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COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2014**
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*Scenes from Unmythable with Judith and Pat
seen toasting the event beforehand.*

COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

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Christmas party 2013

The hi-light this month at the Centre was the Barn Dance. Nearly 100 grown-ups and children came to dance the night away. From the minute the band started everyone was on the floor. Halfway through we stopped for a sausage, jacket potato and bean supper followed by apple pie and custard. No sooner had the band returned to the stage then everyone once again took to the floor. We even had Ruth and Stacey behind the bar dancing!!! A great night enjoyed by both young and old.

The next organised event at the Centre is by Temple Theatre on the 22nd March. The production is Shooting the Moon. If this is anything like the last production it's an evening not to be missed. Tickets are available from Helen McGarrigle or on the door. Don't miss out - it's a great evening.

We are at the moment two short on the Committee. If you would like to join us and help keep the Community Centre going, then please turn up at the next meeting on 5th March at the Centre and see how you think you can help or, alternatively let me (Maureen 813061) know you are interested. Even if you are not interested in joining the main Committee, but would like to help in any way, please let me know.

The tickets for the **Summer Ball** are going well. We are up to over 70 so far and we will have to stop at 120. Please order your tickets from either Vicky (812893) or Maureen to ensure your place. It is dancing to the Rutland Big Band with a welcome drink and canapes and a two course meal. Certainly not an evening to be missed and an opportunity to "dress up". So order your tickets, gentlemen get you DJs out and ladies your "glam" outfits and join us on the 28th June.

We are also holding another Pamper Evening for the ladies on 14th May. Entry is priced at £6.00 per person to include a glass of wine. Another

evening not to be missed.

Sorry gentlemen, we will try and think of something for you.

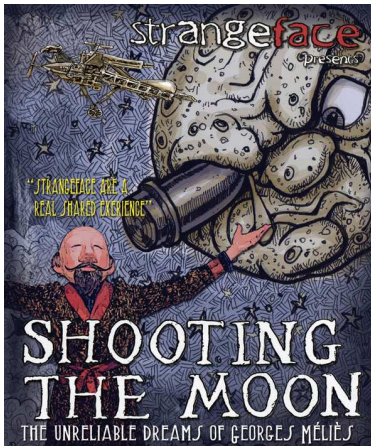
Greetham Community Centre Committee

Material wanted

We are looking for material to make summer bunting - floral, yellow and green colours. Leave material with Helen McGarrigle or any member of the Community Centre Committee.



Fun at the Barn Dance



Greetham Community Centre

Sat 22nd March at 7.30

Doors open 6.45 Bar available

Adults £9 / Child 8+ to GCSE

age £4.50

Family Ticket £25

Contact Helen 01572 812804/

Karen 812044

COMING EVENTS

March 22nd Shooting the Moon

May 14th Ladies Pamper Evening

June 28th Summer Ball

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CENTRE**

CALL 01572 812389

Please leave a message of your requirements including your name and telephone number on the answering machine. Please speak clearly and repeat your telephone number. Your call will be returned asap

COMING EVENTS IN MARCH

Sun	2nd	Greetham Church 6pm Modern Worship and Bible Study
Tue	4th	Greetham Website Group AGM
Wed	5th	Oak House Lunch Lent Course starts Community Centre meeting
Thu	6th	Mobile library
Sun	9th	Greetham Church 9.30am Modern service with light breakfast from 9.00am Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf
Mon	10th	WI
Wed	12th	Parish Council meeting
Sat	15th	Fete meeting
Sun	16th	Songs of Praise 6pm Greetham Church followed by the AGM
Thu	20th	Deadline for April edition Mobile library
Sat	22nd	Shooting the Moon
Sun	23rd	9.30 Sung Holy Communion Greetham Church
Fri	28th	Café Church 7.15pm Greetham Church
Sat	29th	Church Spring clean
Sun	30th	Village Quiz The Wheatsheaf

Greetham Website Group AGM

The Greetham Website Group will be holding their third AGM on Tuesday 4th March 2014 at 6.30pm at the Plough.

All villagers are welcome to attend and there will be a free glass of wine and some nibbles.

We are proud of what we have achieved so far but some new ideas and support would always be welcome. Hope to see you there.

David Hodson e-mail: hodson001@gmail.com Tel: 01572 813902

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Oak House lunch

Our Oak House Over 60s Lunch Club will be on Wednesday 5th March- 1.15pm arrival. Two courses for £5.00.

Please book in advance. Come and be a part of our community!

Oak House Residential Home - 01572 812647

Lent course 2014

Wednesday evenings from 5th March to 9th April

Greetham Church: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm

In the weeks before Easter the churches in our group will be focusing on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul wrote to the new Christians in Philippi while in prison in Rome, in about 61 AD. His readers needed encouraging and teaching – and reminding.

You wouldn't expect a letter from prison to be filled with happy thoughts. Being



chained to a prison guard for 24 hours a day does not sound like much fun. But Paul's letter gives us an entirely different view of life.

Paul's message was centred on Christ – and that is the title of Michael Baughen's study guide that we will be using as a framework for the series. You don't need to have your own copy. A leading business woman, a former slave girl and Paul's Roman jailor were among the first to listen and respond. We're a very mixed group of people as well! You are most welcome to join us. And you won't end up in jail for saying something that's important to you...

The first session, on Ash Wednesday, will include Holy Communion.

Rutland Mobile Library in Greetham

Thursday March 6th and 20th. Times are approximate

Oakham Road Lock's Close 14.00 - 14:20

Church Lane Near No 20 14:20 - 14:40

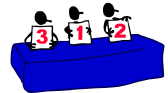
Church Lane Opp. The Plough 14:40 - 15.00

For information please contact Oakham Library 01572 722918



Greetham Monthly Sunday Quiz

At The Wheatsheaf on Sunday March 9th and 30th. Teams of four or thereabouts. £1 per person entry (to include a light snack) with the money going to good causes - also a lucrative cash snowball.



Prompt start at 9 pm.

WI

The next meeting is on Monday March 10th at 7.45pm at the Community Centre. A talk will be given by Heather Slater on 'My life in Saudi Arabia' where she was a nanny to the Royal Family.

Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday 12h March 2014 at the **Greetham Community Centre** commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available from 1920 hrs.

Fete Helpers Meeting

Saturday 15 March at 2pm in Church

Please come along to this meeting if you'd like to contribute ideas for this year's fete or help out with teas, stalls or outside games and events. The fete will be held on Saturday 19 July. Some new faces and ideas would be most welcome. If you can't make the meeting, please contact Maureen 813061 or Sylvia 812925.

Songs of Praise

On Sunday 16th March at 6.00pm there will be a Songs of Praise Service in Greetham St Mary's Church. Please put down your favourite hymn / song and if you would like to say a few words about why you chose that particular hymn / why it is special to you, then please let me know. There will be a form at the back of the Church to fill in - or you can email me: creaseygreetham@aol.com or phone 812079. All welcome to come and join in!

Church AGM

The Church AGM will be on Sunday March 16th in church after the evening service (approx 7pm).

Café Church

This will be on Friday 28th March at the usual time of 7.15 for 7.30.

Church spring clean

The Church Spring Clean will be on Saturday March 29th from 10.00am.

Refreshments will be provided. Bring your own duster!

The Empingham Practice Patient Participation Group has organised a meeting at the Community Centre of the "Rutland Parent Carer Voice" on March 15th; 10.30 to 1600.

REVIEWS

Unmythable Temple Theatre

At the end of January, The Community Centre organised some brilliant drama for Greetham residents. The Unmythable Temple Theatre gave us a whirlwind tour of Greek legend. There is another production to look forward to soon. David Hodson

Greetham WI

Meeting held on January 10th in Community Centre

The first meeting of the New Year was attended by 20 members and one guest. A fascinating talk on the use of dogs for medical detection was given by Denise Taylor from South Witham, who is herself a former member of Greetham WI. We learnt that a wide variety of dogs is used and that there are two categories of dogs used for medical detection. Cancer detection dogs work in hospital, mostly in laboratories and are able to tell by sniffing samples from patients whether cancer is present. They are able to smell the minute odours, known as volatiles, associated with many cancers. They live with families at the weekend and commute to work during the week!

Medical alert dogs live permanently with their patient and are used to warn of impending problems such as epileptic seizures, diabetic coma, allergic reactions or narcolepsy (a malfunction of the sleep regulating system). Denise showed us some very endearing images, particularly those of a primary school girl who is severely diabetic and takes her Labrador to school every day. She (the dog that is) behaves impeccably, although she did once steal the teacher's sandwiches.

Like all charities, funds are necessary to support the training and work of the dogs and Denise bought a selection of merchandise with her. Many members were tempted to buy, particularly by the minute dogs! Linda Hall

Greetham WI came runners up in the Leicestershire and Rutland WI Skittles Knock Out competition. We have had great fun playing in the Knock Out. Six matches in total were played, each match had 8 players but not the same 8 each game So thank you to all the members of the Skittle team . We have had great fun exploring different Skittle alleys and Pubs throughout Leicestershire over the past 6 months. We will give it a go next season maybe with all the practice we have had we will be able to lift the Trophy next season. Greetham WI are hosting a group meeting in March at the Community Centre. A talk to be give by Heather Slater, on 'My life in Saudi Arabia' where she was a nanny to the Royal Family. We are looking forward to an entertaining evening .Lots are going on and we have a very busy few months. Helen McGarrigle

Neighbourhood Plan

The first meeting of the Steering Group has been held, which comprises some

twenty members. It was agreed that the proposed area covered by the plan will be the Parish boundary. The Parish Council have now submitted an application for the plan and there will be a six week public consultation process. The Steering Group is currently giving some thought about a vision for the plan. If you have views on how the village should develop in the next 12 years, we would like to hear them, to the following address.

Dave Hodson, The Meadows, Kirks Close Greetham LE15 7NT
hodson001@gmail.com

GENERAL

Rutland North Neighbourhood Police Team

Any of the team can be contacted by a variety of means –

101– this is the Leicestershire Constabulary main switchboard.

Please note new number Once talking to an operator they can answer your query or connect you to the officer's voicemail box using their ID number i.e. 2155 or 6127 etc. or press option 2 and follow the prompts

Email: PC4581 vickie.robby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk

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GREETHAM AND THE GREAT WAR

What did your granddad or great granddad do in the First World War? Or grandma, a great aunt or uncle, or other ancestors?

We would like to hear from you if you are a long time Greetham family or if you are a relatively new member of our community (i.e. if you've been here less than 30 years!).

As part of the commemoration of the centenary of the start of the First World War we are preparing a new book that details the impact of the conflict on Greetham. We have a lot of information about the village at the time, including biographies of many of those who went to war and did not return, or returned as very different people. Hopefully the book will be an interesting and valuable addition to the history of the village.

We really want to do a section in the book that details the **impact of the war on people and families living in the village now**. It doesn't matter where you have come from - we already have some fascinating stories from current residents who came to Greetham from as far afield as London, Scotland, Northern Ireland – and even Grantham!

Preferably we would like a short story and a photo of your ancestor or a precious artefact of theirs from the time, and a photo of you (which we will take)! We are quite happy to come and see you, and through our research sources we might be able to find out a bit more information than you may already have.

To meet our deadline we need to have your stories completed and checked back with you by **30th April 2014**. It would be great to hear from you because it is very clear that many of us come from families who have been shaped by that conflict of 100 years ago.

Please give either of us a call or email us – we will get straight back to you:

David Bland: 01572 812608

Paul Bland: 01572 812925

Email: greethamww1@gmail.com

We will be leading a guided village history walk 'Greetham's Great War Heroes' in September this year – more details to follow in future months. There is a very good committee organising the event which will be very memorable and done in true Greetham style! **David Bland & Paul Bland**

Facebook

Would you be able to find someone in the village to speak Yoruba, well the Greetham in Rutland Facebook page can do this for you. It has now been going for 12 months and we have built up a membership of over 100 mostly Greetham residents plus a few friends and wandering children. It is regularly attracting over 50 people viewing each post, and as such is a really good way to keep in touch with village affairs on a day to day basis. There are the usual lost and found cats and rabbits and advice on which bin to put out; but there are the village events and feedback, requests for help, and comments on problems in the village. It really is a place to voice any concerns that we all have about the village. And as the neighbourhood plan process gets underway it is likely to become a forum for plan issues as well. So do join up today. If you need assistance with this contact Karen on 812044 or David on 813902 and we will come round and help get you started.

PARISH COUNCIL

Greetham Parish Council Minutes (February 2014) Subject to approval

Present: Mr P.Hitchcox (Chair), Mr R.Wicks (Vice- chair), Mr K.Edward, Mrs J. Chapman, Mrs J. Roberts, Mr D. Hodson, Mr R. Begy

In attendance: 8 members of the public

Apologies for absence. None received

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 8th 2014

Proposed: DH. Seconded: JR. Carried unanimously

Matters arising

Election of new councillor. The vacancy has been lodged with RCC.

A black bin will be placed in the burial ground shortly.

Finance: Burial costs 2014. In line with RCC it is proposed that Greetham Parish Council Burial costs rise by 1.99% from April. Proposed: RB Seconded: RW Carried unanimously.

Severn Trent Water £37.87 Proposed JR Seconded RB Carried unanimously

Grant Thornton £120.00 Proposed JC Seconded RW Carried unanimously

E-on £28.16 Proposed KE Seconded RB Carried unanimously

E-on £383.21 Proposed KE Seconded RB Carried unanimously

Community Heartbeat £497.50 it is proposed that this bill is not paid until further clarification is received. Proposed: RW Seconded JR Carried unanimously

Church Clock maintenance donation £50.00 Proposed DH Seconded RW

Carried unanimously

Planning : FUL2000/0455 – Variation of condition 4 of planning permission

FUL/2000/0455 Bullimore's Sand and Gravel. Comments: The PC supports the renewal of infrastructure / plant needed to support the everyday working of the site but not other elements of the application.

2014//0102/FUL - Alterations and extension to side (north) elevation of Toilet Block
Rutland Camping and Caravanning Park Comments: No objections
Grant Planning Permission – 2013/1020/FUL: Change of use of land to site for
travelling show persons
Refuse Planning Permission – 2013/0956/OUT : Outline planning permission for the
redevelopment of the former Greetham Garden Centre.

Donation to CAB

£125 Proposed: JC Sec RB To be raised as a finance agenda item in March.

Standing Orders Modification

Proposed new wording to clause 28 – vacation of office by failure to attend
meetings.

Proposed: KE Seconded: RB Carried unanimously

Neighbourhood Plan -

The motion is that a committee be set up called the neighbourhood plan
coordinating team comprising of 2 parish councillors and members of the public.
The terms of reference ' to produce a neighbourhood plan which is based on the
output of a community led team of villagers which is called the Neighbourhood Plan
Steering Group Proposed that the councillors be DH and KE. Proposed RB
Seconded: RW

The motion is that the Parish Council writes a submission to the person who is
dealing with the appeal against the decision by Rutland County Council to refuse
planning permission on the garden centre site. The basis of the submission to be
that a decision on this matter should not be taken until the Neighbourhood Plan for
Greetham (currently being prepared) is completed. Vote on amendment:

Unanimous decision to amend the wording. Motion amended to: The parish Council
will write to RCC reinforcing its opposition to this application and highlighting the
emerging neighbourhood plan. Proposed: RB Seconded: JC

The motion is that the Parish Council submits an application to Rutland County
Council for a Neighbourhood Area covered by the Greetham Parish Boundary.

Proposed: RW Sec :RB

Mailchimp

The Community Centre uses Mailchimp to communicate within the village. This
provides a speedy and confidential communication route. The Parish Council would
like to record thanks to Francis Marshall for attending the meeting and providing this
information. Action: DH

Defibrillator

This is now in situ – the code to access it can be gained by dialling 999. Signs can
be purchased for the telephone box at the cost of £27.80 plus VAT. Finance item for
March. Thanks are offered to RW and JR

Welcome pack Black Horse

Correspondence

Letter from parishioner regarding Thistleton Lane wild verges, safety issues in
Thistleton Lane and dog fouling in the village.

RB confirmed that the wildlife verges will be rebuilt/restored along Thistleton Road
as part of the contract.

Road safety measures, Thistleton Road – RB confirmed that usage of the road will
not increase in the first 2 years and that a 40mph speed limit will be introduced.

Also signage regarding the junction with Great Lane will be discussed. If there is a designated speed limit at each end of Great Lane the area can be designated as under the protection of the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996. Throughout the village there is a problem with dog fouling. A new dog waste bin has been ordered for the top end of Great Lane. The Community Centre are also addressing this issue on the sports and play field. It is suggested that GPC and the Community Centre work together to set up a group to monitor and address dog fouling. Action: Clerk

Reports from outside bodies

The Web site group are meeting at The Plough 4/3/14 at 6.30

The Neighbourhood Plan steering group will meet at the Community Centre. It is requested that the PC underwrite the cost incurred. Action: Agenda item under finance in March

GPC minutes and agenda are now being placed on the Village Web Site. A donation to nominated charity for use of web site is requested. Action: Agenda item under finance in March.

Community Centre. Several successful events have taken place including the Barn dance and Unmythable,

RCC has received a grant from Sport England to enhance the sport facility at Ashwell. Much of the site has now been designated for local business.

World War 1 – it is suggested that village plans for events are coordinated with known dates from other organisers. 21st June – event at Kendrew Barracks.

Facebook group – there are now 112 members

GGNS – the AGM is on 26th February at 7.00 at Ivy Farm House. A link is being forged with the Trussock Food Bank. Members of the GGNS will coordinate collections through various organisations in the village and deliver to Oakham.

Any other business

Footpath and new road – litter has been left which the contractors will be requested to clear Action: RB

Complaints have been received regarding geese on Church Lane – anyone affected should contact RCC

Footpaths – Viking way to Exton footpath has been diverted. The A1 bridleway entrance to Woolfox will be re-opened.

Speedwatch – agenda item for next meeting.

Village Green registration – 48 questionnaires have been returned. Thanks are offered to KE/DH/JC. The evidence pack can now be compiled. Action: RW/ Clerk

The footpath from the Community Centre field to Shepherds Lane is very muddy.

Advice will be sought from RCC Footpath Officer

The stream in Church Lane has become deep due to recent high volumes of rain.

Vacancy

Following the resignation of Nicole Brown as councillor from Greetham Parish Council, a vacancy has been filed with Rutland County Council. A notice of vacancy will be issued with a notice to display in the village shop and at the council offices. From the date of issue any individual wishing to be elected has 14 days to collect 10 signatures in support. Receipt of more than one application will trigger the election process. If no applicants are forthcoming the Parish Council may co-opt a new councillor.

COMING EVENTS

Greetham Vikings' Petanque Club

The new Petanque season will be starting before we know it. The AGM has been arranged for Tuesday 1st April at The Community Centre at 7.30 pm. New members welcome.

LADIES PAMPER EVENING WEDNESDAY 14TH MAY 7-10 pm

Come and join us for a little bit of relaxation, pampering & retail therapy at Greetham Community Centre.

As always, lots of Beauty Therapists will be offering £5 mini taster treatments ranging from manicures, pedicures, reflexology, back, neck and shoulder massage, eyebrows and much more.

Consultants will also be offering expert advice on the night along with a chance of doing a little bit of retail shopping.

This is a great ladies night to relax and meet up with friends and have a drink at the bar.

Tickets are £6 to include a glass of wine and a goody bag from Clarins, available from Vicky 812893 or Maureen 813061

All proceeds to Greetham Community Centre.

GREETHAM SUMMER BALL SATURDAY 28th JUNE 2014

7pm till 1 am Greetham Community Centre is putting on a Summer Ball. Due to last year's success, we have asked The Rutland Big Band to come back and entertain us for the evening.

This will be a fantastic night of music, performed by a full live 18 piece Big Band who are not to be missed followed by a disco.

The night will start with drinks & canapés on arrival, music & dancing from the big band, a two course cold buffet and more music to dance the night away!

Tickets are £25 available from Vicky 812893 or Maureen 813061

Dress code is formal and all money raised from the night goes to Greetham Community Centre.

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APRIL NEWSLETTER

*Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox
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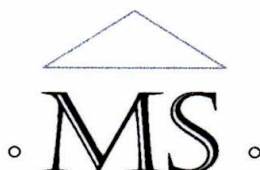
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Some of you may have seen on the school website that we have 'wow days' in school and wonder what these are.

One of the most important things we can teach children alongside reading, writing and maths, is how to think and learn for themselves. 'Wow' days allow them to do just that.

In the past we have given children large boxes or fruit and asked them to see what they can create. This month we put the children in mixed age groups and asked them to create a tower to hold a large bar of chocolate; the winning team were the ones who got their bar of chocolate highest off the ground.

After some team building games, creating their own team code of conduct and allocating jobs, they set to work. It was lovely to see some wonderful cooperation skills, and the older children working alongside the younger children, as well as pupils applying skills they have learnt during more formal curriculum lessons.

Well done to the winning team!

African Drumming

Residents in Garden Road will, I am sure, have heard our African Drumming workshops in February! The volume of 25 African Drums is quite amazing! All the children in the school had the opportunity to work with a Senegalese drummer, Keba, who came to teach children different drumming patterns. We are always singing at school, and it was fantastic to be able to develop our instrumental skills as well.

Sporting Success!

We are proud of all our children and the effort they put into every activity. This term has ended with sporting success after our Basketball team came second in their group in the County Competition. We also had nearly half of our Key Stage 2 children competing in the County Cross Country Competition at Sykes Lane. Well done to Ben who has been selected for the county squad and will be representing Rutland.

The next Community Lunch will take place on Thursday 20th March at 1.30pm. This takes the form of a Lenten lunch, and staff will be making soup. Singing entertainment from the children will be provided as normal. The cost is £3.50. Please give the school a ring (01572 812380) to book your place.

Alongside all the enrichment activities we continue with our literacy and numeracy curriculum, although sometimes we are having so much fun, the children don't realise!

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