

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JULY 2022

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New Jubilee Room for Hire!

Following the successful refurbishment of our lovely 'light and airy' Jubilee Room, we are now able to take bookings for this great new space. Please get in touch with any enquiries:

Tel: 01572 812389 (Answerphone only - leave a message and we will get back to you asap).

Mobile 07500 079780

Email: greethamccbookings@gmail.com



New hire fees from 1st April 2022

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Summer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Hall	15.00	18.00	18.00	21.00
Hall with Bar	19.00	22.00	22.00	25.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	23.00	26.00	26.00	29.00
Meeting Room	12.00	14.00	14.00	16.00
Meeting Room with bar	15.00	18.00	18.00	20.00
Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm	18.00	22.00	22.00	24.00
Whole facility (not incl kitchen)	22.00	25.00	24.00	27.00
Sports Rate	7.00	9.00	7.00	9.00

Single Charge Rates	
Kitchen - reheating	5.00
Kitchen - preparation/cooking	10.00
Stage	25.00
Sound System	25.00
Field (includes changing rooms and showers) - Adults	30.00
Field (includes changing rooms and showers) - Youths	15.00
Table Cloths - Round per cloth	10.00
Table Cloths - Oblong per cloth	6.00
Lights	various
Table Hire - Residents only per item	1.00
Orange Chair Hire - Residents only per item	0.50

The only way is Greetham!

Jubilee Weekend Celebrations

After what felt like months of planning, the village of Greetham finally got to show what it was made of over the Jubilee weekend, and boy did you do just that! We went into the planning of the weekend's events confidently, despite some concerns being expressed over a clash between the parade and the Rutland show. Luckily for us, it paid off!

Beacon Lighting

Oyez Oyez Oyez

Tithe Barn local Johnson did the honours by kicking off the weekends jubilee celebrations with the Greetham beacon lighting. After addressing the village to mark the event and the lighting of the beacon, the crowd dispersed after a quick chorus of God Save the Queen, with many villagers moving on to The Plough for a special Jubilee Quiz afterwards!

Kids Disco

A free event held by Greetham Community Centre and as always, Disco Steve really pulled in a crowd!

The kids were kept occupied by Steve and his dancing/games/competitions and magic and everyone appeared to have a fantastic time!

Huge thanks to Mo for offering some respite from the madness in the form of jubilee crafts in the club room - the kids always REALLY enjoy their time spent with Mo and they were loving showing off their crowns and flags to their friends and parents.

Greetham Community Centre Trustees commented that "we are really lucky to be able to offer these free events to our local community, this is only made possible due to the ongoing time, effort and fundraising from the local volunteers who help to support the community centre on a daily and weekly basis".

Greetham Village Parade & Fete

The main event! We're not really sure where to start, as it was all a little overwhelming! When the floats and participants started to gather on Church Lane just after 1pm on a sunny Saturday afternoon, never did we expect the support and response that turned out!

With a huge sense of pride in the hearts of all participants, the parade prepared for its journey up to the community centre, (following a short health and safety briefing provided by Roly, of course). Participants included the Plough, the Village Shop, the Bowls Club, the Tennis Club, the Book Club, the WI, a drummer accompanied by Britannia, the Golf club and the Campsite - to name a few. Joining them were a selection of historic Kings and Queens, a Menagerie of vintage cars, a couple of horses & ponies, as well as a handful of kids who joined on their bikes and scooters. Special thanks to Jessie Evison & Wilf Dalby, and Belle & Joseph for acting as our Kings & Queens of the parade.

In itself, the parade really was a sight to behold!
Imagine our surprise therefore, when we turned onto Main Street! We can't put into words the feeling of amazement, astonishment and an overwhelming community spirit that greeted each and every person as they rounded the corner! WOW! GREETHAM! You did your village proud!! The streets were lined with supporters all the way from church lane up to the Community Centre, it really was incredible - a massive thank you to all for your fantastic support!

The same support was shown at the fete that followed on the community centre field, and the high spirits continued throughout the afternoon and into the evening. An afternoon of field games, races for the kids, a VERY generous Tombola and music from the fabulous Ruth Douglas, a great success all round. The bring and share afternoon tea was also 'epic'! We were a little worried to begin with that there wouldn't be enough to go around, we should have known better! A massive thanks to all who took the time to contribute, there was enough food for some people to have seconds! A Quiz from DJ Paolo and a super popular dog competition kept everybody busy during the afternoon.

The Jubilee Fete was also the perfect opportunity to formally open the Community Centres new Jubilee room.

Frank Hinch did the honours, as he reminisced about the conception of Greetham Community Centre (as we now know it). Frank, along with the support of a very dedicated team of villagers, managed to turn a dream into a reality.

In 1977, the year of the Silver Jubilee, a committee was formed and a survey was undertaken to see what the residents of the village wanted. The parish council, with Frank as chair at the time and Colin Easson as vice chair, made the decision to purchase a field with a view to building a community centre. With a promise to Frank from the landlord of the Wheatsheaf at the time, Gordon Smith, who said "If you find the money, I'll build the centre", the race was on to raise the funds as quickly as possible. MANY different methods were used to fundraise including 'Buy a Brick', Grass Track Racing, dances, raffles, scrap collecting, as well as local residents and businesses who gave so generously, the list just goes on! On the 7th June 1981 the Greetham Jubilee Community Centre was officially opened, followed shortly after by the addition of the Bowls Green and Tennis Court. The Trustees continue to make improvements to the modern day facilities for the benefit of the village.

Following on from the nostalgia of GCC history during the Jubilee Room opening, the evening entertainment kicked off with a good old fashioned ('Greetham Style') knees up, with music from Greethams Own and McGoo to finish off the day.

As somebody said on the day; "this really has been a day to remember, a day that our kids will look back on and remember".

As always, a huge thank you to EVERYBODY involved! Kitchen ladies, marshalls, stall holders, performers, participants, visitors, Kings, Queens, dogs, tidy uppers, bar staff and anybody else we've forgotten to mention!

This one will go down in the Greetham history books!
The Greetham Community Centre Trustees



With
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RYT200 ABCYTT MCMA

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Tennis Interest

Do you enjoy being outdoors and getting some exercise? Do you want to get involved in something new? We have a group of very willing Tennis players in the village who would like to gain interest from other enthusiasts in the community.

Following the recent refurbishment of our fantastic new multi-sports court, we have been considering ways to optimise the use of the court for people in the village and tennis appears to be a sport that has some interest behind it locally.

It's very early days and will depend on interest and so if this is something that you think you would be interested in please do get in touch.

COMING EVENTS IN JULY

GREETHAM CHURCH FETE Saturday July 2nd 12-4pm Greetham Community Centre

Come along to the fete - all welcome.

BBQ, bouncy castle, tombola, raffle, bric a brac, books, jewellery, cakes and jams, teas and lots of games.

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Cakes can be brought to 8 Shepherds Lane the day before or brought up on the morning of the fete - we need lots of cakes please

Tombola prizes can be left in the church any time - marked tombola or phone 812852 or 813118 and we can collect

Bric a brac can be left in the church AFTER June 27th

Raffle boards are in the pubs - please sign up there in advance as we don't have the shop now.

We look forward to seeing you there

Jackie and Helen

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM
SERVICES JULY 2022

Sunday July 3 rd	9.30am	Our World Service. Guest speaker Marigold Lamin on the Mothers' Union
Sunday July 10th	9.30am	Breakfast Service breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday July 17th	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday July 24th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday July 31st	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Clipsham

ALL WELCOME

Greetham Vikings Petanque Club Open Evenings

July 5, 19

This season we are only entering one team into the Rutland League. When the team are playing away we will have an open evening up at the centre. All are welcome from 7pm. The Bar will be open.

Parish Council

There is no meeting this month.

EVENTS

What a Gathering!



Each month we try to keep you updated with how well the recent Gathering has been. This update often mentions the weather and other influencing factors to the success of the event. Our aim is to attract great vehicles and to see all the attendees having a

good time. So, coming up with something new to say or just a new angle on something becomes a little harder each time.

So how was the June Gathering? Well, if you looked at the weather forecast you know that dry bright evenings are almost a guarantee that the

Gathering will be a massive success – and it was. Looking back over the years, we never thought that when we extended into the adjoining field for additional parking, that the Gathering would grow so much – so it was a good idea to have that facility, and long may we need it.

We had a terrific number of vehicles in June. Car numbers (both classic and every day vehicles) were slightly down about 10% on those great numbers we had in May, yet the motorcycles count was almost exactly the same as May's. We estimate that with approximately 660 vehicles in attendance, additional pillion riders on the motorcycles, and general walk-ins from the village that about 800+ people were present at this Gathering.

We were again pleased to welcome the local Moto Guzzi (motorcycle) clubs who ended their day of adventure at the Gathering. Over 20 members arrived at the Gathering and they produced an interesting display of models over a span of many years. We were also able to present our cheque for £4000 to our local Air Ambulance representative – being our donation for 2021. We had hoped to publish a photo or two of the presentation but we cannot locate who has them! We are still trying to find them and will publish them as soon as we are able.

As always we look forward to seeing you again soon. We are always pleased to have volunteer helpers give us a hand – so can you? Whether it be outside marshalling the vehicles, arranging parking, assisting another volunteer or cleaning up when finished, or if you can bake some cakes or serve the teas, and coffees, then that would be a great help to us. Simply approach any volunteer with a yellow fluorescent waistcoat with the Gathering logo on the back or contact Martin on 01572 813717 or by email at Greethamgathering@mail.com.

A big “thank You” to all who have supported the Gathering. Mention must be made to those that continuously make it happen like Gilbert, Roly, Martin, Mike; Debbie and Sue at the gate, Carol and Maureen on cakes and teas, the bar staff at the Centre, Andy Saunders and his catering crew, Graham Cluley for cutting the grass in our overflow field, the Rutland First Respond-

ers, all the ladies in the village who have made and donated cakes and all who help and assist. A big “Thank You”! We hope to see you all in July.....



GENERAL

A letter from a Broken Heart.

Dear All,

It is with much sadness that I write to say that the shop sale fell through and that Ram pulled out. These are circumstance beyond my control.

Due to the fact that the Smith's account, (the people who supply us newspapers) was in Ram's name, he cancelled all deliveries to my business, so I had no newspapers and was not able to get any! For this reason I was unable to supply and deliver papers. Plus with my lease having already run out, all my utilities cancelled and my stock reduced, and with no papers we made the decision that we would not be reopening Greetham Village Shop & Post Office.

It has been a really hard decision to make and one that was taken out of our hands really with everything that has happened.

I'm sorry it has come to this as we have tried so hard for 13 years and now it's time to say enough is enough, and goodbye as well as offer a very big heartfelt SORRY!

Nicole-Marie Brown & Family

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Nicolemariebrown@btconnect.com

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URGENT

Greetham - we need your help

As you may or may not know the Greetham Village shop and Post Office are currently closed.

An impromptu meeting was held on June 15th where a small group of concerned villagers attended to discuss the impact of this closure.

First, we would like to thank Nicole , James and their team for keeping the shop open for the last 13 years.

The situation currently is that the village are attempting to understand the commercial, and legal aspects of the closure. A number of questions were raised in this regard at the meeting, as well as potential options for a village shop and post office going forwards.

However, we understand that the small number of attendees of this meeting are not a true representation of the village population.

Therefore, we are asking a simple question

Do you as a villager believe that a village shop and

post office is something that you want, require and is worth fighting for?

If the answer to the above is YES, then a list of persons interested in keeping a post office and shop in the village has been started and is being held at the Plough on Main Street. If you are interested can we please ask you to take the time to pop into the pub to sign the register as soon as possible.

We would want to hold another community meeting as soon as more information is known, and also dependant on the villages response. We will advise of the next meeting in due course.

PARISH COUNCIL

The following Parish Council report is extracted from the full minutes. Copies of the full minutes may be found on the village notice board and the village website www.Greethamrutland.com

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GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 8th June 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

Traffic and Highways consultation

Following the Annual Village Meeting where highways and traffic in Greetham were raised by members of the public, a 30 minute consultation has been set on the agenda to receive ideas from those members in attendance.

The Chair explained that the suggestions will be recorded and if feasible the PC will take to Highways for their opinion.

Suggestions raised:

- To level sloping pavement in Church Lane past Vicarage that causes residents to walk in the road.
- Parking on pavement at the end of Church Lane outside the Schoolhouse creating problems for pedestrians.
- Vicarage hedge causing obstruction (needs pruning)
- Warehouse and Housing Development in the Old Quarry should be dependent on including a bypass to get approval.
- The Chicane is the wrong way round – suggested it should be at the end of Church Lane instead, opposite Godfrey's Farm Barn and removed from outside the shop.
- Traffic Lights suggested instead of the chicane
- More signage on give way by shop/chicane.
- Additional road marking by chicane.
- Challenge that a 20mph speed limit cannot be enforced in Greetham as it is being enforced elsewhere in the East Midlands.
- Speed Cameras wanted
- More bollards on the narrow bit of Main Street by The Walnuts.

- Traffic Lights outside the Walnuts
- Reduction in HGVs/HGV ban on the B668
- Average speed cameras to be installed
- Boundary between 30mph and 20mph speed limit in Church Lane not logical. 50 mph speed limit requested between Cottesmore and Greetham.
- Hedge outside what was the Black Horse is causing poor visibility for residents turning out of Bridge Lane. Request for hedge to be cut.
- Zebra Crossing on Main Street by the Wheatsheaf and at Begy Gdns., for children crossing to the school bus.
- Safety is an issue when Centre Bus is turning by the Wheatsheaf
- Footpath from Greetham to Stretton

PLANNING

Planning Application 2021/0297/MIN – NW Extension to Greetham Quarry and Dust Monitoring

Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry

Planning Application 2021/0170/MAO Housing & 2021/0171/MAO Warehousing

Awaiting further updates from RCC. GPC have forwarded a letter of complaint regarding the lack of any progress with the restoration of the existing quarry. Following this complaint, GPC now have a formal meeting arranged in 2 weeks with Justin Johnson, Head of Planning. It is planned to get an update at this meeting on all planning applications and issues.

An official complaint has also been made to the Chair of the Planning Committee on the Greetham Quarry Restoration as GPC have serious concerns regarding the operator's failure to comply with their consented legal obligations. After chasing, an official acknowledgement has been received, but if no response is forthcoming by next week, GPC will take the matter to the Ombudsman.

Consideration of Planning Applications

Application Number: 2022/0574/FUL

Woolfox Golf and Country Club, Hardwick Farm Lane, Empingham PE9 4NJ

It was noted that this is not in our parish and it relates to a change of layout – no objections.

After discussion, it was suggested that if any existing lakes are going to be drained as part of the project, RCC should check them for wildlife support.

Application Number: 2022/0647/MAF

Development of a limestone quarry together with its progressive restoration at Land North of Stretton Road, Greetham

GPC wrote to RCC to seek an extension to the deadline date as there is a large amount of information to process. The response date however is to remain at 24th June to give initial thoughts only and GPC will be providing a more detailed comprehensive response later on.

The Quarry Focus Group are meeting next Tuesday to discuss and formal-

ise a response on their preliminary findings.

Application Number: 2022/0654/FUL

Construction of canopy porch.

54 Main Street, Greetham LE15 7NL

There were no objections – Unanimous agreement to support.

Decision Notice

Planning Application 2022/0494/CAT

(T) 1 no. Beech – Remove overhanging branches a maximum of 2.0 metres as shading the neighbours garden and encroaching on their property.

The Chestnuts, Church Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NF

RCC has decided not to exercise its powers to make a provisional Tree Preservation Order in this instance.

Planning Application 2022/0237/FUL

Erection of Maintenance Shed

14 Five Counties Park, Greetham Inn Lane, Greetham, Rutland

RCC have granted planning permission subject to 4 conditions (listed on RCC planning portal)

AGENDA ITEMS

Report on Village Parish Meeting

The Village Parish Meeting received a good turn out and the meeting went well. A thank you letter has been received from a member of the public.

There was a request at the meeting for a plan of tree planting. The planting of trees will take place in the autumn and a plan of trees will be produced in September.

Consideration of the following projects were taken from the meeting:

Wind Turbine – agreed for GM to take forward and bring information back to a future meeting.

Bio Digester – This would need to be done in conjunction with Anglian Water. AJ agreed to produce a report with a rough costing.

Allotments – This project has been taken on by a member of the Community Centre Committee. All contacts have been passed to Robin Tidd to progress the plan.

Trees, Nature and Environment

Concerns were raised regarding the hedge on Great Lane and the adjoining footpath being damaged by some sort of chemical.

PH to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to RCC Footpaths

Community Centre

The end of year CC accounts are available and a copy has been lodged with GPC.

The Community Centre Committee were thanked for putting on a wonderful Queen's Jubilee event last Saturday.

Schedule of Meetings for 2022/23

Wednesday 8th June at 7pm

Wednesday 13th July at 7pm

No meeting in August

Wednesday 7th September at 7pm

Monday 3rd October at 7pm

Wednesday 9th November at 7pm

No meeting in December

Neighbourhood Plan Review

Volunteers Needed.

As you are probably aware, Rutland County Council recently withdrew its draft local plan and is now preparing a new plan for adoption. This process will take up to 4 years for completion, before which the only protection we have against unplanned and unscrupulous developments is the detail of the Greetham Neighbourhood Plan.

The current plan was adopted in 2016 and now needs review to ensure the policies are up to date. There are 3 areas for consideration:

1. Construction design for any proposed developments.
2. Integration of a detailed biodiversity survey and plan
3. Evaluation and suitability of current highway.

Thankfully, we have 3 small working groups of experienced people who have volunteered to undertake the review, which will hopefully be completed within 12 months.

The teams do need further support and help to carry out research and evaluate options to develop the review.

Are you interested? Can you provide time and skills to provide constructive assistance in preparing this important document?

If so you would be very welcome. Would you please contact David Baker on 07970 233552, or by email deboulanger@icloud.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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

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Thanks to our anonymous donor who has kindly sponsored this month's newsletter.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Tuesday July 19th please

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Three for Tea

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Pizza Night

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Three for Tea

Happy Hour 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Cash Prize Bingo

Opens down 8.00pm



THU

Grill Night

Two items from our grill menu for £37.50

Three for Tea

Happy Hour 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Weekly Quiz

8.30pm start, will you be on our winning team?



FRI

Fishy Friday

Two meals from our fish menu from £15.00

Three for Tea

Happy Hour 5.00pm - 6.30pm



SAT

Breakfast Club

Join us for breakfast from 8.30-10.30am

Tammi's Open

Join us in our garden beerroom & ice cream parlour, plus our famous bouncy castle

Live Entertainment

Weekly Live entertainment - see our website for details



SUN

Sunday Lunch

Join us for a freshly prepared Sunday lunch
Booking recommended

Tammi's Open

Join us in our garden beerroom & ice cream parlour, plus our famous bouncy castle

Wine Down Sunday

Finish off the weekend with a glass of wine
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Extra-curricular Activities

As we come into the summer months, we are busy with lots of different extra-curricular activities across the school. There have been sporting events, music activities, art events and a writing competition in recent weeks. These activities enhance what the children are learning in the curriculum and help them to apply their skills in different ways. Below are pictures from our African drumming, KS1 RLT Athletics festival, Quadkids competition and an assembly learning all about Passover.



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 the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at extonoffice@rltschools.com.