

**GREETHAM COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2021**

www.greethamrutland.com



Planning an Event?



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Contact us

www.greethamrutland.com/

community-centre

Find us on facebook

**01572 812389 or mobile 07500
079780 Alternatively email us
at bookgreetham@gmx.com**

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Sum- mer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Hall	13.00	16.00	16.00	19.00
Hall with Bar	17.00	20.00	20.00	23.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	21.00	24.00	24.00	27.00
Meeting Room	10.00	12.00	12.00	14.00
Meeting Room with bar	13.00	16.00	16.00	18.00
Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm	18.00	20.00	20.00	22.00
Whole facility (excluding kitchen)	20.00	23.00	22.00	25.00
Sports Rate	5.00	7.00	5.00	7.00

Single Charge Rates	
Kitchen - tea/coffee preparation	2.50
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

Lots of great things are happening at your Community Centre in the next couple months starting with



3rd Dec Christmas Bingo

Doors open at 6,00 eyes down 7,00 Fantastic prizes to be won. Look forward to seeing you there.

Bingo or raffle prizes needed. Louise Smith is collecting items
5 Church Lane 01572 813007

Dec 18 Children's Party

Dec 19 Santa through the village

Dec 31 New Year's Eve for all the family.

Come along and enjoy, relax have fun and meet new people

Stay safe

Greetham Events & Engagement Team

**The last day for items for January newsletter is
Tuesday December 14th.**

PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY DATE. As usual Christmas greetings will be included.

COMING EVENTS

GREETHAM CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2021

Sunday November 28 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday December 5 th	9.30am	Our World Service with Guest Speaker – Jenny Creasey on Compassion
Sunday December 12 th	9.30am	Breakfast Service
Sunday December 19 th	6.00pm	Carol Service
Wed December 22 nd	6.00pm	Blue Christmas service
Friday December 24 th	4.00pm	Family crib service at Cottesmore
Friday December 24 th	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion

There will not be a service in Greetham Church on Christmas morning but there will be Communion services at 10.30am in the other Benefice churches. See website northrutlandchurches.org.uk for full details

No services in the Benefice on Sunday December 26th

Sunday January 2 nd	9.30	Our World service with guest speaker
--------------------------------	------	---

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday January 12th 2021 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.00hrs. **Please note the change of time.** Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 18.20 hrs.

Meet'em in Greetham Cafe



Pop up on **Thursday 9th December** between 10am-12noon, not only for the usual coffee and cake, but to browse and hopefully buy from our in inexpensive Christmas Crafts table, all made and donated by a number of the ladies who regularly attend or help at the cafe. The money raised will go to this years Children in Need Appeal.

We'd also love to see you for our annual Christmas Carol sing along on **Thursday 16th December**, 10am-12noon. Carols, coffee, cake and friends ...□□□□....all make for a feel good morning!

GREETHAM VILLAGE SHOP & POST OFFICE
26 Main Street, Greetham, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 7N1
Tel: 01572 812 336. 01572 812 895 Mobile: 07881 884 866
Email: Greethamvillageshop@btconnect.com

Our Opening times over Christmas and the New Year: (Subject to change)

Monday 20th to Thursday 23rd = Shop: 6am to 5pm - PO= 9-12.30

Friday 24th Dec (Xmas Eve) = Shop: 7am – 1pm - PO= 9-12.30

Saturday 25th (Xmas Day) = Closed

Sunday 26th (Boxing Day) = Shop: 8am to 11am. PO= Closed

Monday 27th & Tuesday 28th (Bank Holidays) = Shop: 8am to 11am.
PO= Closed

Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th & Friday 31st = Shop: 7am to 1pm
- PO= 9-12.30

Saturday 1st January 2021 = OPEN = Shop: 8am to 11am. PO= Closed

Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd (Bank Holidays) = Shop: 8am to 11am.
PO= Closed

Tuesday 4th January 2022 we are back to normal opening and hope that 2022 is a better year for ALL!

OUR CHRISTMAS WISH TO YOU ALL IS FAITH - LOVE - HOPE & CHARITY

WE WISH YOU A WONDERFUL MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS & HAPPY NEW YEAR X STAY SAFE X

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, our customers, for supporting us for over 12.5 years.

Without you there would be no shop. **THANK YOU from us for your support.**

Our opening times are: Post Office: Monday to Friday- 9am to 12.30pm.

Shop: Monday to Friday- 6am to 5pm. Saturday- 6am to 12pm. Sunday- 7am to 12pm

We have our Christmas post box ready for your letters to Santa. Please stamp & address them to:

Santa/Father Christmas, Santa's Grotto, Reindeer land, XM4 5HQ by Friday 10TH December.

We are still a local collection point for Rutland food bank. We fill boxes monthly with items to support others.

We also have 5 permanent collection tins for: Hope against Cancer; BDF; Archie's Angels; Poppy & Air Ambulance.

REVIEWS

Leicester University Poppy Pilgrimage

You may have heard the church bells ringing on Monday November 8th when Viscount Campden laid a wreath in Greetham Church as part of the Poppy Pilgrimage. The bells are Greetham's memorial to the fallen of WW1 and, poignantly, were never heard by those they commemorate as they were out of action for many years before being recast and rehung. They were rung again on Remembrance Sunday - thank you to the teams of ringers.

GENERAL NEWS

Mobile Library

In place of its normal Mobile Library Service, Rutland County Council has introduced a new Home Library delivery and collection service. For mobile library customers in Rutland villages place your requests (holds) by phone on 01572 722918 or via our online catalogue, and we will arrange delivery to you. We will also pick up your loans. Please telephone us to renew any items.

THE LEPROSY MISSION - USED STAMPS AND COLLECTABLES

I am trying to help raise much needed funds for the above charity which has its headquarters in Peterborough. They are able to raise cash on used stamps of any country and I have placed a collecting box in Greetham church (please leave a border of no more than 5ml), or if you have a large quantity I will collect. They also accept postcards (posted or unused), coins and bank notes (of any country), medals, cigarette cards and tea cards. Please deliver to me at Horseshoe cottage, 3 New Field Road, Exton or contact me if you need a collection.

Patricia Hagger 01572 813118

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

I have delivered 24 boxes and donations totalling £40 so now they start the next part of their journey. Thank you so much to all who contributed, lets hope and pray that our gifts, along with many others will bring joy to thousands of children Patricia Hagger

Greetham Book of Remembrance

There is a Book of Remembrance in St Mary's Church, Greetham in which are inscribed the names of people from Greetham who have died and the date on which they died.

The book is in an oak stand with a glass top and is open to display a

month at a time according to the month of the year. It is situated near the church door by the font.

New entries can be made at any time and cost £25 each to cover the cost of the inscription and sending the book away to be updated. If you would like an entry in memory of a relative or friend please contact Helen Macleod-Smith (812852). The Book will be sent away in December for updating.

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 10th November 2021 @ 6.30pm held at the Community Centre

PH reported the death of Richard Cumming, a previous Parish Clerk and represented the Parish Council at his funeral. GPC offer their condolences to the family.

Matters arising

Update on Pond Lane parking issue

JD reported on the correspondence and activity which has taken place. This is recorded on the Highways and Fix my Street report. The request for an ambulance bay is now with James Von der Voelsungen – RCC Parking.

Update on 38 Main Street – derelict property

The Environmental Health Officer has visited the property. They have found no evidence of rats, but the paint is flaking off the windows and the property needs some repair. Andrew Woodhouse has visited the neighbouring property to view the damp on walls. RCC will endeavour to contact the owner regarding repairs.

Update on Allotments

Unfortunately, the landowner has decided to no longer proceed with the allotment use for the land. There are a few possible options to pursue in the pipeline, which DB will report back on at the next meeting.

Planning Application 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry

Following the last meeting held with the Head of Environmental Services at Peterborough in October, a letter highlighting other businesses or activities in the Greetham area which may be contributing to background dust has been sent.

Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry GPC will be writing to Justin Johnson (RCC Head of Planning) in December requesting him to chase up on the Dust, Noise and Restoration Plan reports required by end December from Mick George for review by RCC. GPC will scrutinise

those reports.

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

GPC have received an update from Nick Hodgett, (Case Officer.) He has said that it is unlikely that the applications will come before the Planning Committee this year.

Consideration of Planning Applications

Planning Application: 2021/1229/FUL

Proposal: Erection of cookout barn for use in connection with the existing glamping site, In the Stix

Location: Brook Farm, Wood Lane, Greetham

After discussion, 5 members voted in favour and 1 abstained.

Approved with the following comment:

GPC want to ensure this building does not change the designation to a brown field site.

Planning Application: 2021/1267/FUL Proposal: New canopy porch, flue and garden shed

Location: Mossfield Cottage, 71 Main Street, Greetham

No objections - Approved

Planning Application: 2021/1273/FUL

Proposal: New canopy porch and garden shed

Location: Hollybank Cottage, 73 Main Street, Greetham

No objections - Approved

AGENDA ITEMS

A tommy soldier purchased by GPC has been placed on the village green with a Land girl made by Paul Bland, and a display of poppies made by the Craft Club. The purchase of the tommy (£246) by GPC will support the Royal British Legion. An additional £295 in donations has been received from residents and a list of sponsors is displayed on the village noticeboard. The donations received are going to the Royal British Legion. Thanks were noted to Paul Bland and the Craft Club.

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways –

The report has been fully updated with new items added, including the Pond Lane parking.

There are 2 new items to be added noted over the last few days:

- leaning footpath sign by bowls club
 - a hole in the cycle path between Greetham and Cottesmore
- Update on Traffic Issues

The Focus Group has invited the Police Commissioner to visit Greetham on 13th January 2022 at 10.30am to look at the traffic issues.

Trees, Nature and Environment

PH gave an update on the planting of trees between Cottesmore and Greetham. The donor has ordered the trees and GPC are awaiting the

invoice. The trees will be delivered to the RCC Contractor on 30th November and will then be planted.

The Community Centre has endorsed plans for the planting of 7 trees at the CC in celebration of the Queens Platinum Jubilee

Update on Environment Projects

The bulbs for the spinney can now be ordered, approved at last meeting.

Volunteers for planting will be needed.

JE has spoken to the Wildlife Trust regarding the sign at Merry Meadows to keep dogs on a lead. It would appear that the sign is not very visible and after discussion, it was proposed that a new larger more prominent sign be purchased by GPC.

Burial Ground Update on un-consecrated flower bed

The Clerk reported that the relatives of Stephen William Leonard have been in touch following the article in the newsletter. It has been confirmed that his ashes are scattered on the flowerbed and will now be officially recorded. The family are removing all old ornaments and artefacts in line with the rules of the burial ground.

Greetham WI is kindly contributing £300 towards the new wooden gates for the burial ground. GPC thanked the WI for their generous offer.

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

The improvement plans at the Community Centre are progressing well.

The 30mph speed sign by the entrance to the CC car park entrance was questioned.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report for October:

Assault – Langham x 2, Greetham, Whissendine x 2

Criminal Damage – Langham, Greetham, Stretton, A1

Public Order – Greetham, Thistleton

Theft – Essendine, Eggleton, Greetham, Clipsham

Theft from motor vehicle – A1 x 2

Bilking – Tickencote

It was noted that all incidents in Greetham are domestic related.

Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at **7.00pm**

No December meeting unless there are urgent matters

Update on Major Planning Applications affecting the village

You may be wondering what has happened to the three major planning applications which could affect the village. Over the last year, the Parish Council has been engaged in numerous discussions with Rutland County Council about these applications. Here is an end of year roundup of the current situation:-

Restoration of the old quarry

The original planning conditions for the old quarry required that it should have been restored as a wild life site by September 2020. This did not happen and the operator put in a planning application requesting an extension period. This was approved by the RCC Planning Committee in September 2021. The operator is now required by the end of the year to come up with a plan to eradicate invasive species, provide a dust control plan and a plan to complete the works. The Parish Council is monitoring this situation.

North West Extension to the Quarry

The Planning Application was scheduled to come to the Planning Committee in September 2021 but following representations by the Parish Council to RCC, the applicant is now required to carry out background monitoring of the dust levels in Great Lane before the planning application can be progressed further. This may take some while.

Planning Application for 1 million sq ft Warehouse and 35 houses in the old quarry site

RCC Planners have not yet reached a conclusion on this application and it is not known when they will do so. Many objections have been raised by the Parish Council and the team working on this matter. Highways have now raised objections concerning potential traffic issues. It has also been recognised by RCC that the cumulative impact of the proposed Warehouse and the proposed quarry extension should be taken into account rather than considering each in isolation.

Greetham Parish Council

Tree news

I am delighted to report that readers should soon be seeing an avenue of trees from Greetham towards Cottesmore. David Penny, who

previously owned the Greetham Garden Centre has generously donated in the region of one hundred trees which our Rutland Forestry Officer has arranged to have planted on his and Greetham's behalf. Our Parish Council is most grateful for this act of generosity. There are further plans to plant trees eastwards out of the village along the B668. Rutland County Council Highways approved these plans several years ago, but financial support is needed to achieve this.

A small group from the parish council will be walking around the parish to seek places where more trees can be planted and hedges re-instated or improved.

The Parish Council has purchased seven flowering cherry trees to celebrate The Queen's seventieth anniversary of her accession. These will be planted at the Community Centre. It is very much hoped that, in due course, a total of seventy trees can be planted around the perimeter of the field. If people would be interested in gifting a tree, perhaps in memory of a loved one, it would be much appreciated. I will give more details in the January newsletter. Please let me know (without obligation) if you are interested.

HCHitch@aol.com

Finally, our Rutland County Council Forestry Officer has asked village tree wardens to ask anyone that may have larger spaces for tree planting to let their wardens know as he is anxious to follow any grant schemes in order for us to continue with tree and hedge planting. Peter Hitchcox Tree Warden

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

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

There has been a residential burglary in Greetham recently. Living in the quiet village of Greetham we may become a little lax when it comes to securing windows and doors and locking our cars including using garages where we have them.

The Next Door app shows a lot of details about attempted 'scams'

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox
by **Tuesday December 14th** please*

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

Please note early copy date. Don't be late!

Stamford Shoestring Theatre proudly present

Charles Dickens'

A Christmas Carol

adapted for the stage by
john mortimer

stamford arts centre

from 8-11 and 16-18 of december at 7.45pm with a matinee performance 11 december at 2pm

A large cast of 23 will be bringing this classic tale to life in John Mortimer's lively, witty version of the famous story. Full of music and laughter, thrills and chills, it promises to be ideal family entertainment for the Christmas season.

Tickets £12.00 (Concessions £10.00) from stamfordartscentre.com and 01780 763203

Thanks to Peggy Butcher who has sponsored the newsletter this month

In memory of my dear friend Freda

Thank you very much to the Community Centre for the lovely bouquet of flowers and inscribed vase. Also for arranging the take over of the round. Peggy



At the WI recently Peggy was presented with a present from the Community Centre as a thank you for all her years of delivering the newsletter.

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 at greethamnews@aol.com
or 01572 812585

Christmas

The Plough Greetham

Tel 01572 813613

Christmas Dinning

Dec 3rd-23rd Christmas Festive Menu available

Dec 18th & 19th Breakfast with Santa

Live Entertainment

Nov 27th Shannon

Dec 4th Zarakan Blues Band

Dec 10th Christmas Jumper Day

Dec 18th Ruby Dee & Mr T

Events

Every Wednesday Evening Cash Prize Bingo, eyes down 7.30pm

Every Thursday, Quiz Night

Dec 2nd Dress Like an Elf Day in aid of Alzheimers Society

Dec 2nd Wreath Making (Tammis)

Dec 6th Christmas Coffee Morning (Tammis)

Dec 7th Todler Craft Day (Tammis)

Dec 20th Santa Paws (Tammis)

Dec 21st Childens Christmas Party (Tammis)



WE ARE YOUR LOCAL PERSONAL TAXATION EXPERTS & BUSINESS ACCOUNTANTS

- Do you need help to complete your Self Assessment Tax Return?
- Do you need fresh eyes to look at your Business Accounts?
- Do you have any other personal tax problems?
- Do you want to learn about Cloud Accounting and understand the benefits to your business from Xero Accounting?

*We have over 30 years' experience advising clients.
Our office is in Oakham town-centre on Gaol Street.*

For a free no-obligation appointment please contact
01572 770552 or hello@arcus-rutland.co.uk

arcus-rutland.co.uk

The Greetham Advertiser

Promoting local businesses,
tradesmen, handymen and others.

To advertise your services here
please contact Paul Devoti
pauldevoto_69@hotmail.com

Sheerwood Skip Services Recycling & Transfer Station

Wood Lane ~ Greetham ~ Rutland LE15 7SN
email: sheerwoodskipservices@hotmail.co.uk

Suppliers of - Skips
Sand • Gravel • Granite
Ballast • Top soil



Tel: 07850 144 367 • 01780 460065
answer machine service



**Specialists in Gas
& LPG Central
Heating Services**

- ✓ New Boiler Installations
- ✓ Full Central Heating Systems
- ✓ Boiler Servicing / Repairs
- ✓ Central Heating Powerflushing
- ✓ Unvented Hot Water Systems
- ✓ Landlords Gas Safety Certificates
- ✓ General Plumbing and Maintenance

10% OFF
Boiler
servicing
quoting
"Greetham
News"

Over 28 years combined experience

Based in Greetham, covering Rutland, Stamford, Peterborough
and surrounding villages

Adam Clark: 07808 217766
Max Sutton: 07793 553364

✉ csheatingspecialists@gmail.com





Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Developing resilience and teamwork

In November we hosted a visit from the British Army Engagement Team from the 7th Brigade (Desert Rats). The children had an amazing time working together to complete different tasks, including collecting things from under a scramble net and working together to move a tyre tower from one end of the field to the other.



Not only did the children have the opportunity to work together in solving problems and developing their communication skills, but they also got very muddy!

If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website– www.extonschool.co.uk.

We are 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.