillor or Community Centre Committee member, if you see someone who does not pick up after their dog in Greetham, as we really do have to educate people into being responsible pet owners. We now have a good collection of waste bins throughout the village and we thank the majority of our dog owners for picking up and disposing their mess into them. If you are one of the non picking up culprits, why not turn over a new leaf for 2014 and join the responsible dog owners? It really isn't that hard!

Let us hope 2014 will be a clean, tidy and good year for us all.

Ken Edward

Church Autumn Clean

Many thanks to those who came to help with the autumn clean in the church. With a good number of people there we were able to reach places that had not been reached for some time and the spiders can now rest until we come again in March.

Helen Macleod-Smith and Bob Salmon, Churchwardens

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police Team

Any of the team can be contacted by a variety of means –

101– this is the Leicestershire Constabulary main switchboard. **Please note new number** Once talking to an operator they can answer your query or connect you to the officer's voicemail box using their ID number i.e. 2155 or 6127 etc. or press option 2 and follow the prompts

Email: PC4581 vickie.robby@leicestershire.ppn.police.uk

PC1742 laurie.appleton@leicestershire.ppn.police.uk

PCSO6049 liam.bourne@leicestershire.ppn.police.uk

PCSO6127 steven.houghton@leicestershire.ppn.police.uk



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

Numbers to call for asb/concerns:

Rutland County Council

01572 722577

Community safety team

Noise nuisance, abandoned vehicles, dumping,

Environmental Health

fly tipping, dog mess, broken street lighting,

Waste and Amenities

vandalism, graffiti, bullying or criminal damage

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

To report less urgent crime or disorder:

if your car has been stolen; if your property has been damaged; when you suspect drug use or dealing; to report a minor traffic collision; to give the Police information about crime in your area or if you'd like to speak to your local police officer.

Crimestoppers 0800 555111 Anonymous, independent charity set up to help solve and fight crime

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

For example this is when you need an immediate response because a crime is in progress; someone suspected of a crime is nearby; when there is danger to life or when violence is being used or threatened.

Greatham Defibrillator

Just a note to remind village residents that the Defibrillator is located in Oak House should it be required in an emergency. Whilst it should be stressed that Oak House staff have no responsibility to administer treatment. You'll find the unit is easy to use, cannot harm those administering or receiving treatment and most importantly, can save lives.

Safety Walk: Thursday December 5th

As a follow up to the recent Speed watch campaign, PC Appleton will be taking a 'safety walk' around the village, starting at 'The Wheatsheaf' Car Park at 9.30. All those interested are invited to join him.

Neighbourhood Watch

Sorry to report that recently there have been a number of thefts of catalytic converters from cars in the locality.

Top 5 tips to make your home more secure during the winter months

1. Burglars are less likely to target a home that looks occupied. Use a timer to switch lights on when you're away.
 2. Close your curtains and blinds so burglars can't see your valuables through your windows.
 3. Lock your sheds and outbuildings – and an outside light can blow the cover of darkness for a would-be thief.
 4. Install a burglar alarm – the box on the front of your house will act as a visible deterrent, but you should also set the alarm for when you're away, sleeping upstairs or even out in your back garden on Bonfire Night.
 5. Carry out a general security check. It takes no more than two minutes to lock your windows and doors.
- David Hodson Neighbourhood Watch
Coordinator Tel 01572 813902 hodson001@gmail.com

Annual Sloe Gin Competition

The sloe gin competition at The Plough will run between Christmas and the New Year. Judging will take place on Sunday afternoon 29th December from 4.30 - 6.30. Entries in by Christmas Eve.

Singers

As usual singers will be welcomed at Christmas for the annual church carol service. We would like to invite singers to join the choir for the carol service on Sunday December 22nd 6pm. Please contact Peter Hitchcox 812585

Book of Remembrance

I will be sending the Book of Remembrance away for updating in the New Year. Names of past Greetham residents may be inscribed with the date on which they died. If you have not yet seen it the Book is kept open at the back of the church and the pages turned each month. If you would like a name to be included the cost is £25. Please let me have the details of any new inscriptions by January 20th 2014.

Helen Macleod-Smith Tel. 01572 812852

Shattered on Saturday

The church will continue to be open on Saturdays but the refreshments, music and papers (and heating) will not be provided during the winter months. This will start again when the clocks go forward at the end of March.

Philippines

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Philippines Disaster Fund can do so in Greetham by leaving a contribution at The Wheatsheaf, the Plough or the Village shop. These collection points will remain until the second week in December.

PARISH COUNCIL

November 2013 Greetham Parish Council Minutes (Subject to Approval)

Present: Mr P.Hitchcox (Chair), Mr R.Wicks (Vice Chair), Mr K. Edward, Mrs J. Chapman, Mrs J. Roberts, Mr D. Hodson, Mr R. Begy.

In attendance: 2 members of the public.

Agenda.

Apologies for absence.

Mrs N. Brown

Presentation

Mike Osborne, DLP planning consultants presented draft plans for the proposed development of land North of Northbrook Close.

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on October 9th 2013

Proposed: DH. Seconded: KE. Carried unanimously with 1 abstention.

Matters arising from 9/10/13

Speed watch update. A meeting has taken place with P.C. Laurie Appleton. A village walk is arranged for 5/12/13 at 9.30. Speed watch will be raised as an agenda item next month.

Action: Clerk

Road signage, action on this has been passed to Paul Slater (RCC).

A petty cash tin and receipt book have been obtained

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on October 30th 2013

Proposed: RB. Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously with 1 abstention.

Matters arising from 30/10/13

Ron Simpson will attend the January meeting of the Parish Council. This will be promoted as a village meeting through maildrops and the magazine. **Action: DH/JR/ RB to produce leaflet format.**

Finance:

Installation of replacement street lights - £860.00 +vat. It is proposed to re-site one street light at a cost of £430 +VAT. Proposed: RW. Seconded: KE. 6 in favour. 1 against.

It is proposed that an official letter is sent to EON and Western Power stating that payment will be made on this occasion only as the relocation is at the request of the PC. A letter will also be sent to residents in the immediate location informing them of the current situation.

Action: Clerk

E-ON electricity bill: £379.04. Proposed: KE. Seconded: JC. Carried unanimously.

Clerks salary (RCC): £318. Proposed: JC. Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously.

Planning:

Minor Amendment to Planning Permission 2013/0399/FUL via replacement of first floor window on rear elevation with French doors and Juliet balcony. Approved

APP2013/0874/FUL Construction of ground floor extension to the side (west) and front (south) elevations 3, Locks Close Greetham, Oakham. Rutland. No objection with 1 abstention.

APP/0901/FUL Construction of a two storey extension to the south west elevation. Greetham Valley Golf Club. JC and RB announced a personal interest and left the room. No objections.

Village Sign

Three quotes have been received. RB proposed a grant submission for combined sign, notice boards and refurbishment of the Village Green. Seconded: JC. **Action: Chair**

Village Shop

The Plunkett Foundation advises on setting up of Community Shops. It is important that the village maintains the shop. For December agenda. **Action: Clerk**

Plan of current projects

This is ongoing. **Action: All Councillors to submit all current plans to Chair.**

Finance Report

The quarterly review has been conducted by KE. All is in order.

Burial Ground Report

Andrew Smith has met with Burial Committee. A black bin is required for non-disposable waste. **Action RB**

A quote is being sought for weed killing and maintenance. **Action: Clerk.**

The ornamental tree on the left hand grass patch is dying. A request will be put into the newsletter for donations to replace this. **Action: Chair.**

All graves are required to have a headstone within 2 years, this will be written into the Burial Ground terms and conditions. **Action: Clerk**

The East hedge needs heavy cutting. Any suggestions to facilitate this are welcome.

The Church have a memorial book. Information regarding this will be added to existing guidelines. **Action: Clerk.**

Welcome pack

One is required for Chapel Yard. **Action: Chair.**

Reports from outside bodies

Website training is arranged for 20/11/13 at the Community Centre @ 7.00pm.

PC forum feedback. Content included presentations on equality and diversity and how to submit names of local people for honours.

Community Centre – Andy and Ruth are the new bar managers. Premier Sports and football are both positive and running smoothly. New Year is still free for anyone wishing to book.

Community Centre Constitution. The PC will support and agree the development of a Constitution which supports the Committee in running the Centre.

Kendrew Barracks reception attended by Chair.

Community Lunch attended at Exton and Greetham School. The number on role is increasing.

Bulb planting, 7 sacks of bulbs have been planted. The PC offers thanks to **Oliver** Hitchcox and Chair.

Litter pick. Thanks are offered to the team. An increase in dog mess on the CC field is noted.

To be addressed with a letter in the Parish Magazine. **Action: KE**

The Post office in Oakham is moving to the High Street.

Kendrew Barracks, the required road enhancement work is continuing.

Any other business

The defibrillator – next steps to be taken to move this into the newly acquired phone box will be investigated. **Action: RW**

RCC will be re-contacted regarding the need to paint the village speed humps. **Action: Clerk.**
Tomlinson

Proposals for additional playground facilities will be placed on the agenda for December. **Action: Clerk.**

The entrance to the quarry is of concern. Frimstones to be contacted. **Action: Clerk.**

There is currently no provision of Indian food at the Black Horse.

Signage on the A1 remains an issue. Highways Agency to be contacted. **Action: Clerk.**

Letter from parishioner received highlighting specific issues associated with the speed humps.

Date of next meeting 27/11/13 at 6.30.

Drafted by: Anne Basden Parish Clerk. Greetham Parish Council

FUTURE EVENTS

WI Soups and Deserts

An early warning of the WI soups and Desserts event. To be held in the Community Centre Sunday 19th January 12.00 Tickets available from Chris Parkin/ Helen McGarrigle

New Year's walk from the Wheatsheaf to the Plough will take place on 1st January 2014 leaving the Wheatsheaf at 11.00am.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER?

The newsletter is collated, printed and distributed to every house in Greetham. Obviously costs are involved and we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor the newsletter with a donation of £25. Sponsorship is duly recognised in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the editor

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox by **Saturday 14th December** The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
e mail:greethamnews@aol.com*

Thanks to Gerald and Barbara Wiebkin who have generously sponsored the newsletter for November and December

REMINDER - Don't forget that I always welcome contributions of photos. There is so much going on.
Let's share our pictures!



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- Have a few hours away from home
- Enjoy a hot meal
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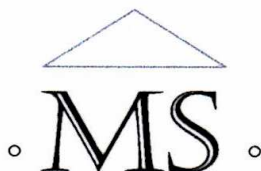
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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School



Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

The Christmas term is always exciting at Exton & Greetham CE Primary School!

As well as continuing with our normal curriculum we always enjoy our Christmas productions. This year Reception and Key Stage 1 will be presenting the Nativity in the form of 'The Grumpy Sheep'. Key Stage 2 are about to begin rehearsals for their Pantomime 'Robin Hood and his Merry Men and Women'. The Christmas pantomime, penned by the staff, has become quite a tradition at the school, and is something that both children and parents look forward to (the staff quite enjoy them too!).

Another continuing tradition at Exton & Greetham CE Primary is our 'Christmas in a Day'. This will be taking place on Thursday 19th December.

We start the day with our Christmas Carol Service in one of the village churches - this year we will be in Exton after visiting Greetham last Christmas. The service begins at 9.30am and is led by the children. You are all most welcome to join us.

We return to school for playtime before we have our Christmas turkey dinner.

The afternoon is spent in our Christmas party, and if we have all been good we often get a visit from a special visitor!

Our 'Christmas in a Day' is a day the whole school look forward to, and is great preparation for the real thing a week later.

This year we are encouraging the children to take risks in their learning and to try out new ideas. Some of the greatest discoveries in the world have been made by accident! Did you know, the glue on post-it notes were discovered by accident? If our children learn to risk failure, they learn to learn from their mistakes, and may just discover something amazing!

Many exciting activities have taken place this autumn in school. For example, Key Stage 2 have had specialist sports coaching for an afternoon a week to really develop PE skills to a high level; whilst our Reception and Key Stage 1 children have had the benefit of a specialist singing teacher. Although small, the school is committed to providing as many opportunities as possible for the families we serve.

If you are looking for a place for your child in Reception for September 2014, please phone us on 01572 812380 and ask for a brochure or arrange an appointment to come and look round your catchment school.

Just a reminder that the Christmas Community Lunch will take place on Thursday 12th December at 1.30pm. The cost is £3.50 for a lovely homemade two course Christmas Lunch. Please give the school a ring (01572 812380) to book your place.

May the children, staff and governors of Exton & Greetham CE Primary School take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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