

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

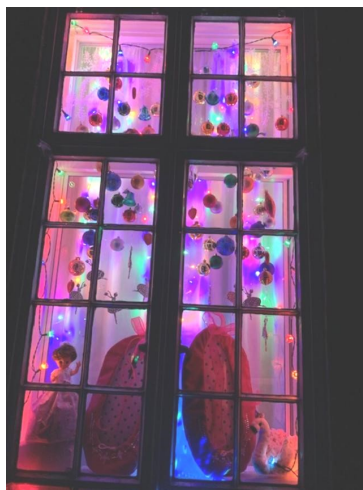
JANUARY 2020

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Hope you
enjoyed the 'living
Advent Calender'

Merry
Christmas
Ho! Ho! Ho!



*Season's
Greetings
to you all*





*CHRISTMAS
and
NEW YEAR
greetings
from*

Peter and Clare Hitchcox and family

Pamels and Barry Bell

David and Elaine Tidd

Alex and Barbara Watt

Chris Cassady and family

Chris and Simon and Gemma Rigby

and Arnie!

Pat and Brian Kenworthy

Pat Evans and family

Allan and Carol Freeman

Diane and John Creasey

Lesley and Roy Wickes

Helen and Don McGarrigle

Sally and Grahame Cluley

Pete Baker and Ande, Peachey

Paul, Ruth, Lucy, Christopher and Catherine Hinch

Hazel and Frank Hinch

Robert and Helen MacLeod -Smith and family

Alison Kirby and family

Jessie Evison

Mo and Trevor Hubbert

Carol, and Martin Fairbairn

Lorraine and Steve Pearce and family

Chris and Nigel Parkin and family

Neil and Glynis Sellars

Jrnnny Smith

Peggie Butcher and family

Sue Bromwell and Mark Osborn

Marigold, Bob and Lizzie Lamin

*A donation has been made to charity in lieu of sending
cards around the village. - including around at least
£120 donated at the Christmas Cancer Lunch.*

*Seasons greetings to all our friends and neighbours as we
celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas time.*

The Bamber family.

*We will be donating to help with the education of the
children of a missionary family in India ministry.*



Greetham Community Centre
Fun-Family-Friends

Looking Ahead

Tuesday 31st December – New Year's Eve Party

We hope you have noticed the on going improvements behind the Bar !

We are looking for a caption for the wall and would welcome your ideas. Please post them either on Facebook, or by hand to Anne or Pauline at the centre

Planning an Event?

Contact us

www.greethamrutland.com/community-centre

Find us on facebook

01572 812389 or mobile 07500 079780

Alternatively email us at bookgreetham@gmx.com



Small Groups ?



*Want to set up a group ? Only have a small group ?
We can help !*

*New concession rates for small groups available.
Contact us for further information.*

**We want to
hear from
YOU.**

Engagement Group

We want to hear from you !

*Do you have any ideas of what you
want from your community centre.*

*We are asking for ideas of groups, clubs activities you
would like to attend , or would like to organise.*

By emailing the centre

bookgreetham@gmx.com

*you can also find us on facebook: GreethamCommuni-
tycentre.*

Or Speak to any of the Outreach members:

*Robin Tidd, Ande Peache, Roly Easson, Debbie Eas-
son, Pauline Kelly, Barbara Clarke*

New Years Eve 2019

For Greetham, By Greetham



Featuring
-WYSIWYG
-Greethams Own
-Comedy
- Illusionist Marvellous
Marko
- DJ Paolo

PLUS.....



All Welcome : Family Event
Doors & Bar Open : 7pm
Prompt start : 8pm
Adults : £5
Children : Free
Dress Code : Party Wear
Tickets : On the Door
Greetham Community Centre

COMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER

- Thu 19th Coffee and Carols Community Centre coffee morning
Sat 21st Children's Christmas Party
Sun 22nd 6pm Greetham Carol Service
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
Tues 24th 6pm Advent Window in Greetham Church
11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion Greetham Church
Sun 29th 10.30am Benefice Holy communion Greetham
Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
Tues 31st New Year's Eve party Community Centre

COMING EVENTS IN JANUARY



New Year's Day Walk

From the Wheatsheaf to the
Plough (via Fort Henry).

Assemble at the Wheatsheaf
at 10.45am for Mulled Wine,
courtesy of Carol and Scott.

Departure 11.00 am

Finish at the Plough, then enjoy a
Bacon Butty, courtesy Peter and
Hayley.

Everyone welcome, Adults, Kids,
Teenagers and Dogs on a Lead.

Start the New Year in Good Company

Wed 1st New Year's Day walk
 Sun 5th 8.00am Holy Communion (said service) Greetham Church
 9.30am Morning Worship - Greetham Church
 Wed 8th Parish Council
 Sun 12th 9.30am Morning Worship with breakfast served from
 9.00am
 Mon 13th Mobile library
 WI
 Tues 14th Craft sessions start
 Sun 19th 9.30am Morning Praise Greetham Church
 Soups & Sweets
 Village Quiz Wheatsheaf 8pm
 Mon 20th **Last day for items for February newsletter.**
 Sun 26th 9.30 Holy Communion Greetham Church
 Mon 27th Mobile library
 Tues`28th Craft session



Craft Sessions
 Greetham Community Centre
 To be held fortnightly
 Starting Tuesday 14th January 2020
 9.30 – 12.30



Everyone welcome – bring your own project,
 learn a new skill or come along for a chat!
 Patchwork, rug making, basic sugarcraft,
 crochet, knitting plus more.
 Whatever your skill come and join in.

Cost £1 per person per hour

Any queries – contact
 Gill Hodson 01572813902
 Billie Hackett 01572813378



Soups & Sweets

An amazing and delicious selection of homemade soups & desserts from the ladies of Greetham WI.

try something new or enjoy your favourites

All you can eat



19th January 2019

12.30 for 1.00pm

Greetham

Community Centre

Tickets

Adults £8.00

Children £5.00

Family ticket £24.00

(2 adults + 2 children)



For tickets please contact Helen McGarrigle 01572 812804

Ande Peachey 0777646990

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday January 8th 2019 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Monday January 13th and 27th.

Oakham Road Bungalows 1400 - 1420. Times are approximate

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918

WI

Our next meeting is on January 13th at 7.30pm at the Community Centre.

Craft sessions

Tues 14th and 28th 9.30-12.30 Craft session in the Community Centre. Drop in or stay for the full session.

Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At 'The Wheatsheaf' on Sunday January 19th at 8pm.

Teams of four please. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball.



REVIEWS

HOPE AGAINST CANCER - Christmas lunch held on Sunday 24th November 2019 at the Community Centre raised £800.00 which is brilliant. Many thanks to all of you that came to the lunch, donated raffle prizes, made delicious desserts and the generous additional donations.
Sally Cluley and Team

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary 101

Through the force website – www.leics.police.uk and following the link – Your Community.

Rutland County Council 01572 722577

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

100 Club 2020

The 100 club is a long established Church fundraiser in which there is a monthly draw with 4 cash prizes each month. In 2019 we have raised over £1300. Subscriptions are due in January and remain unchanged at £12 per annum. Collectors will be coming round in the New Year and new subscribers are always welcome. If you would like to join please call me on 812852.

Helen Macleod-Smith

Community gardening

The good news is that the community gardening group have started work on the verges outside the vicarage in Church Lane. The bad news is that progress has been very slow mostly due to the rain we have had all autumn making working on the banks quite dangerous. The last event was also cancelled due to a gas leak just where we were working. This has now been fixed so starting to plan for progressing the digging and hopefully planting in the spring. I am hoping to arrange to work on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday afternoons once the weather improves. Contact me if you want to join us and which day you would prefer. Tel 07850350330.
Karen Mellor

greethamrutland.com website

I have just updated all the information on the website as best I can - it is a constant battle to keep it up to date.

If you do spot any wrong information or broken links I would be grateful if you would let me know.

A couple of useful links on the website are "Rutland Information Services"

which has a calendar of up coming events in Rutland.

Also "Discover Rutland" which has similar information but not in a very friendly format.

These can be found under the "Links" tab which is in a set of tabs across the top of the website home page

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes on the Greetham Quarry Presented to the Parish Council and the Public

Held on 13th November 2019 at 19.00

Approximately 90 members of the public attended the meeting.

John Gough, Director of Planning for Mick George explained the proposal to extend the quarry on the north-western side.

No planning permission has been applied for yet.

He reported they are well advanced in terms of a technical appraisal.

Timescale envisaged – 9 months to 1 year once planning permission has been applied for.

A question and answer session followed the presentation, following which concern was raised that the Mick George representative was totally unprepared for the meeting.

Issues/questions raised by the Public

Dust and Noise Issues

There were numerous questions and issues raised around the levels of dust and noise – summary as follows:

Dust and noise is a current problem which can only be worsened with the expansion of the quarry – photo produced showing the dust on a car wind-screen.

Ponies next to the quarry boundary are frequently covered in white dust. The dust is affecting people's health and property, and noise impacting quality of life.

However bad it is now, will only get worse with the quarry expansion.

Concern raised that the company is not proactive in its approach to dust and noise issues.

Response from John Gough

Mick George are not aware of these issues or the petition forwarded to RCC. None of these complaints have ever been received by Mick George. The only complaint they have on record is concerning mud on the road. The meeting was told that all complaints should be sent directly to Mick

George Head Office. There is a designated email for complaints. *Email address to be provided*

It was clear that there has been misinformation and a breakdown in communication regarding the process for reporting complaints. It would appear that complaints logged with RCC had not got through to Mick George. If they had been aware they would have taken this seriously.

Other specific Questions

Q. Local Planning Process

A. In accordance with the existence of mineral plan. Application is made under the Mineral Laws.

Q. How many loads of limestone delivery per day and where do the trucks go?

A. Trucks via new entrance in Thistleton Lane. Leaving left out of quarry onto the A1.

Q. Are the vehicles Mick George's own vehicles?

A. The majority yes. Mick George also owns Frimstone quarry vehicles.

Q. Concern about stones left on the road from trucks and complaints have not been responded to.

A. All trucks will be sheeted going out of the quarry.

Q. Can speed limits be imposed – members of the public have witnessed the trucks speeding though the village.

A. All vehicles have trackers on and speeds over the statutory speed limited will be flagged up at head office and dealt with. If registration numbers are provided to Mick George head office, they will act on this.

Q. Will you be increasing lorry movements in the new quarry?

A. There will be no increase – 150,000 tons per year, 33 loads per day

Q. Will the quarry be blasting – is this possible in the future?

A. Categorically No.

Q. When will the restoration plan for the old quarry be re-acted?

A. This is the responsibility of the landowners – Ivor Crowson.

Q. Are you aware of the landowners plan?

A. They are looking at commercial development

Q. How are the levels of noise, dust and vibration monitored?

A. Conditions are imposed on the existing quarry with regard to noise levels. The site will come under the Environment Agency.

Q. Are you aware of the national guidance – The quarry and housing development at North Luffenham was sited as an example.

A. This is a county matter, Central Government does not get involved. Decisions will be made by RCC taking into account the mineral rules.

Q. What measures will be in place to help with the noise and dust problems?

A. Acoustic screening will be put in new quarry.

There was argument from members of the public that acoustic screening does not work. It was suggested that this be put in place now to carry out testing of its effectiveness.

Q. Do you regularly visit the existing site?

A. No

Q. The amount of mud on the road from trucks, what measures are in place?

A. All vehicles will have a wheel wash on new site. There is no legislation requiring a wheel wash.

Q. Why is the crushing operation not sprayed?

A. No answer

Q. Concerns raised regarding the possible decrease in value of homes.

A. The company do have a community trust fund that residents can apply for.

Q. The levels of air quality – are there set levels?

A. There is nothing in place, there is no legal requirement

Q. How many parts of the country are Mick George operating in?

A. 20 plus

Conclusion

John Gough said that now he had been made aware of all the issues, he would take them back to Mick George, in order to carry out an appraisal. A response to be forwarded to the Parish Council for the January meeting.

Greetham Parish Council to set up a Liaison Group to work directly with Mick George. The group to consist of Councillors, Ward Member and Public.

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

held on Wednesday 4th December, 6pm at Greetham Community Centre

Members: Mr K Edward (Chair), Mr D Hodson, Mr P Hitchcox, Mrs A Jenkins

Apologies: Mrs J Denyer, Mrs S Begy, Mr R Kinchen

One member of the public attended.

1. Planning Application – Reference 2019/1178/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use of commercial building from B2 to 50% mix B2 and B8 (retrospective). Proposed 19 no. storage containers (B8 retrospective) plus 9 no. additional containers B8.

Land at Stretton Road, Greetham.

Members discussed the planning application and agreed on a response of “Neutral”, with the following comments made:

If planning permission granted, consideration be given to the following conditions:

Containers should be painted in a neutral colour to minimise impact on Landscape

Screening with trees / hedges, particularly on the South side

Suitable controls to prevent hazardous chemicals etc being stored in the containers as they are close to a waterway.

Prohibition on illumination of storage area

Prohibition of advertising boards on the site

The Parish Council would be opposed to the extra containers applied for, which are over and above the containers that are already in place. The PC would also like to see no further storage container development on this site allowed in the future.

Village meeting – Quarry Extension – Setting the record straight

At the Village meeting in November, a representative of Mick George Ltd (the company operating the quarry) claimed that the company had not received any complaints about noise and dust in 2019.

The Parish Council has now established the facts:-

Rutland County Council made site visits in both June and July in response to complaints. The Quarry operators were clearly aware of this as they are notified of any site visits.

The representative at the meeting has now conceded that the company had received complaints but he was unaware of them. He should have been better prepared.

The Quarry petition (which had been handed over to RCC with a covering letter in late September) had not been acted on by RCC at the date of the Village meeting. The petition will now be sent direct to Mick George Ltd by the Liaison Group described below.

Arising out of the meeting, a Liaison Group with the Quarry will be formed to ensure that there is much better communication between the Village and the Quarry operators. The Group will seek to ensure that the company is fully complying with the conditions of the Planning Permission to minimise noise and dust. This will duplicate the role of RCC Environmental Services but at least the Village will know exactly what is happening.

Greetham Parish Council

Tree Warden update

I met with Stuart Kidd, the Rutland County Council Forestry Officer recently, who is proposing setting up a Tree Planting Group within the County from March 2020. This could involve people who have land and would like to see trees planted on their land: those who may wish to give trees away and those who would like to be involved in planting trees.

If you are interested please let Stuart know at the following e mail address skidd@rutland.gov.uk or let me know on HCHitch@aol.com

Peter Hitchcox

Online shopping advice

First and foremost, before you start shopping, please ensure that your devices are up date as this is your first line of defence! And ensure that passwords are unique, don't reuse the same password on different sites!

- Rule Number One – if it sound too good to be true, it more than likely is!
- REMEMBER the green padlock and 'https' DOES NOT mean that the site is legitimate, just that data is securely transmitted – fraudsters use this to make you think the page is legit!
- To AVOID fake pages, DON'T click on pop up ads or links in emails or messages with offers – search for the offer yourself on a browser – that way you won't end up on a scam fake page.
- Stick to names that you're familiar with to avoid the fraudulent ones.
- Don't make purchases on public Wi-Fi – it's often insecure and your details could potentially be intercepted. Use your mobile data instead.
- When you're ready complete your purchase, check for the padlock and 'https' when checking out – Often shown as a green padlock in the address bar, this means that your data being transmitted is encrypted.
- Payments – use trusted payment methods such as PayPal – remember to check you are paying "Goods and Services" – if you change to "Friends and Family" you LOSE your PayPal protection! For goods over £100, you have far more protection if you pay by Credit Card. If you are asked to pay by bank transfer, be very wary, as you have no protection at all!
- Beware of phishing emails – these could be fake offers taking you to fake pages, or they may be regarding a purchase or delivery. Make it a rule, never log in via a shortcut or link in an email or a text – log in the way you normally would!
- Watch out for those great offers posted on social media – fraudsters use social media to post very enticing offers, via fake websites, but these offers don't exist! Your money will be paid, but your goods will never arrive. Be aware that just because a page is "sponsored" on Facebook, does NOT mean that it's legitimate, they do not carry out checks!
- "Sponsored" pages on social media HAVE NOT been verified, it just means they have paid for advertising. The biggest giveaway is too good to be true prices!

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FOR YOUR DIARIES

Greetham Comedy night is back again, currently the headline act booked is "Lost Voice Guy" winner of Britain's got talent! , Saturday 21st March 2020, tickets will go on sale in January



"Save the date" & more info will follow in the New Year

For more information or table booking
e-mail stephen.calnan@btinternet.com

Thanks to all those who deliver the newsletter come rain or shine - and of course thanks to all who contribute. We wouldn't have a newsletter without your contributions and pictures.

Thanks to Ann Jenkins who has sponsored this month's newsletter.

Ann, Paul and Paul Jenkins wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER?

The newsletter is collated, printed and distributed to every house in Greetham. Obviously costs are involved and we invite businesses and individuals to sponsor the newsletter with a donation of £25. Sponsorship is duly recognised in the newsletter. If you are interested please contact the editor at greethamnews@aol.com

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Monday January 20th please

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ
email: greethamnews@aol.com*



**Wishing you all a very
Merry Christmas
and a peaceful New Year**

**We look forward to
welcoming you in 2020!**

**With best wishes from Julian and all
the staff at Greetham Garage**

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Valentine's £29.50_{pp} Three courses with coffee Menu coming soon!

Day Dinner

Friday 14th February

*Romantic dinner
by candlelight*

**Table reservation essential
available 6-9pm**

To book:

01780 406444



info@greethamvalley.co.uk
www.greethamvalley.co.uk



Exton and Greetham CE Primary School
Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Happy New Year!



The end of December is always a busy time in a primary school – and this year has been no different! The hustle and bustle of preparations for Christmas, along with nativity and pantomime performances mean that we are always ready for our Christmas holiday!

It is a privilege to work in a primary school at this time of year and experience the children's delight in all that Christmas brings.

As 2020 begins we are preparing for new learning and developing new skills. The New Year gives us all a chance for a new start – to think about what we want to achieve in the coming months. We are lucky to be part of a such a happy community who all try their best. There is so much to look forward to. Do look at the website to find out what we have been up to.

School website: www.extonschool.co.uk

Phone: 01572 812380 to arrange a visit.