

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2022

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# COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

**WINNER**  
**GREETHAM**



## GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE *WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON AND WHAT IS COMING UP!*

Next time you are in the Community Centre, take a look around – you might see a new certificate on the wall. Greetham Community Centre are proud to confirm that we are the proud holders of the title of 'Community of the Year' from the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland). We were visited by the judges earlier in the year and trustees Pat, Ken and Ed went along to see how we had done at the beginning of November.

The following comments were made before announcing Greetham Community Centre had won the award:

"The Management Committee of Greetham community centre worked tirelessly during the pandemic to ensure that outdoor facilities were available to all ages in the community, and, since Covid the many other groups and sporting activities have restarted. The building opened in 1981 and has recently been upgraded with funding from various grants. With a population of only 850, Greetham has an amazing facility which is the focus of many Community events. The Community Centre is at the heart of the village but the village is also at the heart of the Community Centre."

We're proud to play such a big part in our small community and will continue to try and do the very best for all of our friends and visitors. However, the Community Centre is successful because of all of you and a huge thank you as always to all our helpers, friends, volunteers, neighbours, hirers and supporters, we appreciate you!

### ***Bonfire Night Fireworks – A spectacular success!***

Greetham Fireworks night saw another great turnout from villagers and visitors alike. With the beer flowing and the BBQ raging, it was great to see another fab turn out of people supporting the event. Big thanks to Roly Easson for organising the display, Ken & Linda Edwards for feeding the masses, Amy Cockrill for volunteering as Fire Marshall and First Aider and to all the extra people that helped out on the night.

Our annual fireworks are free to attend, but you may have noticed a few buckets being shaken around! We raised almost £500 from generous donations, which will all be reinvested back into the centre. We also re-



ceived fantastic donations from Greetham based villages, In the Stix, Halli-days Cottages and Labrapack - thank you for supporting this great event!

### **Live Stream Sports and Greetham Cinema begins!**

Just a reminder that our very own Greetham Cinema (at the Community Centre) has started its showings on the 18<sup>th</sup> November with the most recent version of *The Railway Children*. Fun for the whole family in an informal and friendly setting. Our next viewing for Greetham Cinema will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> December with a more gritty, but equally mesmerising story, showing of *Belfast*. Tickets at the door, £4 adults, £2 children.

In a similar vein, we've been following the World Cup with Live Streaming Sports at the Centre, starting with England v USA Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November and Wales v. England on the 29<sup>th</sup> November. As the newsletter has gone out before these kick offs – excitement might be mounting! We will be aiming to add ad hoc Live Streams if either team progress, but do keep Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December in mind for the 3pm kickoff for the World Cup Final!

### **Christmas and New Years – Coming Up!**

Some of us are already putting out the lights and making plans as the Christmas and New Years celebrations approach. The Community and Community Centre are also hoping to tempt you along to join us in a few fun events to get you in the festive mood. Firstly, Christmas is a magical time and we start off the celebrations with a Kids Disco and Christmas Party, Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of December. School will be out that Friday and the children will be full of anticipation – so let them dance with Disco Steve, make some Christmas crafts with Mo and maybe even a sneaky early visit from the biggest Elf might just happen! This is a free event for children but we would encourage anyone who wants to help out by providing a gift for a child to label and leave at the village shop. The festivities begin on the 17<sup>th</sup> at 4pm until 6:30pm.

**Greetham Community Centre**



**Kids' Christmas Party**

**Saturday 17th Dec 4-6.30pm**  
Music & Games with Disco Steve  
Crafts with Mo  
Visit from Santa

**Free Event**

Please provide a clearly labelled gift for each child to the value of £5 (leave at village shop in advance)



**Santa's Sleigh  
in Greetham**

Friday 23rd December  
From 4pm

But that isn't going to be the only sighting of Santa and his elves around Greetham! Watch out on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December (Friday) for Santa's visit

from 4pm onwards – pulled by his trusted Greetham helpers. Listen out for the bells and sleigh!

After the Christmas festivities settle down, we look ahead to New Year's Eve and the Community Centre will again open to allow neighbours and friends to ring in the New Year together with a ***Tip your Hat to New Year*** party. The Bar will be open, there will be a raffle and food and drink aplenty. And, don't forget to wear your most fantastic hat to celebrate! Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30 start to the evening. The evening is a reasonable £5 for adults and can be purchased from the Village Shop ahead of time.



# THERE'S BEEN A MURDER

....at Greetham Community Centre  
Keep an eye out for more info to follow



## COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

### **Christmas Bingo**

Community Centre Friday Dec 2nd

If anyone would like to donate a prize for this event please ring Louise Smith on 01572 813007 or drop off at 5 Church Lane. Thank you for all your support.




**It's Back!!!**

**Christmas Quiz at The Wheatsheaf,**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 8pm.**

Quiz Master Mr Steve Pearce.

£5 per person including sausage rolls.  
Please book your teams in advance due to limited spaces.  
All proceeds to Tyler our 18 year old kitchen porter  
who had his leg amputated due to cancer.

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

Sunday December 4th	9.30am	Our World Service. <u>Guest speaker</u> Ven John Ellis on Chaplaincy in the Armed Forces
Sunday December 11th	9.30am	Breakfast Service. Informal worship. Breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday December 18th	6.30pm	Greetham Village Carol Service
Thursday December 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm 6.00pm	Christingle + Christmas story with puppets Blue Christmas service for those for whom Christmas is not a time of joy
Saturday December 24th	11.45pm	Midnight Holy Communion
Sunday December 25 <sup>th</sup>		

NO CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES IN GREETHAM

HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED AT **9.15AM** AT THISTLETON and  
**10.30AM** AT COTTESMORE, CLIPSHAM, EXTON AND STRETTON CHURCHES

Sunday January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2023	10.30am	New Year's Day Benefice Holy Communion at Greetham
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ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

### **Church information**

**Sunday Dec 4th 9.30am Our World** November's Our World service had to be cancelled so now is your chance to hear John Ellis talking about Chaplaincy in the Armed Forces. All welcome as always.

**Sunday Dec 18th 6.30pm** Everyone is welcome to join in the village Carol Service in the church. This is a bit later than usual so you can come along after the World Cup Final. Mulled wine and mince pies.

**Thursday Dec 22nd 2.00pm** Christingle with a puppet show. Bring the family

**Thursday Dec 22nd 6.00pm Blue Christmas** This service is especially for those for whom Christmas may be a time of sadness

**Saturday Dec 24th 11.45pm** Greetham's Midnight Holy Communion to celebrate Christmas.



Christmas Day services will be held at the other churches in the Benefice as listed with all the December services.

### **Parish Council**

There is no Parish Council meeting this month

### **Wreathmaking (or table piece) event**

Saturday 3th December from 10.00-13.00hrs. Please bring your own foliage and flowers if using and all other Christmassy ornaments for your wreath. Some items like metal wreath bases will be sold for donations to the church. Teas and coffee available. Please contact me Trudy Owen on 07308828855 for more details and if you like to attend. Hope to see there!



### **Craft Group**

We will meet on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> in the Club Room.

We start at 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm, but you are welcome to join us for only part of the session. It's £1 for every hour you are there and 50p for coffee and biscuits.

Bring your own craft or start something new. Between us, we have a number of skills so perhaps we could tempt you to try something different! All are welcome.

If you have any queries ring me, Gill Hodson, on 813902

## **GENERAL**

### **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to all who supported this wonderful initiative by either filling a box with gifts or giving a donation. The boxes are now on the next stage of their journey and hopefully they will bring joy and happiness to children who may never have received a gift before.

Patricia Hagger

## **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)

### **GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Minutes of Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre**

#### **Finance**

##### **Approval of orders to be placed**

Proposal for GPC to purchase 1 tree and pay to plant 3 in total at GCC.

Tree £115.00 plus planting £85 per tree x 3 = £370.00

Approval sought in writing for positioning of these 3 trees from Community Centre Chair. It was agreed for PH to write to CC Chair.

There was a discussion following the issues raised by the member of the public who carries out maintenance of the Burial Ground.

PH outlined the rationale for the holly bush planting and the environmental positive aspects, as oppose to the maintenance issues.

There was concern raised that although the plants are slow growing, in future years the roots will impact on the graves.

After further discussion it was agreed that the choice to remove what is already planted is not an option.

A compromise was discussed of planting the 20 proposed bushes north of where the graves are situated, so as not to impact on any graves.

It was agreed for all Councillors to meet at the Burial Ground with the member of the public to look at the problem raised and decide on a suitable plan and the maintenance required.

£100 donation to Citizens Advice was proposed. After further discussion it was proposed to increase the donation to £250.

Proposed by PH, seconded by KE – unanimous.

## **PLANNING**

### **2021/0171/MAO Warehousing – Rejected**

No further news at this stage regarding an appeal being submitted by the Builder.

### **Planning Application: 2020/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry**

Letter from Applicant and 2 Revised Drawings (Working Scheme G17 1 19 03 Rev E & Restoration Plan G17 1 19 04 rev D)

Revised Plans/Documents submitted – Comments to be made by 26<sup>th</sup> November.

DB reported on the revised plan submitted which has removed Phase 4 from the application.

There is concern that if this application for Phase 1, 2, 3 and 5 is approved, MG may apply for Phase 4 at a later stage. MG's final intent remains very unclear.

The proposed wording with response to RCC was discussed which had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting for consideration.

### **Planning Application 2022/1224/CAT**

Reduce 1 No. Maple Tree against the building by 1.5m. Reduce height of 1 No. Maple tree against the telephone line approximately 1m clear from the line.

Sewage Pumping Station Stretton Road Greetham Rutland

The Tree Warden has visited the site – there are no objections.

Approval to support the application.

## **Decision Notices**

**Ref: 2022/0779/FUL** – Extensions including entrance porch, bay window and single storey rear extension.

Beech House, 9A Church Lane, Greetham LE15 7NF

RCC have granted planning permission.

**Ref: 2022/0914/PTA** – 1 No. Ash tree – Remove branches in contact with garage roof and remove dead branches within the canopy. Slightly raise the crown on the south side of the tree.

36 Main Street, Greetham LE15 7NL

RCC have granted consent subject to 3 conditions.

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

### **Mobile Post Office**

It was noted that Exton currently have a mobile post office up and running once per week.

It was agreed that consideration of adopting this in Greetham will be discussed and considered at the next meeting in January.

### **Greetham Traffic Issues**

A letter has been received from RCC regarding participation in the 2023 Community Scheme Speed Watch Scheme. This was considered, but not supported, as the scheme only allows this to take place in a 30mph speed limit which is very limited in Greetham Village.

### **Healthwatch Update**

AJ reported on a positive meeting she had attended on 3<sup>rd</sup> November with lots of questions and answers. The minutes will be published shortly and will be circulated to all for information.

It was noted that anyone with general healthcare issues should contact Healthcare Direct for further information.

## **Focus Groups**

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

A donation has been secured for 300+ hedge trees with protective guards to re-establish the parish border with Cottesmore next to Begy Gardens. A community planting day for late January is planned.

### **Community Centre**

The Rural Community Council for Leicestershire and Rutland have presented Greetham, the Rural Community of the Year Award 2022.

The Chair of GCC and KE attended an award ceremony last week to receive the certificate.

### **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 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.

## **FOR YOUR DIARIES**



### **New Year's Day Walk**

From the Wheatsheaf to the  
Plough (via Fort Henry).

Assemble at the Wheatsheaf  
at 10.45am for Mulled Wine,  
courtesy of Carol and Scott.

Departure 11.00 am

Finish at the Plough, then enjoy a  
Bacon Butty, courtesy Peter and  
Hayley.

Everyone welcome, Adults, Kids,  
Teenagers and Dogs on a Lead.

Start the New Year in Good Company

### **JANUARY NEWSLETTER**

*Please send details of all forth-  
coming events to Clare Hitchcox  
by **MONDAY December 12th**  
please*

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

**Please note early copy  
date. This issue has to be  
printed before Christmas**

### **Comedy Night 2023**

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



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*The Plough, Greetham, 01572 813613*

# **EVENT NIGHTS**

## **AT** ***THE Plough, Greetham***

**LIVE MUSIC**  
**SATURDAYS**  
**8.30 PM IN DECEMBER**

**PLEASE CHECK OUR**  
**FACEBOOK FOR MORE**  
**DETAILS**

**CASH PRIZE BINGO**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**8:30PM**

**PLOUGH QUIZ**  
**THURSDAYS**  
**8:30PM**  
**CASH PRIZES**

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Daily



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# Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

*Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton*

## Lest We Forget

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November our older children walked down to the Exton War Memorial to join with the village in their act of remembrance and share some of the poems that they had written in school. On the next couple of pages are the poems that were shared.

### Remembrance

May we remember those who fell,  
For those who come back with no stories to tell  
For all the people who were left behind,  
Who meant no harm and just wanted to be kind.



For all the people who wore poppies red as blood  
Who worked and worked and did all they could.  
For all the people working till dawn,  
But no trace of a yawn.

For all the people who heard explosions and gun shots.  
The people who tried and tried, but got themselves in knots.  
For all the people in their homes like a palace.  
Until they got on the battlefield, where they got treated with malice.

For all the people that came in a storm,  
In future years they still have a day to mourn.  
For all the people that got promoted to peace makers,  
Now, because of them, we have no haters.

Seth

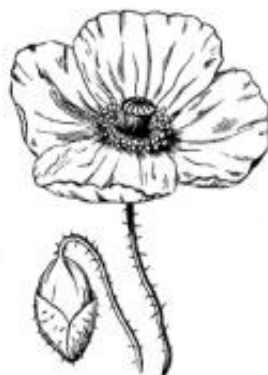


## Remembrance

**As soldiers fought below on the floor,  
Planes above began to soar.  
Germans struggled to hold the beach,  
The Allied victory seemed out of reach.**

**Tanks were roaring, planes were soaring,  
Soldiers were crawling.  
As the Allies reached the bunker bombing and brawling.  
The object was clear and casualties were treated  
The Germans surrendered as they were defeated.**

**As we remember those who fell  
We ask a poppy, for only they can tell.  
Poppies are bought for many who fought,  
As we think gratefully as lessons are taught.**



**Fenton**

## Lest We Forget

May we respect  
Those who fought and fell. We remember  
How they lost their lives for our freedom,  
No other stories to tell.  
We will never forget.

May we respect.  
Scarlet red poppies are bought to wear  
As we remember those who passed  
Never to return.  
We will never forget.

May we respect.  
To stand and honour in silence for two minutes  
On the eleventh month, eleventh day and eleventh hour  
As the war officially ended.  
We will never forget.



**LEST WE  
FORGET**

**Mia**

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[www.extonschool.co.uk](http://www.extonschool.co.uk).***

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