

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

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

December 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

We Need Your News!

If you have any news, events or interesting stories that you'd like to see featured in our next edition, our last one before 2024, please send it to Zara Young at newsletter@greetham-cc.org by Tuesday 12 December, owing to the Christmas period.

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

Join Us for New Year's Day Walk

Get ready for a delightful start to the New Year as we embark on a journey from the Wheatsheaf to the Plough, via Fort Henry! Join us for a memorable day filled with good company, delicious treats, and a touch of village charm. Start your adventure by assembling at the Wheatsheaf at 10:45am where Carol and Scott will be providing mulled wine to warm up your spirits before we set off. Departure will be at 11am.

The walk will finish at the Plough where you'll be able to enjoy a bacon butty, courtesy of Peter and Hayley. This event is open to everyone - from adults to kids, teenagers, and even our four-legged friends (on a lead, of course). Let's come together and welcome the New Year in the best possible way - surrounded by friendly faces and festive cheer.



Services in December at St Mary's Church, Greetham

Sunday 3 December	9.30am	Our World Service - with the Bishop of Brixworth
Sunday 10 December	9.30am	Breakfast Service - Breakfast served from 9am
Sunday 16 December	2.00pm	Children's Christmas - Puppet Show and Christingle at Cottesmore Church
Sunday 17 December	6.00pm	Greetham Carol Service
Friday 22 December	2.30pm	Blue Christmas for those for whom Christmas is a time of sadness
Sunday 24 December	9.00pm	Holy Communion at Cottesmore Church
	11.30pm	Midnight Holy Communion

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

Greetham Cinema Club



THE MUPPETS CHRISTMAS CAROL

Friday 15th December

Doors Open 18:00

Sreening 18:45

Adults £5 Children £2.50

(Children under 11)

Bar Open

Big Screen

Snacks



Watch Strictly Final on the Big Screen

If you're a Strictly Come Dancing fan, join us at Greetham Community Centre on Saturday 16 December from 7pm to watch the final on our big screen. Entry is free and the bar will be open. See you there!



Coffee Morning Success

The Macmillan Coffee Morning was a resounding success, raising an impressive £679.00! We extend our thanks to everyone who contributed through their presence at the event, cake baking, tea and coffee donations, raffle prizes, and other monetary contributions. Special thanks to the Thursday coffee group and all of our helpers who made this event such a success.

In addition to this, we are thrilled to announce a recent donation of £321.00 from Stretton, Rutland Community Hub Association, bringing the total amount raised to an incredible £1000! We are deeply grateful to each and every one of you for your generosity and support towards such an important cause.

Greetham Church Celebrates 900th Birthday

On Sunday 19 November, the village joyously marked 900 years of Christian worship in Greetham with a heartwarming Thanksgiving service guided by Diane and our curate, Cecily.

The service included a fascinating glimpse into the rich history of the church, tracing its growth over the centuries. David Bland thoughtfully curated a display of historic photographs, allowing us to appreciate the journey through time. And, of course, what is a birthday celebration without cake and candles?



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A huge thank you to all of the visitors that supported our annual fireworks night. Also a big thank you to the marshalls, volunteers and staff for a great evening.

Finally thank you to our 2 sponsors, The Plough & Halliday's Cottages.

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GREETHAM COMMUNITY
CENTRE TRUSTEES

Kickstarting Efforts to Save Historic Village Bells

Did you know, the bells in Greetham serve as our village War Memorial, recast and rehung in 1923. After a century, the steel frame supporting them has shown significant corrosion and requires prompt attention. While we await a second quote, preliminary estimates suggest the necessary work will amount to approximately £50,000.

To kickstart the bell fund, join

us for a lively Ceilidh with McGoo at the Community Centre on Friday 26 January 2024. Save the date! Further details will be shared in the upcoming January newsletter.

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Santas Sleigh!

Santa will be departing from the community centre at around 2pm on Christmas Eve. Keep an ear out around the village and pop out to say hello!

Route:
Great Lane
Begy & Northbrook
Down Main Street
Stretton end

Difficult to predict exact timings with these elves but I'll keep posting updates



Get Crafty in December With Friendly Local Group

Tea, coffee, and biscuits are available, and we charge £1 for every hour you are there.

We welcome all villagers to join us, regardless of your crafting experience. Our meetings are a great place to learn new skills, share ideas, and make new friends.

If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please contact Gill Hodson at 813902.

If you are looking to get crafty in the run-up to Christmas, we would like to invite you to join the Craft Group for their next meeting on Tuesday 12th December at the Community Centre.



Greetham Community Centre



Saturday 16th Dec 4-6.30pm

Music & Games with Disco Steve

Crafts with Mo

Visit from Santa

£2.50
Per child

Tickets: Greetham_Community_Centre@hotmail.com

Please provide a clearly labelled gift for each child to the value of £5-£10



Do you, or anyone you know have any concerns regarding memory or cognition issues, or are you caring for someone living with dementia?

Please join us for our Dementia Awareness Event

Come along for tea, coffee, cake, and an opportunity to find out what support you can access in Rutland.

Information will be available from:



- Active Rutland
- Admiral Nurses
- Age UK
- Carers Team, RCC
- Citizens Advice Rutland
- Flourish in Rutland
- Healthwatch Rutland
- Leicestershire Fire & Rescue
- Longhurst group
- RISE team
- Rutland Adult Learning
- Rutland Community Ventures
- Rutland Health PCN
- Voluntary Action Rutland

Monday 11th December 10am – 1pm
Greetham Community Centre
Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG

Village Litter Pick is Great Success

Our annual Greetham Autumn Litter Pick took place on Saturday 11th November. We were blessed with good weather and lots of willing villagers to comb the lanes, streets and hedgerows for litter and rubbish. In hardly any time at all, 18 sacks were collected up ready for RCC to collect on the Monday.

The extra bonus was that a £10 note was found near the roundabout and 50p in the hedgerows. We have passed this on to Children In Need and thank the finders for their generosity of spirit.

Greetham Parish Council would like to thank Jane Denyer and Ann Jenkins for organising the volunteers and their equipment. It was agreed that there seemed to be less rubbish than previous years, so optimistically we are hoping more people are deciding

to take their litter home with them.

Also, a big thank you to Brian K , Don M , Dave I and Simon R, for their sterling work of emptying the community centre field bins. Finally, a thank you to David and Gill H for keeping our doggy green bag dispensers topped up.

If you missed out, no problem, Spring Clean will be happening in April 2024. Keep your eyes peeled for more info nearer the time.



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?
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Greetham Parish Council Reduced Minutes Meeting on 8 Nov. 2023

Members Present: Mr K. Edward (KE) – Chair, Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Baker (DB), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Ms. J. Shelton (JS), Mr J. Earl-Fraser (JE), Mrs. R. Chipperfield (RC), Miss L. Hinch (LH), Cllr. N. Begy (NB) – Ward Member, Mrs J. Isaac (Clerk). 10 members of the public attended.
Prior to the start of the meeting, David Hodson gave a presentation explaining the draft Local Plan. A Preferred Options consultation phase on the new Local Plan 2021 to 2041 has begun and comments can be submitted up to 8 th January 2024.

Planning

The Chair reported that today a notification had been received on the Quarry land North of Stretton Road – Ref: 2022/0647/MAF – This is coming up for Planning on 22nd November. As the next PC meeting is not until January, it was agreed for GPC to request an extension date for comments.

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 – Northwestern extension to Greetham Quarry including the extraction of Limestone and building stone and importation of suitable inert material. Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham. Agreed to request advice from Ricardo (See Ref: 154.3)

Planning Application 2023/0532/MIN

Temporary permission to amend the initial extraction operations already approved under planning permission ref: 2020/0297/MIN Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham LE15 7NP - Locating mobile crusher in old Quarry. Following GPC comments, it has been agreed to put safety fencing around the site. Details to be agreed.

Planning Application: 2023/1095/RES

Reserved matters application for layout, house designs, road design in relation to the 2021/0170/MAO (Outline planning application for 30 residential dwellings (Class C3), with all matters reserved except for access). Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NP. Members have no objection to the house designs submitted but have some concerns on the site roadways, pond and pumping station. It was agreed for KE, JD & DB to arrange a meeting with Hereward Homes to discuss possible changes, before submitting comments to RCC.

Planning Application: 2023/1034/DIS

PROPOSAL: Discharge of condition 15 (landscaping) of planning approval 2021/1385/FUL (Variation of condition 3 in relation to Application Reference Number 2020/0142/FUL) Development Land at Former Ram Jam Site Great North Road Greetham Rutland. GPC have no objections. Clerk to enter Support on Planning Portal

Planning Application 2023/1040/CAT

T1 – 1 no. Sycamore – fell. T2 – 1 no. Sycamore – crown raise to 5m and reduce lower crown by up to 2m. T3 – 1 no. Ash – remove lowest 2 limbs and tidy up split limbs. 1 Church Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NF
This has been visited and there are no objections for discussion. GPC have supported the application.

Decision Notices

Application Number 2023/0390/FUL

Demolition of conservatory. Construction of single storey front extension and 2 storey side extension. 4 Tithe Barn Row, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NR

Application Number 2021/0170/MAO

Outline planning application for 30 residential dwellings (Class C3), with all matters reserved except for access. Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NP RCC has granted outline planning permission subject to 24 conditions.

Parish Council comments on the new Local Plan

Objection to the 28 houses opposite Begy Gardens on a Reserve List. There is knowledge of flooding - Photos to be sent of the flooding. As this site is in Cottesmore Parish, all relevant matters (CIL, Precept, representation) would need to be discussed with RCC.

3 Plots at Five Counties, Stretton Road: It was felt that Plot 1 and 2 were acceptable with enhanced screening, but Plot 3 is not acceptable as this extends along the Stretton Road and will be very readily visible at one of the entries to Rutland.

Update from Herward Homes re Oak House

Communication has been received from Hereward Homes dated 24 October regarding the Oak House site. A meeting will be arranged to feedback GPC's concerns and needs. CI L and S106 funds - request details from RCC on Quarry housing NB agreed to chase up the request and report back. Discuss by-pass request with Alicia Kearns MP. Information has been received on Alicia Kearns MP working with Caldecott to take concerns to RCC. It was agreed for AJ to contact Alicia Kearns MP to follow up the traffic issues in Greetham.

Streets and Services Team

Update on village wide Traffic Calming Plan. JE reported that contact had been made with the Highways Portfolio Holder and a meeting is to be arranged to drive the Traffic Calming Plan forward. Due to work commitments JE is no longer able to head up the Streets and Services Team, JD said she would be happy to take over from James as Chair of the Group. JD to arrange a meeting with the RCC Highways Portfolio Holder.

Request for a reduction of the speed limit from the exit of the A1 to Greetham on B668 from 60 to 40mph – JD to discuss with Highways Portfolio Holder.

Road Closure 15 January 2024 on Main Street between Great Lane and Pond Lane – due to be closed for 3 days for water repairs. No through traffic will be allowed.

Burial Ground

KE gave an update on the consecration of extra land. RCC Estates Office have responded, and it looks like RCC own the land. Paperwork proving ownership of the land needs to be made available to the Diocese Registry. It was noted that work to introduce the area for pet ashes is to go ahead once the hedges are cut.

Community Centre

Update on defib. from Government Scheme. Currently awaiting a response to the grant applied for. Reports from outside bodies

Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 January at the Community Centre

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.



'Tis the Season to be Jolly...

This is always a favourite, if exhausting, time of year at Exton & Greetham CE Primary School! During this term we dust off our acting skills, as the youngest children prepare to share the school nativity, and the oldest children prepare a school pantomime, written for them by the staff. It is a lovely opportunity for the children to develop their sense of comic timing, alongside developing confidence in stage-craft.

Alongside our Christmas productions, we also have our traditional

'Christmas in a Day'. This begins with a visit to one of the village churches (this year we are hoping to be at Exton), followed by a whole school Christmas dinner, and then a party in the afternoon (with a special visitor if we have been good!). This year, this will be on Tuesday 19th December. The church service is at 9.30am – or just after if it takes us longer to walk. Do come and join us as Teal class take us through the story of the nativity and the whole school joins together in song.

The picture above shows the new mural in our entrance hall, painted to brighten up a plain wall. We think it captures all that is special in our school, a love of music and being together, alongside our Christian foundation.



If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website

www.extonschool.co.uk

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Please contact the school office on 01572 812380 or via email at extonoffice@rltschools.com to arrange a visit.