

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

Celebrating the unique community spirit that makes Greetham such a special place to live.

August 23



Community Centre Hiring Rates

For more information call 07500 079780 or check out the new Greetham Community Centre website greetham-cc.org which now includes the option to book online.



	Resident Rates Per Hour		Non-Resident Rates Per Hour	
	Summer 1 May - 30 Sep	Winter 1 Oct - 30 April	Summer 1 May - 30 Sep	Winter 1 Oct - 30 April
Hall	£16	£21	£19	£24
Hall with bar	£23	£28	£26	£31
Hall with bar after 11pm	£27	£32	£30	£35
Club Room	£13	£18	£16	£21
Club Room with bar	£20	£25	£23	£28
Club Room with bar after 11pm	£24	£29	£27	£32
Jubilee Room	£13	£18	£16	£21
Whole Facility (not including kitchen & bar)	£23	£28	£26	£31
Sports Rate	£7	£10	£7	£10

Thank You to Frank and Hazel Hinch for sponsoring this edition of the newsletter. The couple celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on 16th July. Since October 1960, they've called Greetham home, embodying the true essence of love and community. Congratulations on this incredible milestone Frank and Hazel!

	Single Charge Items
Kitchen - tea/coffee only	Included
Kitchen - standard	£8
Kitchen - catering	£30
Stage	£25

Greetham Goes Wild! Photographic Competition Winners Announced

The Greetham Goes Wild! stand at the church fete was a fantastic success. The photographic competition attracted an amazing 33 entries, with a wide range of flora and fauna subjects.

Among the standout submissions, young Joshua Glover emerged victorious in the under 8 category with a fantastic composition capturing the vibrant flowers in Merry's Meadows

Meanwhile, the under 18 win was claimed by 10-year-old Toby Cowling, whose enchanting close-up shot of flowers at Greetham Open Gardens captured the essence of botanical splendor.

The final winner was named as Andy Smith, whose mesmerising close-up picture of a hedgehog stole the hearts of the judges.

Questionnaires were handed out on the day, to gauge support for future biodiversity projects in



A great snap by Andy Smith

the village. If you are interested in getting involved, whether it be improving your garden or assisting with surveys and planting projects, contact Karen on tel. 812808 for a questionnaire to complete.

This was just the beginning, as more projects are already in the pipeline. Stay tuned for updates through the village newsletter and the Greetham Goes Wild! Facebook page, as we embark on an exciting journey to elevate our village into a sanctuary for wildlife.



Cover Image & Above: Toby Cowling

Opposite: Joshua Glover



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?
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Services in August at St Mary's Church, Greetham

During August there will be just one service in the Benefice each week

Sunday 30 July	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Clipsham
Sunday 6 August	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Stretton
Sunday 13 August	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Exton
Sunday 20 August	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Cottesmore
Sunday 27 August	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Greetham

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

Sip, Savour & Support Macmillan

Are you ready to indulge in a cup of coffee, savor delectable cakes, and support a great cause all at once? We invite you to join us for the Macmillan Coffee Morning at The Paddock Shepherds Lane on Friday 29th September, from 10:30am to 1:00pm.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning is an annual event that aims to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity dedicated to providing essential services and support for those facing the challenges of cancer.

Cake donations will be more than welcome and appreciated as they play a crucial role in helping us raise funds for this worthy cause.

Please contact Sally Cluley on 01572 813639 for more info or to inquire about how you can get involved.



Stamford Shoestring Theatre Presents

"The Beauty Queen of Leenane"

Get ready for a gripping theatrical experience as Stamford Shoestring Theatre proudly presents "The Beauty Queen of Leenane" by the renowned playwright, Martin McDonagh. The performance will take place at Stamford Arts Centre from Tuesday 5th to Saturday to 9th September.

Set in the kitchen of a cottage in the west of Ireland, this dark comedy centres on the brutal relationship between forty-year-old Maureen and her mother, seventy-year-old Mag. Tickets are available from www.stamfordartscentre.com/whats-on and 01780 763203

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FOR THE SECOND YEAR
MONDAY'S & FRIDAY'S
STARTING MONDAY 24 JULY 10.30-2PM**

SCHOOL'S OUT CLUB



ALL AGES WELCOME

**COME AND DO CRAFT WITH MO ON THE CRAFT TABLE
PLAY WITH THE LEGO
DO A NATURE HUNT & QUIZ
OR JUST PLAY WITH THE TOYS OR YOUR FREINDS**

**JUICE AND BISCUITS SUPPLIED BY COMMUNITY CENTRE & FRUIT DONATED BY
TESCOS FOR THE CHILDREN ARE FREE
(A SMALL DONATION WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WISH)**

CAKE & A CUPPA FOR ADULTS TO PURCHASE



Greetham Church Fete Raises £2,000

Greetham's community spirit was in full swing recently as locals and visitors came together to support the much-anticipated Greetham Church Fete. Despite the challenging weather conditions, the event was a resounding success, raising an impressive £2,000 for the church.



Volunteer at Rutland Water Nature Reserve Visitor Centres

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust are looking for volunteers to help in our two visitor centres at Egleton and Lyndon.

When you become a volunteer, you will help protect threatened wildlife, have fun, meet people who share your interests - and benefit from feeling happier, healthier and more connected to nature.

The volunteers at these centres provide a friendly face for visitors and engage with the public, telling them more about learning, shopping, community events and activities. Full training will be given and you will also receive a free annual permit to access Rutland Water Nature Reserve at any time, a volunteer uniform, invitations to social events throughout the year as well as being part of a big family of volunteers who all dedicate their time to support nature's recovery.

To express your interest or request more information about volunteering opportunities, please reach out to Matt Scase, Administrative Assistant at the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, via email at mscase@lrwt.org.uk or phone at 01572 720049 or 07951 702059.

Join the Craft Club During August

Looking to spice up your summer mornings with some fantastic company and creativity? Look no further! Our August meetings will be on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd August in the Community Centre, usually in the Club Room.

Our doors are open from 9.30am to 12.30pm, welcoming all early birds and late risers alike! We charge £1 for every hour you are there, with tea, coffee and biscuits available. It is a very relaxing and enjoyable morning.

Our friendly group is a treasure trove of talents, and we can't wait to share our skills and ideas with you! Got any questions? Feel free to ring Gill Hodson on 813902.



Advertise Here! Are you a local business owner, tradesperson, or handyman looking to reach out to the community of Greetham? Look no further! To have your business or services featured email Paul at pauldevoto_69@hotmail.com



St John Ambulance Cadet Unit Coming to Oakham!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of a new St John Ambulance Cadet Unit in Oakham this September. This initiative aims to provide young people aged 10-17 with an opportunity to become first aid competent while fostering the development of essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and communication.

In order to support the running of the Unit, we are looking to recruit more local volunteers to help lead sessions, run activities and provide a safe and supportive environment for young people to grow and learn in.

Volunteers will need to be able to give a couple of hours each week to the cadet unit. We provide comprehensive training, delivered both online and in person, usually over weekends to accommodate your schedule. Don't worry if you have no prior first aid experience; our dedicated team of volunteers will handle first aid training during the cadet sessions.

Find out more www.sja.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-opportunities/volunteer-roles/youth-team

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Keep Your Home Safe This Summer

Summer is a time for relaxation and fun, but it's also essential to prioritise the safety of our homes. Here are some tips to keep your home safe during the summer months.

Lock Up: Before leaving your home, double-check that all doors and windows are locked securely. Unlocked entry points are a common target for burglaries. Avoid leaving spare keys in obvious hiding places such as under doormats or flower pots.

Outdoor Lighting: Install motion-activated lights around your home's perimeter, near entry points and dark areas, to deter potential intruders.

Maintain Landscaping: Trim bushes and shrubs near windows to eliminate potential hiding spots for intruders.

Be Cautious on Social Media: Avoid announcing your holiday plans on social media to prevent your home from becoming a target during your absence.

Mark your calendars!

There will be a Beat Surgery for Rutland North on Saturday 19th August 2023, from 10:30am to 11:30am at the Church Hub in Thistleton. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with local authorities and discuss safety concerns in our community.

Greetham Parish Council Reduced Minutes Meeting on 12th July 23

Members Present: Mr K. Edward (KE) – Chair, Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Baker (DB), Mr J. Earl-Fraser (JE), Ms. Janem Shelton (JS), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Cllr. N. Begy (Ward Member), Mrs J. Isaac (Clerk)

Co-option of Parish Councillors: Two applicants have applied to join as Councillors on the GPC Committee. Both gave a brief introduction on themselves and what they can bring to the Parish Council. This was followed by questions from the existing Councillors. KE proposed the acceptance of both Lucy Hinch and Rebecca Chipperfield on the Committee. This was seconded by JD and there was a unanimous vote in favour. Lucy Hinch and Rebecca Chipperfield then officially joined the meeting. The Clerk passed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor to both for signing. Clerk to add new Councillors to dropbox and contact list.

Matters Arising: Update on 38 Main Street - The first report from the Empty Homes Officer is due end of July. NB to continue receiving updates.
It was noted that the static caravan at the property has now been removed.

Adoption of roads in Begy Gardens- The Clerk reported that an update had been received from Highways. The developer has carried out remedial works at the location as requested. These were completed last week and will be inspected next week when the engineer is available. NB agreed to investigate.

Planning

Tree Planning Applications

It was proposed that tree planning applications be sent directly to the GPC Tree Warden for a decision, if received outside the timescale of a PC meeting. There was an unanimous vote in favour.

Decision Notice: Approval of details required by Condition Planning Permission
Ref: 2020/0297/MIN

Discharge of conditions 18, 21, 23, 25, 46 & 75 in relation to 2020/0297/MIN – North Western extension to Greetham Quarry including the extraction of Limestone and building stone and importation of suitable inert material. Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham.

The Mineral Planning Authority have reviewed the details submitted in relation to conditions 18, 21, 23, 25, 46 and 75 and is satisfied that these are acceptable and that the conditions can be discharged.

DB gave the following update: GPC have various concerns as the Planning Authority were obligated to determine the best available technique, which is a legislative requirement. It is suspected that MG have not followed this.

A Freedom of Information request has been submitted to RCC, but awaiting a response. GPC have outlined all their concerns in a report to Paul Browne – the report is to go to Planning Officers for comments. Awaiting a meeting to be set up.

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Agenda Items

Review of presentation on a new Broadband service set up by Gigabytes

KE provided a presentation from Gigaclear on their plans to build a full fibre internet service for Greetham. The intention is for the service to be delivered in 2024. They have asked residents that are interested in the service to be in touch via networkbuildqueries@gigaclear.com or 0370 774 0537. The Streets & Services Advisory Team are following up to help provide for information for residents on future engagements and what to expect from the service.

There will be a presentation at the Community Centre – date to be arranged.

Proposal for developing a village-wide Traffic Calming Plan

The Streets & Services Advisory Team approved the creation of a Traffic Calming Focus Group to be made up of GPC members, residents and other stakeholders. The Focus Group would support the development of a village-wide plan for addressing traffic and related concerns. JE to advertise the development of the group and calling for volunteers before the next GPC meeting. GPC also provided pre-approval to use £1,000 to £1,500 on the hiring of a consultant who can advise on the design and legal options for implementing a range of traffic calming measures. Further investigations of potential consultants and their remit to happen with the Traffic Calming Focus Group.

RCC Grass Cutting Policy

RCC has appointed a new Grounds Maintenance contract starting in 2024. The new contract would reduce the number of cuts of Greetham highway verges to 6 per year between March and September. GPC has the right to adopt the responsibilities for contracting grass cutting in exchange for a small contribution. Parish Councillors discussed the additional details they would require to make a decision on whether to consider adopting this responsibility. The Streets & Services Advisory Team are to gather information with RCC and reach out to other village parish councils who currently take responsibility for their grass cutting in advance of the next GPC meeting. A decision is required by end of October.

Advisory Team

The RCC Highways & Transport Working Group (HTWG) completed an initial assessment on a range of traffic concerns raised by GPC (ITCP-2022-32). These concerns included

- 20mph limit enforced through Greetham
- Speed cameras
- Boundary between 30mph and 20mph in Church Lane
- A speed limit of 50mph between Greetham and Cottesmore
- The cycle path/footpath from Greetham to Stretton being constructed.

The HTWG recommended “no work required” for all concerns raised. The full notice is to be provided on the GPC website. Parish Council members discussed the responses and do not believe HTWG has provided adequate evidence for their decisions. A response is being developed along with our Ward Member.

The cycle path/footpath from Greetham to Stretton is being considered as part of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). GPC will work with its Ward member to advocate for that paths creation as a part of RCC’s development of LCWIP.

GPC is continuing to investigate responses expected but not provided by the HTWG on

- Reduction in HGV access
- Zebra crossing at Northbrook Close (bus stop)
- Zebra crossing at The Wheatsheaf (bus stop)
- “Gates” at the entrances to either side of Greetham

GPC discussed two resident requests for traffic calming measures - changes to speed bump outside Begy Gardens and Concealed Entrance sign for Bridge Lane. Both will be considered in the developing village-wide traffic calming plan. An Autumn village litter pick is to be planned for October. Dates to be arranged and communicated at the September GPC meeting.

Environment Planning Team

The Biodiversity Group are currently looking at the long-term plan to apply for funding and are moving into the next stage on development of the group. It is proposed that 3 separate groups be set up under the Biodiversity Group: Community, Events and Greetham in Bloom. Information will be provided at the Village Fete to raise awareness with residents and promote diversity throughout the village. The Forestry Officer has made a visit to look at the Great Lane hedges. They have made a proposal to formally cut the hedge line every 3 years, with the Biodiversity Group to bridge the gap in between.

Burial Ground

A burial ground meeting including volunteers was held to look at developing a Burial Ground Maintenance Plan. The Plan is to be reviewed at the September meeting. KE proposed that the unconsecrated land to the right of the driveway be consecrated, leaving 6 plots on unconsecrated land. This would free up the top end of the burial ground for biodiversity, until needed in the distant future. All voted in favour. Clerk to contact Bishop to consecrate land. JE to provide a plan of planting for the September meeting.

Community Centre

The GCC Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2023 have been made available to GPC.

A letter has been received from Alicia Kearns MP regarding Government funding available for defibrillators. Interest has been registered for a second defibrillator to be fitted to the outside wall of the Community Centre for gatherings.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 13th September (Please note there will be no meeting in August)

For sight of the full minutes just search Parish Council Minutes on www.greethamrutland.com or find them on the Parish Council Noticeboard on the Village Green.

Send Us Your Stories

As always, we are eager to feature the latest news stories, upcoming events, and exciting updates from our vibrant village. If you have anything you'd like to see included, please send your submissions to Zara Young at newsletter@greetham-cc.org by Sunday 20th August.

Your active participation has been the cornerstone of our newsletter's success, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Live Music

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JAMES FRY | 8:30 PM

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HOSTED BY JAMES TIDD | 3:30 PM

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DANNY S | 8:30 PM

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SADIE MARIE EBBON | 8:30 PM

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