

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2022

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Greetham Community Centre
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COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRING FEES

	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

Well, what can we say about the last 12 months? It's been another challenging year with some difficult decisions to make, but that aside, we want to reflect on what we HAVE been able to do over the last 12 months, and we have to say, we're not too disappointed on the whole.

From the year that Brought us Shoddywaddy, Bingo, Greetham Break out, Comedy night, village Fete, kids parties and lots more, it wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of our neighbours and 'friends of' and so a huge thank you for everything that YOU give to YOUR Centre!

The children's Halloween party this year was another brilliant success and really well attended. Disco Steve kept the kids very well entertained and Mo did an amazing job organising crafts in the club room which the children really enjoyed, thanks Mo!



Shoddywaddy made their first appearance in the village last November. A fantastic crowd gathered to come and enjoy the music and a brilliant time was had by all. We would love to see them back in the village again soon.

Also in November we welcomed villagers and other locals to our annual fireworks display. The team put on a fantastic show as usual and donations to the centre were very gratefully received. Thank you to all who supported this event.



We then headed towards the Christmas period and another time of uncertainty. We were able to hold the kids Christmas party, with a special



appearance from Santa himself. We received some really great feedback and we are pleased to be able to offer this event each year. It's a particularly lovely one for us to be involved with.

The morning after the night before and Santa's elves were up and about delivering treats to the children in the village. This was

a great opportunity for us to meet some of our newer neighbours as well as an opportunity to see some familiar faces. We hope that we helped to spread just a little bit of festive cheer because it certainly made us feel warm and fuzzy inside. Special thanks to Colin Easson Motors for the wonderful sleigh!

Sadly this would be the last event of 2021 and we had to make the difficult decision as a team, to cancel the New Year's Eve celebrations that we had planned. It was set to be a cracking night, but with the beer order looming and rumours of restrictions, we felt that it was the right thing to do. We have also made the difficult decision to cancel this years Burns' Night celebrations and we are truly sorry for any disappointment that this may cause as it's always a great evening.

BUT we've got some really exciting plans for 2022, including the extended Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend in June. If anybody has any ideas or would like to get involved please get in touch with the events team, we would love to hear from you.

The events team and all the support crew that help to pull together these fantastic events would like to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. We look forward to being able to celebrate with you all again as soon as we can.

Greetham Community Centre Events Team

Friends of Greetham Community Centre

This is a short note for those who don't know about FoGCC and who may wish to get involved.

This group (FoGCC) is established for a number of purposes and welcomes ANYONE who wishes to 'get involved', especially newcomers to the village. Please come forward if any of you wish to get involved by any of these means. The contact details are below.

☐☐ Bringing your **ideas** of what you think we should do. Here are **some ideas** for what **you** may wish to establish or to expand:-

- Events and/or groups for children, ie teenagers, or parents and toddlers or the age-group in-between
- The same for any adult age group
- Events to attract attendees and help us to meet each other more
- Hobbies, sports and interest groups of any kind
- Concerns for the planet, whether this is for general education and interest, or even something which we can do directly as a community
- Music

☐☐ **Volunteering** help which you may like to give with organising and running events, new or established

- ☐ Giving **feedback** on something you have seen which we are doing
- ☐ Coming along to a FoGCC meeting to learn how this village works and how it is 'special' as a community

What we plan to do is to have regular interaction within the group. We will let you know when these things happen.

What we would like you to do is to contact us.

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What else would you like to know about anything which goes on within the Community?

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE

COMING EVENTS

Soups & Sweets

An amazing and delicious selection of homemade soups & desserts from the ladies of Greetham WI.

try something new or enjoy your favourites

All you can eat



6th February 2022

12.30 for 1.00pm

Greetham

Community Centre

Tickets

Adults £10.00

Children under 12 years

£5.00



For tickets please contact Carol Fairbairn

Telephone 01572 813717 or mobile 07801930425

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM
SUNDAY SERVICES FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday February 6th	9.30 am	Our World Service with guest speaker Jackie Gauntley on Mary's Meals
Sunday February 13 th	9.30am	Breakfast Service with Baptism breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday February 20 th	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday February 27 th	9.30am	Holy Communion

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday February 9th 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.

Craft Group Meetings

This month's meetings will be on:

- Tuesday February 8th
- Tuesday February 22nd

We will be in the Community Centre Meeting Room from 9.30 – 12.30. Come for as long as you like (£1 per hour). Bring any sort of craft or just call in for a coffee and a chat! All are very welcome. Please ring if you have any queries.

Gill Hodson 813902

REVIEWS

Greetham WI

Greetham WI started the New Year with the first of what promises to be a very interesting and enjoyable year of speakers. Members met (following all government guidelines) on Monday 10th January at 7.30pm in the community centre. They kicked off with a demonstration from one of our members and village residents, Janet Thomas, on the Art of Paper Cutting. Many of us had not heard of this craft before and were not sure what to expect but we were all blown away by the many fabulous, beautiful and intricate items of work shown to us. The pieces of art work ranged from pictures, lanterns, Christmas decorations and greeting cards. Janet then demonstrated the art of Paper Cutting to us and had kindly bought along

equipment for members to try their hand and this amazing craft. Some members were so taken with this new craft they purchased some tools and intend to continue to practice it.

Below is a picture of Janet with a few items of her work.



Greetham WI meets on the first Monday of every month at 7.30 in the Greetham Community Centre. If you would like to join our friendly and interesting group please call

Carol Fairbairn Tel: 01572 813717.

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 re-new any items.

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

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GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 12th January 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

Matters arising

Update on Pond Lane parking issue

There has been a response on Fix my Street concerning the parking too close to the junction with Main Street. This cannot be enforced, so no further action will be taken.

Request for an ambulance bay with RCC Parking.

An initial assessment has been drafted by RCC Parking and is due to be discussed tomorrow (13th January) at the Highways and Transport Working Group. GPC will follow up with the Parking Services Manager after 13th January.

Update on 38 Main Street – derelict property

A letter has been passed to the owners of 38 Main Street from the residents of the neighbouring property. To date, no reply has been received.

RCC, together with Environmental Health have been asked to continue pursuing this.

Craig Howart at RCC is happy to have another look at this.

The neighbours next to 38 Main Street, thanked Cllr. Nick Begy for his time and effort in helping with this issue.

Finance

Budget for 2022/23

The Chair outlined the proposed budget for 2022/23.

It was noted that the GPC precept is historically very low compared with other villages of a similar size. All felt that the precept needs to be increased to give value to the Parish of Greetham, enabling the provision needed to react quickly to quarry issues.

An increase on the proposed budget for trees was suggested and discussed, together with other adjustments.

After further discussion, there was a vote on increasing the precept to £14,000 to cover biodiversity projects and the quarry.

PLANNING

Planning Application 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry and Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry

NW Extension to Greetham Quarry:

There is no further update on the application for the NW extension as RCC are still in the period of collecting data on background dust and awaiting the results. GPC are lobbying hard for the dust monitoring to be extended to cover a full 12 months in order that all seasonal variations are included. The seasonal variations could be due to farming activities – ploughing/harvesting, cleaning out of chicken sheds and variations in weather patterns, in order that the data, once analysed provides a very clear indication of how much particulate matter is already in the air prior to any further input from quarrying activities.

Extension to Restoration Timeline and Discharge to S73 Planning Applications:

Mick George has provided RCC with some of the reports required from them under Discharge of Conditions pertaining to this application.

However, GPC believe these fall far short of the quality of dust and noise monitoring mitigation measures that should take effect during restoration and do not meet Government guidelines. Furthermore, Mick George have not provided a report on how they would remove the non-native invasive species from the site.

GPC had a meeting with Justin Johnson, Senior Planning Officer at RCC on 10th January to re-iterate concerns and push for enforcement of restoration to commence as soon as possible, to meet the deadline of end of September.

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

At the meeting with Justin Johnson on 10th January, GPC were told that the decision on the housing and warehousing applications should be coming to a conclusion within the next 2/3 months. This is dependent on the dust monitoring.

Planning Application 2021/1481/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 18 (noise), 25 (dust) and 38 (phasing plan for restoration works) of planning application 2020/0971/MIN S73 application for variation of condition 2 in relation to application reference number: M/1999/0326/09.

Amendment of Condition 2 to – “Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Mineral Planning Authority this permission shall expire on 1st September 2022, by which time the site shall be fully restored in accordance with a scheme approved under Condition No. 26.”

Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham LE15 7NP

Planning Application 2021/1482/DIS

Proposal: Discharge of conditions 18 (noise), 25 (dust) and 38 (phasing plan for restoration works) of planning application 2020/0972/MIN S73 application for variation of condition in relation to application reference number: MIN/2004/1051. Change Condition 3 to – “Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the County Planning Authority mineral extraction shall cease and the site fully restored in accordance with a scheme approved under Condition no. 43 below and condition number 26 of planning permission 1999/0326/09 by 1st September 2022.

Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham LE15 7NP

Planning Application 2021/1458/MAF

Proposal: Section 73 (material amendment) to Planning Application 2020/1480/MAF – Erection of 60 leisure lodges for occupation on a non-continuous basis, renovation and conversion of existing barns to form a leisure suite including gym, swimming pool and ancillary spaces including staff accommodation, renovation and alteration of the existing Clubhouse, erection of a new maintenance facility, alterations to the grounds, including changes to the golf course and construction of lakes for leisure and ecological purposes, and ancillary works including alterations to the access drive, provision of a visitor check-in kiosk, alterations to car parking, creation of a circular walk, alteration and extension of the noise bund, and consequential landscape works.

Location: Woolfox Golf and Country Club, Hardwick Farm Lane, Empingham.

These are very minor changes on the last planning application.
GPC had no comments.

Decision Notices

Planning Application 2021/1267/FUL

New canopy porch, flue and garden shed

Location: Mossfield Cottage, 71 Main Street, Greetham

RCC have granted planning permission

Planning Application 2021/1273/FUL

New canopy porch and garden shed

Location: Holly Bank Cottage, 73 Main Street, Greetham

RCC have granted planning permission

Planning Application 2021/0984/FUL

Erection of workshop/maintenance building

Location: The Elms, Greetham Inn Lane, Greetham

RCC have granted planning permission with conditions.

Planning Application 2021/1229/FUL

Erection of cookout barn for use in connection with the existing glamping site - In the Stix

Location: Brook Farm Wood Lane, Greetham

RCC have granted planning permission with conditions

AGENDA ITEMS

Consideration of the proposals for the Biodiversity Action Plan

DB presented the proposal for the Biodiversity Plan.

If approved, the Biodiversity plan will protect Greetham from industrial development.

The withdrawal of the draft Local Plan by RCC will present many challenges to the County in the 5 year period until any new plan is adopted. This is particularly so as the County Councils 5 year strategic 'housing need' programme has also expired. It is likely that many speculative housing and industrial development proposals will be submitted for consideration which, without the legal protection of a Local Plan, will have a considerable chance of success.

GPC need to ensure such proposals are acceptable to the needs of the County and the local area as best as possible.

The strongest means will be through the Neighbourhood Plan. In the period since the preparation of this Plan, much has changed and the Planning Focus Group consider it beneficial to undertake a detailed review in full consultation with the village.

As a part of this review, two proposals are recommended for consideration:

1. A detailed biodiversity action plan (this would provide a better understanding of the impacts of any proposed changes to the area to enable better protection of the localised habitat.

It is vitally important that the project is properly managed to provide robust and meaningful understanding of the local biodiversity. Hence the need for suitably qualified consultants to undertake the work.

2. Leading in part from the biodiversity action plan would be identifying areas of the village and its surround which the community feel important to protect and preserve from any adverse development.

It is hoped this would help ensure developers proposals are targeted away from such areas, thereby helping to afford some degree of protection.

3 quotes from consultants (fully qualified ecologists) have been obtained ranging from £20,000 to £4,300. It is recommended to appoint Ecology Resources to undertake the work at a cost of £4,335 excl. VAT.

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways

The ambulance bay in Pond Lane is being addressed, and is likely to be closed off Fix my Street as the HTWG process with its timescales has kicked in.

A new report has been added regarding a cover removed near the sewage works entrance on the cycle path between Greetham and Cottesmore.

JD to add the issue raised under Ref 003/22 – concern of trees affecting vision to traffic from Exton Road.

Trees, Nature and Environment

Update on the planting of trees

The trees recently planted along the B668 from Greetham to Cottesmore will be maintained by RCC.

The hedge planting was referred to at Begy Gardens. Lovells had unlawfully removed the trees and then replanted inadequately, resulting in many trees/hedges dying.

It was questioned as to whether there are powers to enforce Lovells further, in conjunction with the Forestry Officer and Village Tree Warden to ensure this is done correctly.

Burial Ground

Maintenance work has been carried out on car park using white wine vinegar to clear the moss. The contractor did as requested, but has reported that this did not work satisfactorily. Agreed for AJ to look into other options.

The burial ground gates are due to be replaced out of this year's budget.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report for November:

Burglary Business – Langham, Stretton, Cottesmore

Theft of motor vehicle – Stretton, Exton

Theft from motor vehicle – Cottesmore, Langham, A1 x 2

Theft – Ryhall x 3, Stretton, Greetham x 2, Whitwell

Criminal damage – Ryall, Stretton x 3, Market Overton x 2, Exton, Barnsdale

Assault – Langham x 2, Great Casterton x 2, Cottesmore x 2

Public Order – Ashwell x 2, Great Casterton, Stretton

Next Meeting

Wednesday 9th February at 7.00pm

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.

IN THE FUTURE

Plants Sale: As there are no open gardens this year, there will be a plant sale held in aid of the Church Fabric Fund. It will be on Saturday 14th May. Early notice is to encourage everyone who is gardening in the spring to pot on any unwanted plants. Further details of the sale will be confirmed at a later date. If anyone needs pots or any further details contact Karen on 812808.

Thanks Karen

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MARCH NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Friday February 18th please

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I AM A CAMERA
by John van Druten
8th-12th March 2022

1930s Berlin. Christopher Isherwood's novel 'Goodbye to Berlin' is brought to vivid, moving, and satirical life in the play on which the musical 'Cabaret' was based. Through the rich cast of characters, which includes Sally Bowles, the outrageous, outspoken yet vulnerable cabaret artiste, we certainly see that life is indeed a cabaret.
Tickets from stamfordartscentre.com and 01780 763203



The Plough, Greetham
01572 813613

February



KIDS MENU
AVAILABLE

WEEKLY OFFERS

Mon: Burger night: Buy one get one free
Tues: Pie night
Wed: Pizza night: Buy 1 get 1 half price
Thurs: Grill night: buy any two for £27.50
Fri: Fishy Friday - Extended fish menu

LIVE MUSIC

Sat 19th Feb : Bond Night
Sat 26th Feb : Plough Live

BINGO

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7:30PM EYES DOWN

PUB QUIZ

EVERY THURSDAY
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Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Enriching the Curriculum

It is lovely to have all of the children back in school after the Christmas break, and we have lots of exciting activities planned for the rest of the academic year, including drama, art, music and sports as well as the normal day-to-day learning in the school.

This week saw the beginning of our String Project, supported by Rutland Music. All of the children in year 4, 5 and 6 will spend the next ten weeks beginning to learn the violin or 'cello, which is very exciting! Below are a couple of pictures of our first lesson.



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@rtschools.com.