

# GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MARCH 2022

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*The WI's celebration Jubilee cake as  
displayed at the Soups and Sweets lunch*



**Greetham Community Centre**  
**Fun-Family-Friends**

## COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRING FEES

	Residents Rates £ per hour		Non Residents Rates £ per Hour	
	Sum- mer	Winter	Summer	Winter
Hall	13.00	16.00	16.00	19.00
Hall with Bar	17.00	20.00	20.00	23.00
Hall with Bar after 11pm	21.00	24.00	24.00	27.00
Meeting Room	10.00	12.00	12.00	14.00
Meeting Room with bar	13.00	16.00	16.00	18.00
Meeting Room with Bar after 11pm	18.00	20.00	20.00	22.00
Whole facility (excluding kitchen)	20.00	23.00	22.00	25.00
Sports Rate	5.00	7.00	5.00	7.00

<b>Single Charge Rates</b>	
Kitchen - tea/coffee preparation	2.50
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



### ***Probably The Best Community Centre in Rutland***

Our two-year Community Centre refurbishment programme is almost complete. In Phase One. We made major structural improvements to the Clubroom - French windows, new furnishings, and a wide screen TV. We have upgraded the heating and hot water system, and the kitchen is also now much pleasanter to cook in.

Outside, a state-of-the-art tennis, basketball and netball court, complete with floodlighting, has proved popular, as have the patio and picnic tables. Phase Two is almost finished. A much-needed meeting and activity space, the Jubilee Room, has been created by fitting a folding acoustic partition and installing windows and a separate entrance at the far end of the Main Hall. Outside, the patio has been extended with additional picnic tables and there are now car park floodlights and wall lighting to welcome visitors after dark. New signage and wall rendering have improved the Centre's external appearance. We will soon have a dedicated five-a-side football pitch marked on the field. If to these improvements we add, the superb children's playground, Greetham now has the best community centre in the county, if not the East Midlands.

Rutland County Council, Greetham Parish Council, Sport England, the Bernard Sunley Foundation, Wren FCC Communities Foundation and BIFFA waste management group have all contributed significantly to the cost of this work and to them we extend a warm thank you.

The pandemic may have forced us to close the Centre in 2020 but



it also provided the time and space to think about how best to serve our community. In February 2021, we defined our mission '*...to be at the HEART of the Greetham Community, in promoting, enabling and facilitating inclusive activities, which embrace and address the current and future social, cultural, recreational and wellbeing needs of all Greetham residents.*' We hope the people of Greetham feel we are fulfilling that mission by meeting their needs and that they will enjoy as many of these amazing facilities as they wish to.

All of you newly arrived Greetham residents, as well as the existing members of our community, are invited to join in any of the existing activities. You will be made most welcome. If you are thinking of starting a new group or sports team, please get in touch and we will help you get your ideas off the ground. If you want to hire any part of the Centre for a private activity or to celebrate a special occasion, please let us know. It is a great party and meeting venue. We will do everything we can to make your plans a success.

If you want to discuss any ideas you have for using the Centre facilities, please contact either Ande Peachey-Baker, [andepeachey@btinternet.com](mailto:andepeachey@btinternet.com) or Robin Tidd, [robin.tidd@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.tidd@btinternet.com)

Greetham can be proud to have such a great facility. It is yours to use and enjoy!

Ed Finn, Community Centre Trustee and Project Manager.



Jubilee Celebrations!

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday 4th June 2022**

Floats, food, drink, music, games & more!

**Please Note - The Community Centre booking address has changed. It is now - [greethamccbookings@gmail.com](mailto:greethamccbookings@gmail.com). Telephone numbers remain the same - 01572 812389 (Answerphone only - leave a message and we will get back to you asap). Mobile - 07500 079780**

## COMING EVENTS

### ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM SERVICES FEBRUARY /MARCH 2022

Sunday February 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6.00pm	Service at Cottesmore Church
Sunday March 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Our World service with guest speaker on WaterAid
Sunday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Breakfast Service - breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday March 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday March 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Holy Communion Mothering Sunday

### ALL WELCOME AT ALL SERVICES

#### ***Parish Council***

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.00hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 18.20 hrs.

#### ***Craft Group Meetings***

This month's meetings will be on:

- Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>
- Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>

We will be in the Community Centre Meeting Room from 9.30 – 12.30. Come for as long as you like (£1 per hour). Bring any sort of craft or just call in for a coffee and a chat!

We are a very friendly group, happy to help if you would like to learn something new.

All are very welcome. Please ring if you have any queries.

Gill Hodson 813902



#### ***Greetham Vikings Petanque Club***

The club will be starting playing again after Easter. This year a modified league fixture list will be in action and we will also be having club evenings as well. More information will be available in the next newsletter but do consider coming to our AGM at the Community Centre if you are interested in joining us. The AGM is on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm.

## REVIEWS

### A Toast to Her Majesty

Greetham WI's special Soups and Sweets event fell on the 6<sup>th</sup> February this year. The day the queen acceded to the throne in 1952. The WI and residents of Greetham marked the occasion with a special celebration cake and a toast to Her Majesty. The event was sold out early as everyone seemed to be only too happy to join together after all the Covid restrictions. The WI in turn pulled out all the stops and a wonderful selection of delicious soups and sweets were provided, rounded off with a slice of the special celebration cake. A good time was had by all.



## CORRECTION

The WI meet on the second Monday of every month at the Community Centre at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.

## GENERAL NEWS

### ***Mobile Library***

In place of its normal Mobile Library Service, Rutland County Council has introduced a new Home Library delivery and collection service. For mobile library customers in Rutland villages place your requests (holds) by phone on 01572 722918 or via our online catalogue, and we will arrange delivery to you. We will also pick up your loans. Please telephone us to renew any items.

### ***100 club***

Welcome to our new subscribers and thank you to everyone who supports the church in this way each year. All the numbers are allocated. Good luck!

### ***Operation Christmas Child - Shoe Box Appeal***

Thank you again to all of you who packed a shoe box in 2021, the total that left the UK was 277,350. Our boxes went to two locations, Liberia



which is in western Africa between Cote d'Ivoire and Sierra Leone where 50.9% of the population live below the poverty line and Albania which is in south eastern Europe between Greece to the south and Montenegro and Kosovo. 600 of those that went to Albania were given to Aghan refugee children in a camp with their parents. Patricia Hagger

### ***Barn Owls in the village***



Barn owls, important for controlling small animal populations, are found all over England and most of the UK. Including as it turns out here in Greetham as a pair has been seen in a local owl box this year. The owl box as pictured on the left was emptied out, of the nest materials. In doing so a few owl pellets, and a, bright white, unfortunately unhatched, egg was discovered. Due to barn

owls nesting in hidden nests the eggs can be white despite the loss of camouflage.

However, not all is lost as there was evidence to suggest that some chicks survived against the odds. As it is approximated at least 25% of all barn owls born each year are killed. This is due to lack of suitable habitat to hunt, roost and nest in. Additionally, some fall victim to vehicles, becoming road kill. This can be limited if hedges are planted around roads as this decreases the likely hood of owls flying low over the roads. They are mostly to be seen at night time, as they are nocturnal and hunt at night. Though an exception to this is when they are raising owlets (baby owls) as they have to hunt during the day to provide food for the growing owlets. This typically starts in April, lasting for 13-14 weeks, before the owlet leave their parents' home range, this is called dispersal.



There have also been sightings of the barn owl chicks in previous years at the afore mentioned owl box. A painting of one of them is on the right.

We believe there are also owl boxes situated at the Greetham golf course. The village is developing a Biodiversity Plan and we would love to hear about any other owl activity in Greetham

Please email Dave Hodson at [hodson001@gmail.com](mailto:hodson001@gmail.com) with any info.



# **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](http://www.Greethamrutland.com)

## **GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Minutes of Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 7pm held at the Community Centre**

#### **Matters arising**

##### **Trees at Begy Gardens**

The hedge planting which is at the boundary between the development and the field has been inspected by the Tree Warden with a Begy Gardens resident.

A working party was suggested to clear the debris to enable any extra planting to be done at a later date.

PH reported that the large field to the west of the development belongs to Exton Estates. It was agreed for PH to write to Exton Estates to find out who owns the land where the boundary is situated.

##### **Budget for 2022-23**

There is a sum allocated of £500 in the budget for commemorative platinum momento for the Queens Jubilee. After discussion, there was unanimous approval in principle to buy 144 memorial mugs to distribute to all Greetham children under 18 years on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Queens Jubilee event.

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

##### **Extension to Restoration Timeline on Existing Quarry**

The Chair reported that RCC have chosen the same people to handle the Minerals for Rutland Contract, which in GPC's opinion is not healthy or fit for purpose. As a result, a Scrutiny Meeting has been arranged for tomorrow evening. GPC will be presenting some questions at that meeting regarding the Minerals contract.

##### **Consideration of Planning Applications**

##### **Planning Application 2021/1454/FUL**

Proposal: Proposed single storey dwelling and works to agricultural building.

Far Wood Farm, Far Wood Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7QT

The Planning Focus Group have met to discuss this application.

GPC have no objections and recommend a "neutral" response.

##### **Update on the Biodiversity Action Plan**

DB outlined the core principles and objectives of the Biodiversity Action Plan to members of the meeting.

Stage 1 in the process will focus on the desktop study and scope of the plan with proposed completion: Mid-March 2022.

Stage 2: Specialist Surveys – Completion June 2022

Stage 3: Report writing and recommendations – Completion August 2022

## **The Queens Jubilee Celebration**

The Community Centre are currently arranging events for the Queens Jubilee. The main celebration in the village will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, with a possible beacon lighting on the evening of 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

## **Focus Groups**

### **Fix my Street and Highways**

2 new items have been added following the last meeting.

PH gave an update on the visit held with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 13<sup>th</sup> January, at which the following concerns were raised:

- HGV's causing damage to properties on Main Street
- our request to reduce the speed from 60-50 mph from Cottesmore to Greetham
- a 20mph zone throughout the village
- changes to signage on the A1 sending HGV's to A606
- pedestrian crossings opposite Begy Gardens and bus stop by Bridge Lane.

A substantive reply to these issues is awaited from Highways.

## **Trees, Nature and Environment**

If requested, the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland would be more than happy to attend a planting of the tree ceremony at Greetham Community Centre.

It has been noted that one tree recently planted, is missing on the main road to Cottesmore.

Over 500 bluebells received at the end of January have now been planted in the Spinney at GCC.

## **Monthly Planning Review and Local Plan**

Local Plan:

DB explained the Local Plan timeline. The issues and options preparatory work is currently being looked at, and GPC have put forward concerns on minerals. The timeline for completion of the Local Plan runs forward to 2025.

Update on Village Survey

This has been completed and submitted to RCC.

## **Burial Ground**

The burial ground gates are being replaced out of this year's budget. The quote has been approved and the order is imminent.

The member of the public was thanked in advance for volunteering to order and install the new gates.

## **Community Centre**

The Trustees Handbook on Greetham Community Centre has been sent out to all Councillors, which outlines the process for payments.

The Chair outlined the project schedule of payments and invoices to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

The CC Lease and Deed is available to be viewed on dropbox.

KE reported that GPC have received an invite to apply for a grant with BIFFA (Queens' Jubilee award). If successful, it was proposed to purchase an extension skateboard park at GCC.

## **Reports from outside bodies**

Rutland North Beat Report for December:

Burglary Dwelling – Langham x 2

Assault – Market Overton, Essendine, Whissendine x 2, Stretton x 2, Cottesmore

Theft from Vehicle – A1, Toll Bar x 2, Greetham

Criminal Damage – Whissendine, Stretton, Whitwell, Market Overton

Theft – Whitwell, Tickencote, Cottesmore,

Public Order – Greetham, Great Casterton, Ryhall, Whissendine, Langham.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm

Nine trees recently planted along the B668 will be relocated elsewhere along the same road. This is because of highway issues.

## ***NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH***

***Rutland North Neighbourhood Police***

**Leicestershire Constabulary** 101

Through the force website – [www.leics.police.uk](http://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.**

## **IN THE FUTURE**

## **CHURCH CAKE AND PLANT SALES**

On **Easter Saturday April 16th** there will be a cake sale in Shepherds Lane and on **Saturday May 14th** there will be a plant sale also in Shepherds Lane both from 10.00am.

Donations of cakes to Helen Macleod-Smith and plants to Karen Mellor - all gratefully received and proceeds to St Mary's Church.



Thanks to Merv and Sue Bamber who have kindly sponsored this month's newsletter.

*To everyone celebrating a significant birthday this year 'Happy Birthday!'*

## **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](mailto:greethamnews@aol.com) or **01572 812585**

## **APRIL NEWSLETTER**

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox*

***by Sunday March 20th please***

*The Walnuts, 69 Main Street, Greetham. LE15 7NJ  
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***I AM A CAMERA***  
**by John van Druten**  
**8th-12th March 2022**

**1930s Berlin. Christopher Isherwood's novel 'Goodbye to Berlin' is brought to vivid, moving, and satirical life in the play on which the musical 'Cabaret' was based. Through the rich cast of characters, which includes Sally Bowles, the outrageous, outspoken yet vulnerable cabaret artiste, we certainly see that life is indeed a cabaret.**

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# THE PLOUGH EVENTS

	<p>23 MAIN STREET GREETHAM LE15 7NJ</p> <p>01572 813613</p>
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## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

- March 5th: Angie
- March 26th: Sammy Dean
- April 9th: 3rd birthday disco party  
night Midnight City Band
- April 16th TBC
- April 23rd Black Jack

FREE ENTRY - 8.30PM START

## WEEKLY FOOD NIGHTS

- Mon: Burger Night
- Tues: Pie Night
- Wed Pizza Night
- Thurs: Grill Night
- Fri: Fishy Friday
- Sat: Saturday Breakfast Club

## EASTER AT THE PLOUGH

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every day over the  
Easter Holidays

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## SIX NATIONS

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## MOTHERS DAY

March 27th: Mothering Sunday

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Mothers day special menu

Booking recommended for this very  
popular event

## CHARITY EVENTS

March 1st: Pancake Day Races

Coming Soon  
Star Wars Day  
Plough Summer Ball  
Greetham at War  
Medieval Night



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## **Exton and Greetham CE Primary School**

*Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton*

### **A Huge Thank You!**

*We'd like to give a huge thank you to the local community in Exton, and especially to Christina and Simon at the Fox and Hounds and David Healey for the money raised for the school over Christmas at the pub and from the Exton Christmas trees. We have ordered some new equipment for our EYFS area – photographs to follow once this arrives.*

### **Making use of our Library**

*Over the summer holidays we relocated our non-fiction library within the school and purchased some new shelving, making it easier to find different books. Here are some pictures of our year 2 and 3 children making use of the library for some research in their science work just before half term.*



*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 the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at [extonoffice@rltschools.com](mailto:extonoffice@rltschools.com).*