

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

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

November 23

Remember, Remember Greetham Fireworks Night on 3 November

See inside for more info



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, please send it to Zara Young at newsletter@greetham-cc.org by Monday 20 November.

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

Greetham Community Centre

FIREWORKS NIGHT

**Friday 3rd
November**

Bar Open from
5pm

FREE EVENT

Donations appreciated



Services in November at St Mary's Church, Greetham

Thursday 2 November	3.00pm	All Souls Service of reflection, remembering those who have died
Sunday 5 November	9.30am	Our World Service - Guest speaker Jane Wilmer from A Rocha on Eco Church
Sunday 12 November	9.30am	Remembrance Sunday Service including 2 minutes Silence
Sunday 19 November	9.30am	Thanksgiving for 900 years of Greetham Church
Sunday 26 November	9.30am	Holy Communion

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

Community Cafe Supporting Children In Need

Join us at our weekly Community Cafe on Thursday, November 16th, from 10am to 12 noon at Greetham Community Centre.

Come, enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea (with unlimited refills), a generous slice of homemade cake or a couple of Jackie's sought-after sausage rolls, and help us raise much-needed funds for this year's Children In Need Appeal.



There will be a variety of lovely crafts on sale, all made and donated by several ladies who come to the cafe each week.

If you are a skilled crafter and would like to donate items for the sale, please contact Sue at 07801 270250. We hope to see you there!



Mobile Vaccine Service

The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Patient Care Locally (LLR PCL) NHS mobile vaccination vehicle will be available at Greetham Community Centre on Thursday, 2nd November from 9am to 12pm for Covid and Flu vaccinations. The vehicle will return four weeks later on Thursday 30th November. Both vaccines will hopefully be available on both days.

No appointment is necessary, as it is a walk-in facility. The eligibility criteria (subject to change) are as follows: individuals aged 65 or over by the end of March 2024, those under 65 who are classified as being in a clinical risk group (please see the NHS website for clarification), pregnant individuals, household contacts of someone who is immunosuppressed, persons aged between 16 and 64 who are carers or who work in care.



Spread Some Festive Cheer at Christmas Lunch

Join us in Greetham for a special festive lunch while supporting a noble cause! On Sunday, November 26th, the Greetham Community Centre will host the Hope Against Cancer Christmas Lunch, starting at 1pm.

This amazing gathering promises a delightful 2-course Christmas lunch, including tea or coffee and mince pies, all for just £12.50 per person. For children under 10, the price is only £5.00.

Please note that pre-booking is required for this event, so make sure to secure your spot in



advance. To do so, please contact Sally Cluley at 01572 813639.

Also, we invite you to spread some holiday cheer by donating raffle prizes for the occasion. Please contact Sally if you would like to make a contribution.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a difference and enjoy a memorable Christmas lunch with your community.

Join Us for a Village Cleanup

On Saturday, November 11th, at 10am, our village is coming together once again to make a positive impact. The Litter Pick is set to kick off at the

Community Centre, and we're calling on volunteers to play their part in maintaining the cleanliness and charm of our village.

The focus of this litter pick is to enhance the overall aesthetics of our village, ensuring it remains a delightful place for everyone. All the necessary equipment will be supplied, so all you need to bring is your willingness to help. We hope to see you there!



The Village Clock at the church is undergoing repairs over the next few weeks to ensure it functions with absolute precision. During this time, the clock will temporarily be set at 12:00. When the repairs are complete, it will chime more accurately than ever before. Plus, it will have the ability to reset itself following power cuts and seasonal time changes.

On Stage: Shakespeare in Love

Stamford Shoestring Theatre Company is set to deliver a captivating production of Shakespeare in Love at Stamford Arts Centre Theatre from 5th - 9th and 14th - 15th December 2023.

A struggling young playwright, William Shakespeare, is tormented by writer's block until he meets the beautiful Viola de Lesseps, the daughter of a wealthy merchant, who secretly longs to be an actor.

Will and Viola's passionate love affair becomes the basis of the very play he is writing – Romeo and Juliet. Will it all work out in the end, or are the two star-crossed lovers destined for tragedy?



Tickets are £12 (concessions £10), or book for a group, and you get one extra free ticket for every 10 you've paid for. Just call in at the Arts Centre or ring 01780 763203.

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Village Production Postponed

We have an important update regarding our much-anticipated "Greetham Through the Ages" village production. We have decided to postpone this exciting event until next Spring. We want to express our sincere gratitude for all the interest and enthusiasm expressed by our community members thus far. While this decision has not been made lightly, it is necessary to ensure that we can deliver a truly exceptional show. Your support is greatly appreciated, and we can't wait to showcase the incredible talent and creativity within our community.

Stay tuned for more updates, and we'll see you in the New Year as we embark on this exciting journey towards a remarkable "Greetham Through the Ages" village production.



Deck the Bingo Balls

With a distinct nip now in the air, we're well on the way to Christmas! Just a reminder that the Greetham Bowls Club Christmas Bingo is ready to bring some much-needed festive cheer to the village!

Taking place on Friday 1 December, the bingo will be held at the Greetham Community Centre. Doors open at 6pm, with eyes down at 7pm. Refreshments will also be available, and with fabulous prizes up for grabs, it's definitely not one to be missed.

There's still time to donate a prize for this event please contact Louise Smith 01572 813007 if you'd like to support.

Join the Craft Club During November

Looking to warm up your winter mornings with some fantastic company and creativity? Look no further! The Craft Club November meetings will be on Tuesday 14th and Tuesday 28th 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 also available. It is a very relaxing and enjoyable morning.

This 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 in the newsletter, please email Paul at pauldevoto_69@hotmail.com

Celebrating Community Centre Champions

Your Community Centre is managed by a group of trustees responsible for running the centre, ensuring that it remains viable, organising events, raising funds, and meeting the needs of the community. However, the Centre's success and operation depend significantly on the support of the many villagers who work behind the scenes to provide essential support daily.

Tasks covered by Champions include (but not only) those who:-

Unlock and Lockup | Empty dog poo bins | Run affiliated clubs

Regularly run community centre events to raise funds |

Help manage the grounds, willow tunnel & playground and cut the grass | Design our website | Support printing & website admin

Run Meetam 'n Greetham coffee morning | Support Kids Club

Edit the newsletter and those who distribute it | Run the bar

Help maintain the building | Manage the centre and clean the centre



On Friday, 22nd September, the trustees invited current Champions to a BBQ to say thank you for all the work they do. Over 40 people attended the event, and it was a humbling experience to see just how many people are actively working behind the scenes, supporting us and contributing to the smooth running of the centre. A big thank you from all the Trustees to all those people who have worked so hard over the years to make the centre the success it is today.

Final Gathering of the Year

It was our last Greetham Gathering of 2023, and everyone was waiting with bated breath due to a change of weather and a forecast of storms. The day started with a bright blue sky and sunshine, and preparations at the Community Centre got underway.

By 4 pm, the cars and bikes had begun to arrive, and so did the dark clouds. Within 1/2 hour, the first raindrops began to fall, and the rain soon worsened. A couple of entries turned around and returned home, and we suspect there must have been quite a few who changed their minds en route. The storm was well under way within the next 30 minutes, and by 5pm. Thanks to the brilliant tea and cake ladies and the bar staff, everyone was well catered for inside the community centre until the rain stopped. Although the numbers were down to approximately half, we still

had a good turnout.

We have been so lucky over the ten years since the gathering began, having only two previous wet meetings. Once again, we must thank all those who have helped at each meeting to make the evenings a success. We are pleased to announce that we will be handing over a cheque to the Air Ambulance for £6,000, and we look forward to next May when we hope another good season will begin.



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Greetham Parish Council Reduced Minutes Meeting on 4 October 23

Members Present: Mr K. Edward (KE) – Chair, Mrs J. Denyer (JD), Mr D. Baker (DB), Mrs A. Jenkins (AJ), Mrs. R. Chipperfield (RC), Miss L. Hinch (LH), Mrs J. Isaac (Clerk)

Matters Arising:

Update on 38 Main Street: Cllr. N. Begy provided an update prior to the meeting with a response from the empty homes officer. Although an improvement plan is in place, there are no deadlines or timelines, which is not satisfactory as it is affecting the immediate neighbours' plans. It was agreed for GPC to complain directly to the RCC Officer (to also cover the items in the letter dated 9th March regarding windows and window frames).

Planning

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.

DB Reported that he was looking to get a meeting arranged with the Planning Committee to discuss concerns over the discharge of dust conditions and number of background dust monitors. Due to the intervention of the Ward Member escalating to RCC Chief Executive, a meeting is finally being set up next week.

Outline planning for 30 residential dwellings at Greetham Quarry, Stretton Road

Updated site plan Ref: 2116-01 11-08-23 to include proposed landscaping and the link footpath to the Community Centre and the Spinney. Draft planning consent received 2021/0170/MAO. Nothing further to report since the last PC meeting.

Response from GPC to Hereward Homes regarding the proposed scheme for Oak House, Greetham Site.

JD read out the proposed response to Hereward Homes in reply to their letter dated 24th July – in favour of a dialogue with Hereward Homes concerning the future of Oak House and further engagement with the village. All happy with the wording – approved unanimously. Clerk to send the letter.

Planning Application 2023/0806/FUL

Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of application 2021/1458/MAF (see full minutes for specific details). Woolfox Golf and Country Club, Hardwick Farm Lane, Empingham, Rutland. The planning application has already been approved – the amendments are variations to the conditions. No-one had any comments or issues to raise.

Planning Application 2023/0806/FUL

PROPOSAL: Extending existing Solar panel system by 8 panels, situated evenly either side of existing panels. Manor Farm 1 Little Lane Greetham Rutland LE15 7NQ. There were no objections – unanimous. Clerk to put response "Support" on Planning Portal

Planning Application: 2023/0168/FUL

Proposal: Erection of agricultural grain store

Land to the North of Greetham Wood, Stretton Road, Greetham, Rutland.

RCC have refused planning permission for the following reasons:

The proposed agricultural building, by reason of the size, scale, massing and design, would not preserve the character and appearance of the site or surrounding area. The proposal would be contrary to policies CS16 & CS19 of the Core Strategy which seek to ensure development would maintain and enhance the environment, contribute to local distinctiveness and be appropriate and sympathetic to its setting in terms of, amongst other things, scale, height and appearance. The proposal is also contrary to Policies SP7, SP13, SP15 & SP23 of the Site Allocations and Policies DPD which seek to ensure development would not be detrimental to visual amenity and would reinforce local distinctiveness.

An email has been received from Greetham Church asking if GPC would consider a donation towards the repair of **Greetham Village Clock**. The chimer mechanism is worn and needs replacing, and needs changing to a more modern movement. The PC has paid for annual servicing which has not happened this year in anticipation of the changes. The Chair suggested that GPC support the village clock and donate £300 net which has been budgeted for against the annual service of the clock (£150 this year and £150 next year). Proposed by KE, seconded by JD – unanimous. Clerk to reply to Helen Macleod-Smith

Questioned cost of consultant for traffic calming: Following a presentation made on traffic calming from a member of the public several months ago, GPC had agreed in principle to look at the possibility of using a consultant to look at this, but nothing has yet been investigated or agreed.

Bypass should be funded by Developers: GPC has always supported/approved a Bypass and have suggested this with RCC on many occasions. After discussion, it was agreed to contact Lucy Stephenson at RCC for a costing/intention, and to raise this at the next Parish Forum Meeting.

Move Chicane: Both RCC and GPC have considered the suggestion of moving the chicane but have decided against it. However, there will be an opportunity to re-visit this dependent upon what happens with the new proposal for Oak House. JD to put in a request to RCC Highways for a reduction of the speed limit from the exit of the A1 to Greetham on B668 from 60 to 40mph.

Environment Planning Team. Biodiversity 10-year plan. DB gave the following update: An application has gone in for the first grant to plant hedgerows and trees. It is hopeful that this will be approved. There is engagement with the children at Cottesmore School, who will be involved with the planting and in developing information to go into the QR coding. Hereward Homes have cleared the dense planting in the Spinney and are talking with the Community Centre next week regarding proposals around the paths and surrounding area. Series of winter talks scheduled starting in November. Thanks were expressed to Barbara Clarke for her presentation on Biodiversity at Greetham Church service. This had been received favourably and voluntary contributions made which have been paid into the Greetham Goes Wild bank account

Next Meeting: Wednesday 8 November 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.



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Getting Out & About

Our oldest children have been to visit Rutland Museum in the past few weeks – with grateful thanks to the Friends of Rutland County Museum and Oakham Castle, who funded the coach transport to enable this to happen. They had an amazing time learning about Rutland in WWII, being an evacuee, and rationing.



Some of our School Council were also able to visit the Houses of Parliament, where they learnt more about how a bill becomes a law and the opportunity to go into both the House of Lords and the House of Commons.



In sporting activities, our footballers have been busy practising their skills and have just participated in the first RLT tournament of the year. By the time this letter is printed, the Basketball festival will also have taken place!



Alongside the RLT annual Spelling Bee, it has been a busy start to the year. Watch this space for more activities over the coming months!

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

www.extonschool.co.uk

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