

GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER MAY 2022

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The Annual Village Meeting 2022!

Please come and join us for a glass of wine to celebrate this Platinum Jubilee Year, everyone is welcome.

A chance to tell us what you want!
&
Find out what's happening in our busy village.

Hear updates from:
Greetham Community Centre,
Local Police,
Church
Parish Council,

Wednesday 25th May @ 7pm
Greetham Community Centre



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

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.



Commemorative Jubilee Mugs

GREETHAM PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT ALL GREETHAM CHILDREN WITH A COMMEMORATIVE MUG TO MARK THIS VERY SPECIAL PLATINUM JUBILEE YEAR. CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY JUST NEED TO LIVE IN THE PARISH OF GREETHAM.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD OR CHILDREN UNDER 18 AND YOU WISH TO HAVE A COMMEMORATIVE MUG FOR THEM, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SLIP AND DROP IT INTO THE VILLAGE SHOP OR E MAIL THE NECESSARY DETAILS TO OUR PARISH CLERK
GREETHAMPC@GMAIL.COM

THE MUGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE JUBILEE DAY CELEBRATIONS ON SATURDAY 4TH JUNE AT THE GREETHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE. SHOULD YOU NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND WE WILL DELIVER THEM TO YOU SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.



Child's First Name & Surname: _____

Age on 4th June 2022: ____ Address: _____

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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



Skate Action Greetham



We are looking for some older children/teens in the village who would like to get involved with some projects around the skate park area. We really need input from users of the current area in order to make sure that any future projects are going to add value to our space. We already have an exciting project planned for a little

later in the year and would love to get some involvement from those who know what they are talking about!

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 Tom-bola 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.

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH Greetham Church
9.30AM PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Tickets can be booked with Don McGarrigle on 07802 401798.

COMING EVENTS IN MAY

Parish Council

Annual Council Meeting and May Monthly Parish Council Meeting –
Wednesday 11th May at 7pm at the Community Centre

Plant Sale Saturday May 14th Shepherds Lane 10-12am

Plant Sale in Shepherds Lane. 10 till 12am. If you have any plants to sell can they be delivered to 8 Shepherds Lane the night before, or bring along at 9am in the morning. We can sell clay pots or other garden implements . Alternatively contact Karen Mellor on 812808 to arrange for plants to be collected.

Annual Village meeting

Wednesday 25th May 7pm at the Community Centre - see front page

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREETHAM
SERVICES MAY / JUNE 2022

Sunday May 1 st	9.30 am	Our World service with guest speaker Steven Pettican from the Peterborough Light Project
Sunday May 8th	9.30am	Breakfast Service breakfast from 9.00am
Sunday May 15th	9.30am	Morning Praise
Sunday May 22 nd	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday May 29 th	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Exton Church

**SUNDAY JUNE 5TH 9.30AM PLATINUM JUBILEE
CELEBRATION**

ALL WELCOME

It will soon be Gathering time!

Yes, with May 19th not far off, we have a short wait until the first Gathering of 2022. We ended 2021 with our September meet which was attended by about 85 motorcycles and we estimate about 415 cars.

However, we believe that 2022 will start with a bumper Gathering. There is lots of chatter with people saying they can't wait, and are looking forward to it. We hope their expectations are met or exceeded. We have had a few small changes to the Community Centre with the patio area extended and more wooden tables and benches which should give more seating and table space. Not much else has changed – mainly because everyone seems to like it the way it is.

So we look forward to seeing you again. 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, coffees and cakes, then that would be a great help to us. On the day, simply approach any volunteer with a yellow fluorescent waistcoat with the Gathering logo on the back, or at any time contact Martin on 01572 813717 or by email at Greethamgathering@mail.com.

Roll on May.....

GENERAL

Cake Sale

Church Cake Sale Easter Saturday raised £190. Thank you to all who baked and bought.

Wanted - a home for Thomas



Barbara Watt is looking for a new home for Thomas in the village. If you can help please contact Barbara on 813636. A bit of 'tlc' required.

Christian Aid

It's Christian Aid Week 15th-21st May. I am most grateful to our newsletter distributors for putting the envelopes through your doors. Also thanks to Nicole at the Shop/Post Office for once again agreeing to be the collection point where envelopes can be returned. This year much of the contributions will be focussed on Ukraine as well as the many other areas of the world where Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival. Every one of us can change lives.

Peter Hitchcox Christian Aid Co-ordinator



UKRAINE CHARITY FUNDRAISER NIGHT

A big thank you to everyone who attended, donated, preformed, made decorations, and helped to set up and clear up for the night of the Ukraine Charity Fundraising Event.

This really was a great evening where the people of Greetham came together to support the people of Ukraine with their generosity.

Special thanks go to The Midnight City Band, who donated their time to play for free and Andy & Ruth for their amazing pizzas and generous donation.

This truly was a great evening supported by everyone who bought a ticket and raised £2,072.50 for the **UKRAINE DISASTER EMERGENCY COMMITTEE APPEAL**.

Litter picking

A huge thank-you to all those who help keep Greetham tidy. Our litter pick on April 9th produced more litter than expected and resulted in quite a flutter on 'Facebook' for those who thought there had been fly tipping at the Community Centre. It was the litter pickers' efforts awaiting collection. Greetham Parish Council

The Queen's Canopy

Ann Jenkins and I attended a reception at Oakham Castle given by the Lord Lieutenant, Dr Sarah Furness. She has requested that if you have planted trees on your property from November 2021-November 2022 you inform her office so that each tree can be plotted on a map of Rutland as part of the Queen's wish to see tree planting as a major part of her Jubilee celebrations.

Dr Furness has suggested that you send a photograph of the tree and the postcode and or exact location of its planting. Peter Hitchcox Tree Warden

ll@rutlandlordlieutenant.org,

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 13th April 2022 @ 7pm held at the Community Centre

Matters arising

Update on Pond Lane parking issue

The RCC Parking Services Manager has submitted his report following various site visits and the request for an ambulance bay has been turned down. To date there are no mandatory ambulance bays in Rutland and it has been recommended that the parking issue in Pond Lane should be resolved by the community. A no parking sign would not be compliant with the regulations.

Finance

Approval of orders to be placed

GCC has been awarded a grant from Biffa of £10,000 for the extension to the skatepark. There is a third-party funding required. GPC has budgeted to pay 10% of the grant applied as third-party funding. The amount is £1,000 payable to Biffa.

PLANNING

Consideration of Planning Applications

Planning Application: 2022/0330/CAT

Proposal: (T1) 1 no. Willow – Crown raise and branch removal as per annotated photographs to allow more light into garden and aid future management of tree. 52 Main Street, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NL

The tree warden has visited the site and has recommended it be supported.

Appeal Ref: 2022/0002/APPEAL

Appeal by: William Ashmore

For: Proposed erection of 1 no. dwelling. Single storey side and rear extension and new porch to existing dwelling.

1 Wheatsheaf Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NS

This has gone to appeal. The Council's existing comments will stand, but there is the opportunity to withdraw those comments if wished.

It was agreed to leave the existing objections in.

Decision Notice

The following decision was noted:

Application Number: 2022/0239/CAT

Proposal: (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 trim to shape. (T3) 1 no. Ash tree – Reduce and reshape by not more than 2.5 metres.

3 Great Lane, Greetham, Rutland LE15 7NG

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Format of Annual village meeting on 25th May

Newsletter cover and invites have gone out to the Community Centre, Church, Police and RCC Safer Villages.

Each presenter will be asked to do a 4-minute talk and there will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

Update on meeting with Bullimores

A public meeting was held with Bullimores regarding their proposed quarry planning application. The responses to 23 questions raised have been received and have been made public in the attachments to the agenda on dropbox.

Stretton to Greetham foot/cycle path

A visit was made by Alicia Kearns MP to meet with representatives from Stretton and Greetham PC regarding a foot/cycle path between the villages of Stretton and Greetham.

The MP is keen to see what can be done and will push the request forward.

Distribution of Jubilee mugs

It is planned for the Jubilee mugs to be handed out to children in Greetham at the celebration on 4th June. 144 mugs have been ordered. There will be a tear off slip in the newsletter to complete and hand in to the village shop or via the Clerk. A list will be made with names and addresses and the children are able to collect their mug on the 4th June. The mug will be delivered to their home address, if they are unable to attend.

Focus Groups

Fix my Street and Highways

PH reported on the lack of response by the Police Commissioner regarding the traffic issues raised.

It was noted that both RCC and the Police are unable to take action on speed restrictions.

A letter of complaint from a member of the public has been received regarding the heavy traffic in Main Street, resulting in the house vibrating.

It was suggested that GPC get professional advice on what can be done legally, and use the media/newspaper as a last resort.

It was also agreed for the Focus Group to keep pushing for responses from the Police Commissioner and Rutland Highways Department. They agreed they would also contact Ian Razell, the new portfolio holder at RCC to arrange a visit.

Trees, Nature and Environment Thanks were relayed to all those who carried out the litter pick around the village.

PH and AJ attended the Lord Lieutenant's meeting to discuss the Queen's Jubilee celebration. There will be a garden party in Buckingham Palace and Councillors were asked to put forward any suggestions for a couple of people from Greetham to attend.

Burial Ground

The new burial ground gates have been purchased and are being installed this week. The car park has been treated with moss killer.

Community Centre – Coordinator: KE, Members: KE, JD

There is a need for additional Trustees to join the Community Centre Committee. The S106 money has all been allocated and the GCC project is now completed. A report with photo was sent to Rob Clayton at RCC and we have had a reply telling us how happy they are with the results.

Reports from outside bodies

Rutland North Beat Report for March (not available)

Ukraine meeting held on village on 6th April

The meeting brought together potential hosts to take in Ukraine refugees.

There was representation at the meeting by the support group "Sunflower Sisters".

It was agreed that GPC would support the group if help is needed.

Next Meeting

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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

Crimestoppers 0800 555111

URGENT Remember, in an emergency always call 999.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

CHURCH PLANT SALES

May 14th there will be a plant sale in Shepherds Lane both from 10.00am-midday.

Can all gardeners continue to pot up spare plants for the sale in May. Contact Karen on 812808 for spare pots or more details

CHURCH FETE SATURDAY JULY 2ND 12-4.00pm

A bit earlier than usual so put it in the diary now

Greetham Biodiversity Plan

Ecology Resources Ltd have completed their initial survey of wildlife in Greetham and we will have their report soon. In the meantime, we would like to know more about snakes in the village!

The UK's snakes

Various snakes are found across the UK, most being non-venomous. However, the dark grey adder (with its distinctive zig-zag pattern along its back) has a venomous bite. Fortunately, the non-venomous grass snake is the most prolific in the UK with various sightings around Greetham.



Grass snakes are a green brown with unique black markings and their characteristic yellow/black collar. They are the only egg laying snakes in the UK producing 10 to 40 a clutch! These are laid in rotting vegetation, including people's compost. This has also been re-

ported in Greetham where multiple eggs have successfully hatched. Grass snakes have life spans of 15-25 years. They can swim which enables them to catch much of their sustenance as tadpoles, frogs, toads and newts. They are often found in compost heaps under plastic sheets or bags. This not only keeps them hidden but also absorbs heat as they are cold blooded reptiles. When full grown they are 90-150cm long.



The final native snake species in the UK is the smooth snake. Similar looking to the adder but lacking the zigzag pattern, it is a constrictor squeezing its prey to death. It is smaller than the grass snake at 50-70 cm in length and is the rarest snake in the UK, found only in the south of England.

All native snake species in the UK are protected by the wildlife countryside act. As far as we are aware there has been no sightings of either the adder or smooth snake in Greetham. However, if you have had any sighting of snakes contact us at: hodson001@gmail.com

Thanks to Linda and John Hall who have kindly sponsored this month's newsletter.

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Thursday May 19th please

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Exton and Greetham CE Primary School

Serving the communities of Greetham and Exton

The sun is out – time to enjoy the grounds!

We are very lucky to have such lovely grounds and the children really enjoy playing out on the field and in our outside areas.

From 'organised' games such as football and tig, to pretending games and playing on the trim trail, the children make the most of our outdoors during breaktimes and lunchtimes.

The pictures this month show our youngest children enjoying the new tricycle and



outdoor building blocks purchased with the funds raised through the Carol Singing, Christmas trees and the Fox and Hounds in Exton at Christmas. The children are very grateful for their new resources, and they are already being well used! Thank you!

Fingers crossed that the weather remains good as our younger children embark on some Forest Schools activities this term!

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.