

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

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

July 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

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

Cover Image: By Sally Cluley - Greetham's Banksy Strikes Again!

WI Members Enjoy Annual Outing

On a scorching Monday in June, 13 enthusiastic members of the Greetham Women's Institute (WI) embarked on their annual outing, visiting Wimpole Hall, a magnificent property in Cambridgeshire under the care of the National Trust. Despite the blistering heat, the members were eager to explore the Estate and make the most of their summer adventure



After a necessary stop off at the cafe to cool down with a chilled drink, the group set off to explore the Estate. The Hall provided a break from the heat and they were able to meander around the cooling rooms and soak up the atmosphere of the building, while the very knowledgeable guides explained much of its history. Afterwards those keen to explore the grounds ventured into the sun once more to find the small

farm and walk around the walled gardens, finally stopping at the cafe once again to cool down with ice creams before starting the journey back to Greetham. It was a great day out which was enjoyed by all.

Next month (10th July), WI members will gather at the Community Centre for a talk by Lizzie Jordan on her experience in an amateur production of 'Calendar Girls'.

Rutland Ride & Stride

The Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust is excited to announce the upcoming Ride and Stride event on 9 September. Participants will have the opportunity to explore Rutland's charming churches while raising funds for local churches and enjoying a day of physical activity.

The event invites individuals and families to walk, cycle or ride, to various churches in Rutland, soaking in the county's architectural heritage whilst relishing the warm hospitality of the churches, indulging in tea and cake along the way. Funds raised through the event will support the preservation efforts of the Trust, benefiting local churches like Greetham St Mary's.

For more information about the event, please visit the official website: www.rhcpt.co.uk/rutland-ride-and-stride.

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The perfect way to remember this important historical year!

If anyone would like to purchase a Greetham Coronation Mug please contact our parish clerk on greethampc@gmail.com or contact Ken Edward on 01572 812136

Cost: £5 each while stocks last.



Services in June at St Mary's Church, Greetham

Sunday 2 July	9.30am	Our World Service
Sunday 9 July	9.30am	Morning Service & Breakfast from 9am
Sunday 16 July	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 23 July	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 July	9.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Clipsham

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

GREETHAM CHURCH FETE

Saturday 15th July
12 – 4pm

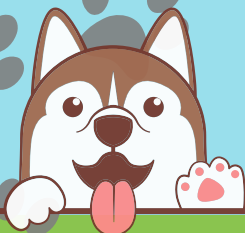
GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

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OF THE CHURCH

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- bouncy castle •
- dog show •
- human fruit machine •
- raffle •
- tombola •
- ring the church bell •
- bric-a-brac •
- yummy food •
- and much more!

**Cash only
so bring
plenty of
change!**



For more information visit: www.greethamrutland.com

**GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE ARE OFFERING
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
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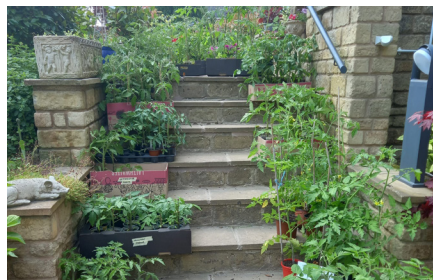
CAKE & A CUPPA FOR ADULTS TO PURCHASE



Call for Donations!

With our church fete just around the corner, we're in need of your help! We kindly request donations for our tombola prizes to make this event a great success. If you have any items you would like to contribute, please consider dropping them off at the church or at 8 Shepherds Lane. We welcome a wide range of donations, including: bottles, toiletries, stationary etc.

Also bric-a-brac items and books may be also be left in the church after the beginning of July. Thank you!



Greetham's Open Gardens Raise £1085 for Church Restoration

In a delightful showcase of horticultural splendor, ten breathtaking gardens from Great Lane to Church Lane were recently open to the public, raising an impressive total of £1085.

With scorching temperatures, teas in the beautifully cool church were very welcome. The highly anticipated plant sale was also a hit, with a wide variety of plants attracting eager buyers. Gratitude is extended to all who opened their gardens, baked cakes, sold tickets, and contributed to the successful fundraising efforts. The funds raised will support repairs for the village church's restoration fund, with a focus on repairing the clock chimes.

If you have anything you'd like to see featured in our next edition, please send it to Zara Young at newsletter@greetham-cc.org by Thursday 20 July.

Get Crafty & Connect

The Community Centre is buzzing with excitement for July's craft meetings. Join us on Tuesday, July 11th and 25th in the Club Room (or occasionally the Jubilee Room) from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Admission is £1 per hour and includes tea, coffee, and biscuits. Newcomers are warmly welcomed, regardless of crafting experience. Assistance and advice are always readily available. Contact Gill Hodson at 813902 for queries.

Don't miss this chance to unleash your creativity and enjoy the company of fellow crafters at the Community Centre.



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What's New?

When the PPG met last month, Dr Steadman updated us on negotiations currently taking place regarding the acquisition of a new site for the surgery in Empingham. It is still early days, but things look hopeful. It will be a long process before decisions can be finalised, so in the meantime, the partners are keen to optimise the current site, and spruce up the facilities.

There are still many day-to-day pressures, and it can be a struggle to satisfy everyone's needs. Staff in Patient Services are often 'in the firing line' for patients' frustrations. It is probably one of the most difficult jobs in the surgery.

At our last PPG meeting we enjoyed an excellent presentation on diabetes from Dr Jonathan Roland, a recently retired diabetologist. Some fascinating facts emerged.

Did you know?

- 1 in 14 people have diabetes
- 850,000 are undiagnosed.
- 10% of the NHS budget goes on treating diabetes.
- There has been an exponential growth in Type 2 diabetes due to unhealthy food, bigger portions and taking too little exercise.
- Type 1 diabetes is genetic but you can do a lot to avoid Type 2. Excess weight around your tummy is particularly associated with diabetes. Don't worry if your bum looks too big, it's your waist that's the danger area! Even modest weight loss can make a big difference to your susceptibility.

Support for Carers

It is Carers Week as I write this newsletter. From the 5th to 11th of June, charities and other organisations will be getting together to raise the profile of the millions of unpaid carers in the UK. The surgery is very much in support of the campaign to spread the word about the challenges that carers face throughout the year. Do you have caring responsibilities? Is the surgery aware that you are an unpaid carer? If your doctor knows you are a carer, you can be offered support and advice, and you can be referred to services that may be able to improve your everyday life. Just complete a simple form at reception or tell your doctor next time you see them.



FAQs

Q. I get a bit confused over who is who at the surgery.

A. The practice is working on producing a structure chart to show people's different roles. More info coming soon!

Q. If I have a blood test or similar, how do I know if all is OK? Is no news good news?

A. Rest assured that you will receive a phone call if something is amiss. You can also look at your results in the NHS app. The practice is exploring whether a text to say all is normal can be sent.

Any questions or comments? Contact Liz your Newsletter Editor at emc.ppg.liz@gmail.com

Greetham Goes Wild 2023 Photo Competition

Greetham Goes Wild is an initiative led by a dedicated group of village volunteers who have come together to manage and enhance the biodiversity of their environment. A 10-year plan is currently being developed, and they are actively seeking help and involvement from the community.

The organisers recognise that many village residents possess a deep understanding of the natural environment, making their skills and knowledge a valuable asset. They warmly welcome everyone to join their cause and contribute to this collective effort.

To raise awareness, Greetham Goes Wild is organising the very first 'Greetham Goes Wild' snapshot competition. Participants are encouraged to submit their own photos capturing the vibrant wildlife in and around Greetham village, including plants, animals of all sizes, landscapes, bird life, pond life, meadows, trees, and hedges. The possibilities are vast, so it's time to grab a camera and start capturing the wonders of nature.

The competition will have three categories for judging:

- Up to 8 years of age
- Between 8 - 18 years
- 18 years and above

The esteemed judge for this event is Mr. David Hodson, a renowned photographer and member of the Rutland Photographic Society. The winners will be announced at the Church Fete on Saturday 15 July.

Participants are requested to submit hard copy entries only, sized at 200 x 125mm (7 x 5 inches). Each entry should include the participant's name, address, and age category. The deadline for submissions is Friday 14 July.

Please send your entries to:
Greetham Goes Wild
40 Great Lane
Greetham
LE15 7NG



Are you a budding Bailey? Test your skills and celebrate the wonders of nature in this captivating competition

Greetham Parish Council Reduced Minutes Meeting on 14th June 23

Members of the public raised the following:

Tidy up of the burial ground – on agenda to be covered.

Clarity on the Greetham Quarry planning application 2023/0532/MIN was sought – on agenda to be covered.

Footpath behind the Community Centre is overgrown.

Lack of use of CC football pitch by youngsters. NB agreed to talk to Active Rutland to see what resources are available to promote use.

Matters Arising:

Update on 38 Main Street: It was confirmed that a report will be given from the Empty Homes Officer after 3 months and then going forward every 3 months. The first report is due in July.

Adoption of roads in Begy Gardens: No further update at present. Request update from Highways for July Meeting

Planning

Reference: 2023/05/32/MIN

Proposal: Temporary permission to amend the initial extraction operations already approved under planning permission ref: 2020/0297/MIN Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road, Greetham LE15 7NP

DB explained the application and the history behind it and put forward his proposal for a response – circulated to all Councillors for information prior to the meeting.

All agreed there was no benefit in having the crusher relocated. Unanimous approval to OBJECT to this proposal on the basis that the recent consent for the North West extension was approved on categorical assurances from the Environmental Health Officer to the Rutland Planning Committee that it would pose no risk to the villagers from any of the activities proposed in the documentation supporting the application 2020/0297/MIN. Clerk to enter response on RCC Planning Portal

Reference 2023/0250/DIS

Discharge of Conditions 18, 21, 23, 25, 45, 46 & 75

A letter of discharge of conditions raised has been issued and DB explained that Planners need to ensure that the proposals submitted by Mick George complies with Best Available Technology (BAT). It was agreed that a Freedom of Information request be submitted to request copies of all documentation relating to the evaluation of this application.

DB to also write a letter of complaint to RCC Planning.

Outline Planning in Old Quarry

KE outlined the response from Hereward Homes to questions raised on proposed development of 30 new houses. Generally, the answers were fair.

It was agreed that if Hereward Homes could agree to the original request of £15,000 for S106 contribution for the community Centre projects, GPC would in return agree to all the other suggested actions in the letter.

KE to write to Hereward Homes

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th July 7pm

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.

Agenda Items

Update on 10 Year Plan for Biodiversity for the Village

DB gave an update – The group are concentrating on the Village Fete to get information on the biodiversity project across to all residents. Funding had been applied for from National Grid, but unfortunately the Biodiversity bank account had not been set up at that time. However, there are future rounds of funding ahead through National Grid and we now have the bank account in place.

The Biodiversity Group are looking at a series of monthly talks at the Community Centre to inform all and stimulate interest. The Group are in contact with Stuart Kidd, RCC Tree Officer, to see what can be done about the sycamore trees in Great Lane.

Co-operation of Further Parish Councillors

The Chair reported that a further two parish councillors are needed. GPC are looking for people within the parish to join. One person has expressed an interest – KE and JD to make contact to assess suitability. If anyone is interested in becoming a parish councillor, please apply to the Clerk by 10 th July. greethampc@gmail.com

Sewage Overspills in Greetham

BBC have published a yearly report on sewage overspills covering the whole country. Greetham are recorded quite high on the list. Overspills have occurred 25 times in Greetham, equivalent to 19 full days. JS is aiming to get someone on board from Anglian Water to work with the Biodiversity Group.

Advisory Teams

Traffic and Services Team Report – circulated in advance of meeting

- Concerned notice from resident traffic safety when entering/exiting Bridge Lane.
- Additional signage “warning of traffic coming out of Bridge Lane where there is already a sign warning of busses turning”.
- Erection of a convex mirror to extend line of sight for those exiting Bridge Lane. JS to pursue with Highways and NB and provide an update as soon as possible.
- Ability to enforce the 20mph speed limits “if there is a sign on both sides of the road”. GPC has been repeatedly informed by police authorities that they will not speed test in a 20mph zone. GPC will continue to pressure for a different answer and a clarification to their rationale.
- Drains backing up on Church Lane. Photos have been taken and posted on Fix My Street. GPC will continue to pressure for a response from RCC.
- Pot Holes in Greetham - Streets and Services Team & members of the public to take photos and post on Fix my Street.
- Bollard on entry path to field in Great Lane. The resident has spoken to the owner of the field, and it has been agreed to put in a request to RCC. To be added to Fix my Street.

Burial Ground - Sandy Begy was thanked for carrying out some weeding of the flower beds at the Burial Ground, and Grahame Cluley for cutting the grass to keep it tidy. A suggestion was made of planting wildflower seed in the remembrance beds. It was agreed for a meeting to be held of all those involved, to discuss a plan of the work and maintenance needed to provide a co-ordinated approach to clean up the burial ground. KE to send out an email with suggested dates.

Community Centre - There are lots of events organised in the next six months. KE and JD have a meeting with RCC next week to discuss community ideas for young people in Greetham. The CC year end accounts have been signed off and will be brought to the July PC Meeting.



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Sport and Music

Following on from last month's offering from the school about cultural capital – we have found ourselves taking part in lots of sport and musical activities this month!

Over the past few weeks, every child in the school has taken part in athletics – from an EYFS sports festival for our youngest children, to the opportunity to take part in athletics on a real sports track at Corby Stadium for those in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

The school was alive with the sound of music, as samba came to the building! Each class had the opportunity to develop their knowledge of samba music and to create their own class samba band with Ollie from the Rutland Music Hub.



At the end of last week, all the children from Year 2 to Year 6 went down to Oakham School Chapel to take part in the Rutland Music Summer Sing, and we enjoyed joining with other Rutland schools to sing songs together and record our final performance.



Before we break up for the summer, we will have completed an arts week, a science week, sports day and attended the RLT Music Festival – all this alongside our normal learning!

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 01572 812380 or via email at extonoffice@rltschools.com to arrange a visit.