



# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## BRINGING GREETHAM TOGETHER

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

September 23





## Community Centre Hiring Rates

For more information call 07500 079780 or check out the new Greetham Community Centre website [greetham-cc.org](http://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](mailto:newsletter@greetham-cc.org) by Wednesday 20 September.

### Single Charge Items

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

Cover Image: A very busy Greetham Gathering in August!





# Celebrating 900 Years of History with a Spectacular Village Production

Roll-up, Roll-up! We are embarking on a new family friendly Village Production and would like to invite as many of you as possible to get involved.

This is a community-led production – using the church as the venue. Why? Because the church building is 900 years old this year!

We have prepared a new show called "Greetham Through The Ages" – with sketches, drama, songs, dance, and readings focusing on historical events in and around Greetham over the centuries.

Now the Summer Holidays are over we are looking for villagers of all ages to get involved. There is a role for everyone – from performers, production and technical, costumes and prop making, stage and set building, refreshments, media, and general support.

This production follows on from our successful "Somme of Greetham" and "Greetham's Great War Heroes", two sell-out shows from 2014 and 2018. For those who remember them or were involved, we are aiming for



*Image from previous show 'Somme of Greetham'*

the same high production values and to again have a packed audience in the church on the night of the show.

All are welcome, of all ages. We particularly want to involve and welcome village kids and young people, and especially new villagers who may not have experienced the scale and ambition of previous shows. To find out more, please join us for an intro session at the Church at 6.45pm on Tuesday 5th September. We will explain the show in more detail, show you a quick video of previous village productions held in the Church and the Community Centre, and talk through the various roles.

Tea, coffee etc will be available and children are welcome.

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Thank you to Carol Fairbairn for kindly sponsoring this month's newsletter  
*"I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the many cards and letters of condolence received after the loss of my husband Martin.*

*I would also like to extend my thanks to the many villagers who helped and participated in the funeral in so many ways. From flowers and catering to the service it's self. Thank you so much Greetham, you made such a sad day so very special."* Carol Fairbairn and family

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**Greetham Cinema Club Diary Dates**

**Bar** **Snacks**

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> - Hocus Pocus 2**  
*brimming with hijinks, fun, music numbers, and laughs*  
7.30 Screening, doors open 6.45

**Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> - Amsterdam**  
*a deliciously intricate story*  
7.30 Screening, doors open 6.45

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> - Muppet Christmas Carol**  
*the best Christmas film ever*  
6.45 Screening, door open 6.00

Tickets: £5 Adults, £2.50 Children 11 and under

Watch out for **Barbie** and **Mission Impossible!**

## Services in September at St Mary's Church, Greetham

Sunday 3 September	9.30am	Service led by members of S. Leics. Salvation Army Band
Sunday 10 September	9.30am	Breakfast Service (Breakfast from 9am)
Sunday 17 September	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday 24 September	9.30am	Holy Communion

ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES





MEMBERS OF THE  
SOUTH LEICESTER

# **SALVATION ARMY BAND**

WILL BE TAKING THE  
SERVICE:

**SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER  
9.30AM**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, GREETHAM**

## **ALL WELCOME**





## Crafting Connections

Mark your calendars for the September Craft meetings, scheduled for Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 19th September in the Community Centre, usually the Club Room. Feel free to drop by anytime between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm. There's a fee of £1 for every hour you are there and tea, coffee, and biscuits are also available.



The group is known for its welcoming nature, with everyone willing to share their skills and ideas. If you're new to the scene, the group extend a warm invitation for you to join them. For any questions please reach out to me Gill Hodson, at 813902.

## Boules & Bonds: Join Greetham's Petanque Adventure in the Rutland League



This year, the Community Centre has fielded two Petanque teams in the Rutland & District Petanque League – Greetham Viking Wayfarers and Greetham Vikings Traders.

Petanque is a mixture of skill and luck. The objective is for a team to get their boules (heavy metal balls) as close as possible to the coche (a small target ball). The skill lies in being able to judge how far the boule will roll, taking into account any slopes or ground undulation and the nature of the surface (the piste). The pistes vary enormously, possibly giving a home team an advantage. Each match comprises 13 games, played from alternate ends of the piste.

The teams play once a week in the evening during the summer months, but there is a lot of flexibility as to who plays to take account of holidays etc. Part of the charm of the game is travelling to a variety of locations in Rutland (usually pubs) and meeting new people.

A delightfully simple sport in which beginners can get as much pleasure as seasoned players.

If you would be interested in joining next year, please contact Peter or Clare Hitchcox at 01572 812 585.







## A Decade of Wheels and Friendship - Honouring Founders and Celebrating Community.

As most of you know, ten years ago, four friends, Gilbert, Roly, Martin and Mike, sat in the Plough and discussed how much the meet at Ashby Folville was missed by bike and motorcar enthusiasts since it was stopped due to safety and space in the village. After some deliberation, all four friends agreed that Greetham had enough space at the community centre to accommodate a monthly gathering of enthusiasts who wanted to meet likewise people with the same interests. It was agreed that the 'Magnificent 4' could pull it off for the five summer months of the year and Greetham Gathering was born!

An entry fee of £1 per vehicle was agreed to pay the cost of our village amenities, with any extra money being given to charity. As time wore on, each meeting began to grow in numbers and some quick thinking brought the idea that we needed a parking area for those who just wanted to view the displays. With people flocking from far and wide, it was decided to rent the extra space in an adjoining field. We now have more than 500 cars and vans on the field and around 200 motorbikes and scooters in the car park. Nowadays though, we don't have to separate the Mods from the Rockers!

Unfortunately, the committee have lost one of its founder members as sadly we had to say goodbye to Martin Fairbairn who passed away just before July's meeting.



Martin took on the role of secretary and accountant for the group and did a brilliant job paying bills, banking, and newsletters. Martin was so proud of the amount of money that could be donated to the Air Ambulance and to date, this has been a tremendous £ 20,000 plus. It was agreed that as the Air Ambulance could respond to traffic accidents in a much quicker time, they were the chosen charity on behalf of the motoring and biking population in the East Midlands. Everyone who visits the gathering has passed on their condolences and we all agree that Martin will always be remembered fondly as one of the 'Magnificent 4' and is sorely missed by all.

August saw another bright and sunny Thursday for the meet and many returning enthusiasts and lots of new faces made the journey and were amazed at how many different exhibits there were. (cont. overleaf)





It's brilliant to see people meeting old friends from the past and having a good old chin wag as well as those forging new friendships with fellow enthusiasts.

Over 500 cars were on the field and 200 bikes in the car park were recorded, another superb meeting. None of this would be possible without all the fantastic helpers who have volunteered themselves to the hard work and dedication it takes to make the Greetham Gathering the success of has become. Roly and Gilbert wish to thank all of you, those who help to advertise, those who help to set up and then clear away in the evening.



on, there were too many people to get around to so it was agreed to stop the raffle and charge £2 per car, a wise decision and still very good value for four of excellent entertainment. Then, of course, we must mention Maureen and Carol who man the kitchen and along with volunteering ladies sell tea, coffee and freshly baked cakes to those requiring non-alcoholic beverages. So, we must also thank the generous ladies of Greetham who donate those delicious cakes every month.

Then there is the army of guys who work out on the field and car park directing the exhibits into position for viewing. Special mention must go to Debbie and Sue and their trusty helpers who take the entrance fee at the top gate, a task which is not as easy as it sounds, especially when a queue builds up as change is counted through car windows.

The original charge was £1 per car, and we also had a raffle to help boost the funds but as time wore

Many of our visitors don't have time for a meal before the gathering and here we meet Andy and those who help him to feed the hungry travellers such fare as curry and rice, beefburgers, hot dogs, and chips all freshly cooked on site. All helpers who wear a high vis jacket can have a serving of their chosen meal at no cost to themselves as a thank you on the day, so thanks also go to Andy's Army.

Then, who goes to these outdoor







events and doesn't require some cold liquid refreshments, not many so thank you to the bar staff who cater for the thirsty travellers. Hopefully, we haven't missed anyone out and our last thanks go to the team from Rutland Responders who are on site to help in case we have any medical emergencies which may arise during the meeting.

Our last meeting of the year is on September 21st and fingers crossed we will again be blessed with good weather and if anyone knows someone who has lost a pair of spectacles, we have them safe in Pond Lane.

### Sheerwood Skip Services

#### Recycling & Transfer Station

Wood Lane ~ Greetham ~ Rutland LE15 7SN  
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**Suppliers of - Skips**  
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Ballast • Top soil



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answer machine service

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Please note that The Cinema Club screening of *Banshees of Inisherin*, due to take place on September 9th, is cancelled due to technical reasons. We apologise for any inconvenience.

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Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 13th September  
As there was no meeting this month, there are no minutes for the month of August.

### WE ARE YOUR LOCAL PERSONAL TAXATION EXPERTS & BUSINESS ACCOUNTANTS

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# Greetham Community Centre **Kids Halloween**



## **Party** **Sat 28 Oct** **3pm - 5pm**



Join Disco Steve for a night of  
fancy dress, fun & dancing!

**£2.50 per child**

(On the door)

Including hotdog

(Bar Open for the adults!)





**Greetham Community Centre**

**SATURDAY 28TH OCT @ 7.30**

**Tickets £5 early bird**

Contact: [Katyanderson80@hotmail.com](mailto:Katyanderson80@hotmail.com)

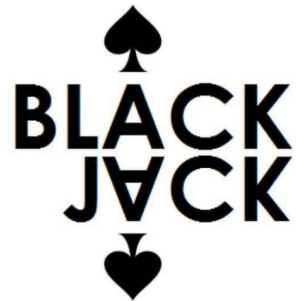
**£6.50 on the door**

**Adults**



**PARTY**

With



**Fancy dress encouraged!**

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# Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

*Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton*

## The Power of Yet



As I type, we are looking forward to our new school year, and the staff are busy preparing the school for the children to return next week.

One of the things we talk about a lot at school is the 'power of yet'. At our school we encourage the children not to just say "I can't do it!", but to add the word 'yet'. "I can't do it yet" shows a hope for the future, a desire to improve and learn and a growth mindset.

The start of a new school year allows us all to make a fresh start, with new ambitions and hopes for the future. As we begin our new school year, we are looking forward to helping the children develop new skills and knowledge and to discover the possibilities that lie ahead of them. What may seem at first impossible at the beginning of the year, will hopefully, with practice and time, become more easily attainable.

Do keep an eye on the school website to see what we are getting up to this year!

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

**[www.extonschool.co.uk](http://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](mailto:extonoffice@rltschools.com) to arrange a visit.

