

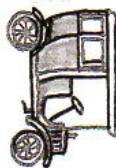
GREETHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

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*August
Gathering*

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	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

Single Charge Rates	
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

COMING EVENTS

Greetham WI

Sumptuous Afternoon Tea

Sunday 12th September

3.00 pm

Greetham Community Centre



Tickets £5.00 pp.

Family tickets (4 persons) £15.00

Contact: Carol Fairbairn 01572 813717

Helen McGarrigle 01572 812804

Booking Essential to be sure of a treat.



Craft Sessions
Greetham Community Centre
To be held fortnightly
Starting Tuesday 7th September
9.30 – 12.30



**Everyone welcome – bring your own project,
 learn a new skill or just come along for a chat.
 Patchwork, rug making, crochet,
 knitting, felting plus more.
 Whatever your interest come and join in.**



Cost £1 per person per hour

Any queries - contact
Gill Hodson 01572 813902
Sue Bromwell 01572 812807



Parish Council

The next General Meeting will be convened on Wednesday September 8th 2021 at Greetham Community Centre commencing at 19.30hrs. Correspondence will be available before the meeting from 19.20 hrs.



Ride and Stride September 11th

Ride and Stride is a fund raising event to help preserve local and historic church buildings. Rutland has 64 churches, many of which are much loved features of our villages and towns. Those who worship in them are a fraction of those who visit them or gaze happily at them as they pass by.

Participants challenge themselves to visit as many churches as they can by foot or bike and at the same time raise money to support the work of the Rutland Historic Churches Preservation Trust. There are options for the not so mobile as well.

If you take part in the ride, you can choose to donate half of your sponsorship specifically to Greetham Church. Our next building project is to remove the pews and re-order the interior of the building to make it a space that can easily be used for a variety of purposes.

It's a great event for families as well as more serious cyclists trying for the rare achievement of cycling all 64 churches in one day. On our doorstep is a lovely circular route taking in some beautiful villages including Market Overton, Teigh, Whitwell and Exton suitable for families and leisure cyclists.

If you'd like to take part then contact Sylvia Bland (07519 063803) for more information or see the website for more information: www.rhcpt.co.uk/rutland-ride-and-stride

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2021



This will be held at The Paddock, Shepherds Lane, Greetham

10.30 am to 1.00 pm Everyone welcome. Look forward to seeing you .

Sally Cluley - Tel: 01572 813639

Greetham Comedy Night

Finally we are back on track, thank you for your patience. We are limiting tickets to those that have purchased them in 2020, however should a lot of folk now not be able to make 25th September there will be a few available via a reserve list (e-mail stephen.calnan@btinternet.com to register your interest)



Do not miss out on the fun and laughter, we are all due an evening to enjoy a laugh and a lager. Or some buffoonery and a beer (Grainstore real ale). Or some wise-cracks and wine. Or some sniggers and cider.

Doors & bar open 6.30pm, first act starts 8pm

All profits will be going towards maintaining the lovely refurbished tennis court at the Community centre

Please get in touch with Gillian if you are now unable to attend and would like your ticket money refunded either on 07796 800920 or e-mail calnan.sg@btinternet.com. Otherwise your ticket will still remain valid & we look forward to seeing you
Many thanks
Stephen Calnan The Organiser

The Gathering

The next Gathering will be on Thursday September 16th

Social adult tennis doubles

Calling intermediate/ex club players

If you are interested in joining our regular Wednesday 5pm and

Sunday 4pm knock abouts, please call

Stephen Calnan on 01572 813943 or e-

mail stephen.calnan@btinternet.com

Come on down and enjoy some fun, fresh air and banter!



REVIEWS

Greetham WI

Greetham WI celebrated the relaxation in the Covid 19 lockdown regulations with their Summer Outing in July. Thirty plus ladies travelled by coach to Lamport Hall and Gardens in Northamptonshire. A guided tour of the hall and gardens gave a very interesting and enjoyable insight into the life and history of Lamport and its inhabitants. The trip included a very tasty buffet lunch which was laid on especially for their visit. At the end of their visit, it being the hottest day of the year, the ladies enjoyed relaxing and cooling refreshments in the gardens of the local Inn, The Swann at Lamport before returning to Greetham tired but happy. An enjoyable day was had by all. August saw the members of Greetham WI return to their meeting place in Greetham Community Centre. It was really lovely to be back at base and enjoying the newly refurbished Club Room. Good use was made of the newly installed television to show our speaker for the month on Zoom. As events have shown how rapidly arrangements have to be changed due to Covid it was decided that we would continue with zoom speakers initially. In fact this has proved a bonus to the members as we are able to tap into excellent speakers from all over the British Isles or further afield with no travelling expenses! We can enjoy both local speakers and those from a distance, giving us so many interesting options for our meetings.

Greetham WI meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30pm in Greetham Community Centre. If you are new to the village and would like to find out more about joining our lively and busy WI please call Carol Fairbairn 01572 813717 to find out more.

The Gathering 1

Worth the wait

Thursday 22nd July was the date for the resumption of Greetham Gatherings. Having been cancelled since September last year due to Government restrictions, and twice rescheduled (with one cancelled) to be the fourth Thursday of the month – we finally restarted the event. In typical Gathering style, the weather was kind to us having threatened earlier to be unfavourable. In fact it got quite warm but remained dry and did not disappoint.

In fact, the July Gathering was our best yet in terms of attendance – just squeezing by the May 2019 number by a handful of cars and bikes. It was so good to see the display areas (cars and bikes) gradually fill up as the day went on. Changing the date did not affect the numbers who turned up and next month (August) we return to being on the third Thursday of the month. The new changes to the Community Centre bar and patio were appreciated as they made access to the bar easier and gave more seating with the benches in place. We do realise that queueing at the bar and the food wagon was longer than we would have liked, but we shall be working with the Centre Committee to find improvements to these. We also realise that the cakes, tea and coffee service were somewhat eclipsed by the bar queue and again we shall look at resolving that.

Unfortunately we were really too busy to take any photographs of the event and we certainly shall address that for the August meeting. We were however able to have a small tent in the bike park for the local Moto Guzzi Motorcycle clubs. They came to commemorate the centenary of Moto Guzzi motorcycles in 2021 and brought 20 machines of various size and vintage. They also were able to send a few photos of the event – some of which are shown here.

Many thanks as always to all who helped to make the event such a success. Whether it involved setting up the field, marshalling cars and motorcycles and arranging parking or clearing up when finished. Also we thank Andy Saunders and his team, the Rutland First Responders and the ladies in the kitchen and on the cake stall. Lastly, thank you to all who attended and helped make the day such a success. Same again in August? Let's hope so – see you then.



Greetham Accident Report

Dear Villagers, your Parish Council would like to ask you to help them record traffic accidents and traffic damage to property in Greetham.

At present, unless an event is reported to the police, no records are kept by anyone else. This results in Rutland Council being totally unaware of the many hits, near misses and damage that regularly occur.

Our first step to redress this is to ask you to report to our Clerk (greethampc@gmail.com) any incidents you know of, which happened in the last 5 years, no matter how minor. A brief description of what happened will help to form an overview of danger points in the village. If possible, please try to give us an approximate date.

Going forward, we will be setting up a register that will be kept by the Clerk to record the accidents and incidents immediately they happen, if they are reported to her. We hope to launch this in the next few months.

It is imperative that we look after the safety of our residents and to do this we need to back up our arguments to RCC Highways, regarding the problems with traffic in Greetham, with evidence. That is the only way we can convince RCC to improve our safety. Please help us to help everyone.

Thanks, Ken Edward Chair Greetham Parish Council

Greetham Wildlife Recording

In the coming months Greetham will be working with the Land Sustainability Trust, Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust (LRWT) and NatureSpot to record the wildlife in our village. A record of our village's unique wildlife will support future conservation projects and help evaluate planning applications.

We will need your help. All residents are encouraged to report the wildlife they see at their property or around the village including nearby fields.

Below is a starter recording form. If you'd like help with identification please visit LRWT's Wildlife Explorer - <https://www.lrwt.org.uk/wildlife-explorer>.

You can return this page to the Greetham Post Office or email the details below to greethamipc@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

Who _____

(your name and email address if willing to be contacted for follow-up)

Where _____

(address, grid reference or other identifying description)

When _____

(can be exact date/time or you can just fill out what you've seen recently)

What and How Many

☐

Bats

☐

Hedgehogs

☐

Badgers

☐

Owls

Birds (e.g. song or prey) _____

Invertebrates (e.g. butterflies) _____

Reptiles (e.g. snakes) _____

Amphibians (e.g. frogs) _____

Mammals (e.g. hares, deer) _____

Other (e.g. hares) _____

The Gathering 2

A damp Gathering



Over the years we have been extremely lucky with the weather on Gathering day. The weather is always of great interest to us organisers as good weather swells the crowds that attend whereas bad weather usually means the numbers are lower. So what happened in August? Well, for once the forecast was not only very gloomy, but it also turned out to be accurate! Close examination of the forecast leading up to Gathering day showed that light short showers were very likely at that time of day – so we were aware of what might happen.



Come the day the afternoon was warm and sunny with some partial cloud, and from as early as 2:00pm we had people arriving. There was a steady build up and the numbers were looking good, but the weather was not looking good. At about 5:10pm the heavens opened and we had one of those light short showers. It lasted about 15 minutes and moved on. By now, of course, everything

was soaked and we wondered if people would now just go home... but they didn't. After the rain an almost normal service resumed and

many more vehicles arrived. Many said that once they got caught in the rain they may as well still come along and not return home.

Car numbers were down about 20% on the July Gathering, and motorbike numbers were down by a third - but still very well attended. To greet our visitors we had a few changes in effect. We set up the indoor bar as a draft beer only bar, and opened up a new “cans and bottles” bar outside. We also added a Pizza tent which offered – yes, you guessed it – pizzas. We shall review these arrangements to make sure they are providing a better service to our customers.

It goes without saying that there were some fantastic vehicles on display – both cars and bikes. We don't list them all as it would be an impossible task but there are a few pictures here and also on our website

(www.greethamgathering.co.uk).

Finally, many thanks as always to all who helped to make the event such a success. Whether it involved setting up the field, marshalling cars and motorcycles and arranging parking or clearing up when finished. Also we thank Andy Saunders and his team, the Rutland First Responders and the ladies in the kitchen and on the cake stall. Also a big “Thank You” to the Plough in Greetham for their generous donation – that is very much appreciated. Lastly, thank you to all who attended and helped make the day such a success. Same again in September? Let's hope so – it will be the last one for this year so see you then.



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 re-new any items.

Allotments

Calling all budding gardeners, environmentalists and everyone else.

Would you be interested in renting an allotment to grow your own vegetables and fruit?

Wouldn't it be great to :
have your own food free from herbicides and pesticides,
reduce your carbon footprint by cutting down food miles,
encourage local wildlife,
increase your well being by exercising in the open air during all times of the year,
escape from the shackles of social media for several hours each week,
interact with nature,
make new chums?

All this and more by becoming an allotment holder.

We are hoping to help make an area of the village available for allotments and would firstly like to gauge the interest from villagers.

Expressions of interest are encouraged - if you would like to register, please inform the Parish Council as soon as possible (greethampc@gmail.com).

Once we know there is sufficient interest we will look to help determine the next stages of the proposal, including costs for renting.

PARISH COUNCIL

No meeting took place in August. The next meeting will be on September 8th

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.

FOR YOUR DIARIES

GREETHAM SAFARI SUPPER

Saturday 2nd October 2021

Do you love to entertain, enjoy good food and great company?

Then come and join us for this year's annual Safari Supper.

The evening begins with a sparkling reception at Greetham Community Centre.

Followed by three courses, at three different houses, with different people at each course.

Dress code - Black Tie and Posh Frocks.

To register your interest and request a booking form, please contact Vicky on 812893 or vickyp28@icloud.com **BOOKING FORMS AND PAYMENT NEED TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED NO LATER THAN SATURDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER** This is a fund raising event in aid of Greetham Community Centre future projects. Vicky, Steph & Helen

Hope against Cancer

Hope Against Cancer Christmas Lunch on Sunday 28th November 2021 at Greetham Community Centre full details in October Newsletter.

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 or **01572 812585**

Thanks to Pete and Ande for sponsoring this newsletter

Pete & Ande, would like to thank all the Community Centre Committee & staff for the support at their wedding despite covid restrictions.

Also to our friends for making the day special with the wonderful lunch. Many thanks for all the gifts and your generous donations for our chosen charities



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The Plough, Greetham
Tel 01572 813613
www.theploughgreetham.co.uk

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Please send details of all forthcoming events to Clare Hitchcox

by Monday September 20th please

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Happy to be back!

As I write, we have just over a week before the children return to school. The summer has been spent carrying out some maintenance, swapping classrooms, moving our new library, creating a fourth classroom for our new class and replacing a floor! All is going well, and we should be ready for the children on 1st September.



A new year allows us a new start, and after eighteen months of education affected by COVID, we are looking forward to returning to a more 'normal' way of working. Our website is being relaunched from the beginning of September. If you would like to find out more about the school and what we are getting up to, this is a great place

to start, not least as we have many exciting things planned for this academic year! From sporting opportunities to art and design; singing and drama to forest schools; and science investigations to reading, writing and maths; there should be something for everyone!



If you would like to find out more about the school, do visit our website— www.extonschool.co.uk.

We are also happy to show prospective parents around the school. Please contact the school office on the phone on 01572 812380 or by email at extonoffice@rtschools.com.