

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

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Saturday 4th June 2022

2pm Parade

**Church Lane, heading down Main Street & up
Great Lane to the Community Centre**

3PM GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Village Parade

Vintage Cars

Live Music

Afternoon Tea bring & share buffet

Please bring a plate of food

(sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls, crisps etc)

Tombola

Field games

Bar open

Evening BBQ



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



WERE YOU AT THE QUEEN'S CORONATION?

DID YOU WATCH IT ON TV?

HAVE YOU MET THE QUEEN?

HAVE YOU BEEN AT AN EVENT/PLACE
WHERE THE QUEEN WAS?

IF SO, WHY NOT RECORD YOUR MEMORIES
IN OUR BOOK IN THE CHURCH FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS TO READ?

THE BOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE TO WRITE IN
FROM THURSDAY 2ND JUNE TO THURSDAY
9TH JUNE AND WILL BE IN THE CHURCH.



HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service

St Mary's Church Greetham

9.30am

Sunday June 5th 2022

ALL WELCOME

Greetham's church bells will be rung on
Friday June 3rd to celebrate the Jubilee.

Greetham Jubilee Family Disco – Friday 3rd June – 4pm – 6pm.

Come and join Disco Steve for a fun filled evening with plenty of dancing, fun and prizes to be won. Hotdogs will be available on the night and the BAR WILL BE OPEN!

This is a free event so no tickets necessary, please just come along and enjoy yourselves .

Greetham Jubilee Celebrations – Saturday 4th June.

It's set to be a fantastic day with plans well underway to make it a day to remember. We are looking for lots of help during the day, as well as participation in our Royal Parade along Main Street.

We are looking for Stall Holders, Float Dressers, Servers, Lifters & Carriers and all sorts of stuff in between. If you would like to get involved please do get in touch with a member of the GCC Events Team who will be very grateful of the support.

Also, if you are a local group or club and would like to organise your own float/parade, please do let us know so that we can add you to the list. The

parade will leave Church Lane at around 2pm and head down Main Street and up to the centre where we will be holding a bring and share 'street' party. There will also be lots of fun games and of course a Tombola and the BAR WILL BE OPEN

With live music throughout the day and evening, don't forget to bring your dancing shoes along too! The event will run from 2pm until 8/9pm.

COMING EVENTS IN JUNE

Parish Council

Annual Council Meeting and May Monthly Parish Council Meeting –
Wednesday 8th June at 7pm at the Community Centre

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM **SERVICES JUNE 2022**

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH	9.30AM	PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION
Sunday June 12th	9.30am	Breakfast Service breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday June 19th	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday June 26th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday July 3rd	9.30am	Our World Service with guest speaker

ALL WELCOME

Greetham Vikings Petanque Club

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. on these three Tuesday evenings: the Bar will be open.

May 31st
June 14th, 28th



Letter from the heart

Dear All,

It is with mixed feelings that I write to tell you that I have sold Greetham Village Shop & Post Office.

After 13 years it is time to move on and let others bring fresh energy and ideas to the shop. When we first took over the shop back in 2009 it was a real family affair; James & Wanda had lived in the village for over 24 years; my mum and dad had both recently retired here and both my sons lived at home with us in Greetham. In 2010 I lost my mum aged just 56, with losing my mum; my bad health which has deteriorated over the years and spending a lot of time in and out of hospital I have lost a lot of my passion towards the shop but I have still kept the shop open and given 13 years to running it, but now I have finally sold and fresh blood will be taking over the village shop. They have lots of big ideas and at the bottom are some words from them by way of introduction and of their plans for the shop.

My family and I are so extremely grateful for the support and kindness that the village has shown us. Greetham really is a special place to live and work. Without you, our customers we would have closed a long time ago. We also would have closed if it wasn't for the wonderful people that have worked for us over the years and kept the shop going. Bill, James, Kevin, Anne, Stef, Caroline, Di-anne, Eloise, Karen, Margaret, Annette, Steve, Eleanor, Katie, Darius, JJ, Vaz, Wanda, Edwin, Nikki and all our paper delivery guys and girls over the years. THANK YOU all from the bottom of my heart.

We have had some amazing experiences over the years, from winning awards to opening the tea garden, decorating the whole of our car in flags for the last village procession, Olympic Rings on the shop walls and a massive Union Jack flag covering the roof, right the way through to Covid and lock down. We have given our lives to the shop for 13 years but now its time to say THANK YOU and GOODBYE! You will still see us around as we are not moving out of Greetham just hanging up our keys to Greetham Village Shop & Post Office!

We wish the new owner Ram and his family all the best for the future and I'm sure you will all make them feel very welcome and supported in Greetham as you have to us over the years.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CUSTOM FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS!!!!!!
Nicole-Marie Brown & Family X

"We are really excited to be coming to Greetham Village and very much look forward to serving the local community. We will be extending the shop floor space and have designed the store to provide customers with a safe, easy and enjoyable shopping experience to suite everyone. We will be providing full convenience goods, off licence products and post office services to cater for the whole Village. We are hoping to add additional services like National Lottery too. We will be open 7 days a week to ensure everyone can use their local shop. Please come and support your local Village shop and post office. We very much look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Thank you Ram"

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.

What a Gathering!



You have this hope that when the time comes around for the next Gathering that you will be content with the turnout and the weather, as these are the two main factors that influence peoples decision to visit, or not. The May Gathering was one that will be talked about for a long while because it was so successful.

There is no need to talk about the weather as this was very kind to us on that evening. It had been raining heavily the night before but the sun came out and dried the field, so there were no worries on that front. All we needed was a good turnout – and boy did we get one! The flow of vehicles into the premises was relentless – they just kept on coming. In fact, so many came that we can announce that this Gathering was our BEST EVER in terms of weather and attendances. Thank you to all that came. We registered 536 paying cars and 4 wheelers, and estimated 190 motorcycles and trikes. The main Community Centre field was getting close to being completely full, with visitors parking in the extra “overflow” car park. We also had some unexpected visitors in the shape of agricultural tractors, 3 Lorry tractors, a Fairground lorry and an on-duty fire engine.

During this event, we were able to make a donation to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance representative present of £4000.00 as a result of our 2021 Gatherings.



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 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, the Rutland First Responders, 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 June.....



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

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting on 11th May 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

Election of Chair

JD proposed K Edward, seconded by GM

Vote carried unanimously

Election of Vice Chair

JS proposed J Denyer, seconded by KE

Voted carried unanimously

Election of Councillors working on external bodies and members of the public

The Chair proposed the following:

Defib. Warden – Sandy Begy (member of the public)

Neighbourhood Watch – Graham McKee

Safer Villages – Graham McKee

Burial Ground – K Edward and Sandy Begy

All agreed they were happy to continue.

Election of Councillors to Community Centre Committee

The Chair asked for a further Councillor willing to join the Community Centre Committee.

Janem Shelton volunteered and her offer was gratefully accepted.

Election of Tree Warden

K Edward proposed P Hitchcox to be re-elected.

Carried unanimously.

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

There is no additional information from RCC since the last meeting. GPC have requested that dust monitoring measures are to be reviewed by Environmental Health Specialists in Peterborough prior to any Planning Committee Meeting.

A formal complaint letter (circulated to members in advance of the meeting) based on the lack of response from RCC regarding the quarry restoration was discussed and agreed with some minor changes.

Consideration of Planning Applications

Application Number: 2022 0494 CAT

(T1) 1 no. Beech – Remove overhanging branches as shading the neighbour's garden and encroaching on their property.

The Chestnuts, Church Lane, Greetham LE15 7NF

The tree warden has visited the applicant's garden and can see no objection to the application providing the pruning is done with care taking the shape of the tree into account, and has suggested late autumn for pruning.

All agreed to support this application.

Application Number: 2022/0457/CLP

Front porch extension in keeping with existing neighbouring property

2 Tithe Barn Row, Greetham LE15 7NR

After discussion, it was agreed to support the application, but suggest plans need to show clearly what is there now and what is being built.

Decision Notice**Application Number: 2022/0330/CAT**

(T1) 1 no. Willow - Crown raised and branch removal as per annotated photographs to allow more light into garden and aid future management of tree.

52 Main Street, Greetham LE15 7NL

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

Application Number: 2022 0239 CAT

(T1) 1 no. Conifer tree – Reduce and reshape by not more than 3 metres and trim to shape. (T2) 1 no. Conifer tree – Reduce and reshape by not more than 2 metres and trip to shape. (T3) 1 no. Ash tree – Reduce and reshape by not more than 2.5 metres.

3 Great Lane, Greetham LE15 7NG

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

Broadband Opportunities in the area

In response to a resident's request GPC has looked into the current availability of broadband internet services in the village, including the options for residents to access public funding to gain a better service.

JS gave the following report:

Since 2019 Rutland County Council has run the Digital Rutland Strategy (<https://www.rutland.gov.uk/my-community/digital-rutland/>) to support the government's national delivery of "superfast" broadband connectivity.

"Superfast" is defined as achieving a 24mb download speed or faster. Digital Rutland reports that this has now concluded its final phase and all Greetham residents should have access to this level of service or better through the commercial market. You can check the bandwidth available to your property through Openreach (<https://www.openreach.com/>).

However, even "superfast" is not adequate for many households, especially at peak traffic times (typically 7 to 11pm), or for business requirements. Therefore, last year the Government launched Project Gigabit to support the commercial development of 1Gb capable broadband across the country. 1Gb would provide up to 40x faster downloads speeds than the current superfast minimum.

In partnership with telecommunications providers Project Gigabit is assessing commercial supplier plans for network upgrades and making additional funding available to upgrade rural areas. The Project is currently completing an Open Market Review of Greetham Parish (along with Leicestershire). We expect a publication of the market review to come out in the summer along with an opportunity for public comment by the councils, residents and businesses. The public review will be posted by Building Digital UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-gigabit-programme-public-reviews>.

According to Openreach's website they do not currently plan on develop additional connectivity in Greetham. However, three things can be done to support potential future development:

- 1) When checking your property's broadband service at the Openreach site provided above you can register an interest in "Ultrafast Full Fibre". The more interest shown by our village the more likely they will consider an expansion to be commercially viable.
- 2) Look out for the public comment to the Open Market Review from Project Gigabit mentioned above. GPC will comment on behalf of the village but the more evidence of requirement the better.
- 3) Finally, your quickest option is to investigate taking advantage of the Project Gigabit Voucher Scheme (<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>). We've confirmed that Greetham residents are eligible to apply for a provider to develop an upgrade project specifically for you and your neighbours. The scheme requires at least two households to be making a commitment at the same time and is subject to development of a project plan with an approved provider - which for Greetham is only Openreach and Millennium Telecom Ltd.

Stretton to Greetham foot/cycle path

Since the visit in April, a letter has been received from Highways

agreeing that this is a good idea, although no funding at present. They are looking at including it for consideration in their forthcoming Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

Focus Groups

Trees, Nature and Environment

It was noted that some benches in the village could benefit from a rub down, clean and re-paint.

The hedge on the far side of Begy Gardens needs cutting back in the autumn. It was agreed that this should be diarised to get 2 quotes in September.

JE raised the grass verges being cut by RCC contractors every 3 weeks, with no instructions for protected verges. This has resulted in the daffodils recently planted being destroyed.

The Chair reported that the first phase of the Biodiversity Plan is in progress.

The request from a member of the public for weed killer to be applied to the Community Centre field is to be communicated to the Community Centre Chair.

Burial Ground

New Burial Ground Gates have been purchased and fitted by a member of the public.

Thanks were noted to Grahame Cluley and helpers for the excellent work carried out.

Community Centre

The annual village meeting is scheduled for 25th May at 7pm at the Community Centre.

The Chair went through the format of the meeting and the agenda.

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 WATCH

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police

Leicestershire Constabulary

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.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CHURCH FETE SATURDAY JULY 2ND 12-4.00pm at the

Community Centre

Tombola prizes needed

BBQ, bric a brac, cakes jewellery, games, dog show etc - lots of fun for all the family.

See facebook for updates

Strange snake in Greetham

Following our previous article on the snakes of the UK we were contacted about an unusual snake living in Greetham which did not match any of the descriptions. On first inspection we thought it may be a smooth snake, but we decided to dig deeper. Contacting the Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust, we asked for their opinion on what type of snake it was. They believed that it could be a cross species of adder and grass snake. However they were waiting for an expert opinion. Eventually, they got back to us saying it was a bull snake. This is not a native species and probably escaped from captivity. Thankfully bull snakes are non venomous, though they are related to rattle snakes. They can also produce a similar rattle to their relatives. The sound is also similar to the grunting of a bull – hence the name.

Since then, there has been another sighting of it so if anyone's bull snake has escaped please contact us and we may be able to help you locate it. Contact us at hodson001@gmail.com.



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JULY NEWSLETTER

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Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

Art and design

A huge thank you to everyone in the local community who donated newspaper! We now have plenty, so there is no need to save us any more at present.

The picture this month shows some of the fruits of our creations from newspaper and modroc. The year 2 and year 3 children have been creating figures from Roald Dahl



books as part of their sculpture work in art. These were created from the newspaper, covered in modroc and then painted. You can see: an oopma loompa, Willy Wonka and the enormous crocodile!

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.